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Tennis Titans Venus and Serena Williams Serve Up Grants

(NAPSA)—Tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams have teamed up with Doublemint Gum to reward distinctive contributions young people make on campus and in communities. The grant program, called the Doublemint Aces for Campus Excellence (A.C.E.), puts 18-25-year-old college students and student service organizations in center court, providing them with the opportunity to showcase their unique approach to making a positive difference in their communities.

“The Doublemint A.C.E. Grant Program is our way of honoring and rewarding college youth who have the motivation and commitment to improve their campuses and communities,” said Rory Finlay, Senior Marketing Director for Wrigley. “As professional athletes and students themselves, Venus and Serena’s motivation and commitment is evident both on and off the court—we feel they are the perfect partners to encourage and recognize students who help make their campuses and communities better places to live and learn.”

Applications are available now at www.doublemint.com. To apply for a grant, applicants must submit their information with either an essay or a VHS tape demonstrating their distinctive volunteerism or philanthropy. Up to fifty \$1,000 grants and one \$10,000 grant will be awarded during the 2001-2002 grant program.

Each grant recipient will be eligible to have his or her grant increased by an additional \$100 for each ace served by Venus or Serena during selected matches at



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WTA tournaments. The Williams sisters will also personally choose and then meet with the recipient of the \$10,000 grant.

“Education has always been important to me and Serena,” said Venus Williams, who is enrolled in design courses at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. “We are looking forward to learning about how our collegiate peers are making distinctive contributions on their campuses and in their communities.”

“It’s a pleasure to be part of the Doublemint A.C.E. Grant Program since it recognizes people who go above and beyond their role as students,” said Serena, also a design student. “We know the importance of education and giving back to the community. We are proud to be able to recognize others with the same dedication.”

For more information on the grant program, visit www.doublemint.com.