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## MAVIN ANNOUNCES GENERATION MIX TOUR CREW MEMBERS

**(Seattle)** After a 3-month competitive national application process, MAVIN Foundation is excited to announce the Generation MIX Tour crew! **These five mixed race young people will travel 8,000 miles across the United States to raise awareness of the nation's mixed race baby boom.** With different ethnic backgrounds and experiences, these 20-somethings will jumpstart a national dialogue about the changing face of diversity in America.

At each stop, the crew will work with local Tour host and partner organizations to conduct community outreach and daylong activity fairs:

21-year-old **Aaron** is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Of African American, Creek American Indian, and European American heritage, he will coordinate the Tour's health activities. 23-year-old **Charles** is from Seattle. Of Chinese and Thai heritage, he will use his love for computers to manage the Tour's technology needs. **Ashley** is 20, of African American and European American descent, and hails from Boise, Idaho. She will handle the Tour's public relations and community outreach, while 23-year-old **Jamie**, who grew up Chinese American and White in Berkeley, California, will manage the Tour's financial operations. Finally, **Geetha**, a 23-year-old woman of Asian Indian and European American heritage from Ann Arbor, Michigan will coordinate Tour operations and events.

**The Generation MIX National Awareness Tour will stop at 17 community centers and college campuses from Seattle to Boston**, working with community and student groups to organize a full day of activity stations and keynote presentations. The Tour will also be the subject of a documentary film. The public can participate via the crewmembers' blogs via the Tour's interactive website: **[www.generationmix.org](http://www.generationmix.org)**.

The crew will arrive in Seattle on March 19 for a two-week training. **The Tour will kick off on April 4 with a press conference at the University of Washington**, and will return on May 10.

The Generation MIX National Awareness Tour is a project of MAVIN Foundation, the nation's leading organization that celebrates and advocates for mixed race people and families. Since 1998, MAVIN's award-winning projects like MAVIN magazine and the MatchMaker Bone Marrow Project have raised awareness of this rapidly growing population. For more information, visit [www.mavinfoundation.org](http://www.mavinfoundation.org) or [www.generationmix.org](http://www.generationmix.org).






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**We are very excited to reveal—for the first time—the five young people who will be the face of the Generation MIX National Awareness Tour!**

The Generation MIX Tour Crew!		
	<p><b>Aaron, 21</b>  <i>Hometown:</i>            Pittsburgh, PA  <i>Heritage:</i>            African American+            Creek American Indian+            European American</p>	<p><i>Quotes from his application and interviews:</i>            “I see the Tour as an opportunity to communicate with other biracial kids. Although multiracial people have different and unique heritages, we all share common experiences.”</p>
	<p><b>Ashley, 20</b>  <i>Hometown:</i>            Boise, ID  <i>Heritage:</i>            African American+            European American</p>	<p><i>Quotes from her application and interviews:</i>            “When I was 8, a couple of my friends were told by their parents that they couldn’t be my friend because I was mixed and my father was African American. I would like to give back by showing a positive awareness of multicultural differences.”</p>
	<p><b>Charles, 23</b>  <i>Hometown:</i>            Seattle, WA  <i>Heritage:</i>            Chinese+Thai</p>	<p><i>Quotes from his application and interviews:</i>            “By embarking on this Tour we will be connecting with people of many races and ages, teaching and familiarizing them with issues that are of increasing importance in this society.”</p>
	<p><b>Jamie, 23</b>  <i>Hometown:</i>            Berkeley, CA  <i>Heritage:</i>            Chinese American +            White</p>	<p><i>Quotes from his application and interviews:</i>            “Our push to get the mainstream to recognize the large presence of multiracial people may be our most basic and concerted effort.”</p>
	<p><b>Sangeetha, 22</b>  <i>Hometown:</i>            Ann Arbor, MI  <i>Heritage:</i>            Asian Indian + European            American</p>	<p><i>Quotes from her application and interviews:</i>            “I want to know that I have educated, raised awareness, and inspired critical thought in people about the meaning of diversity, culture, and the future of race in America.”</p>