

An Invitation from the National Science Foundation



People of Persistence: A Journey Beyond Disability

Featuring

Urban Miyares

President Disabled Businesspersons
Association and
co-founder of Challenged America

WHEN: Thursday, December 8, 2005
12:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

WHERE: National Press Club,
First Amendment Lounge
529 14th St, NW
Washington, DC 20045

WHAT: Speaker, Lunch and Displays

**Please RSVP to olpa-events@nsf.gov
by December 5, 2005. Space is limited.**

Urban Miyares, a Presidential Point of Light recipient, is a nationally recognized blind and multi-disabled Vietnam veteran, inspirational speaker and lecturer, entrepreneur, published writer and newspaper columnist, inventor and patent holder, media personality, and world-class athlete.

This past summer, Urban Miyares and a small crew of fellow sailors competed in the 2005 Trans-Pacific yacht race. While all but one member of the Challenged America crew was disabled, the team finished 4th in a class of able-bodied sailors and in the top third overall. Using new sailing technologies developed in part by students at San Diego State University, the crew overcame many obstacles to complete the 2,225-mile trek. Mr. Miyares will tell the story of his journey and the people and events that made it possible.

San Diego State University professor Karen May-Newman and two students will be in attendance along with a display featuring some of the prototype equipment that they designed for the yacht, the B'Quest.

Sponsored by: NSF and Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation