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NEOA HONORS STAN SALETT WITH THE 2013 CLAIBORNE PELL AWARD
Prestigious Award Recognizes a Veteran National Leader in Social Policy and Education

Stan Salett will be presented with the Claiborne Pell Award at the New England Educational Opportunity Association's (NEOA) 37th Annual Conference, "*Safeguarding Educational Opportunity: Strengthening Our Voice*" at The Crown Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI 028863; April 11, 2013. The Awards Dinner will be held from 7:00 – 9:00PM.

The Claiborne Pell Award is the highest award bestowed by the educational opportunity community of New England. Claiborne Pell's leadership and vision led to the creation of the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG). Now called the Pell Grant, the BEOG was designed to be the backbone of the federal government's financial aid program. Past recipients of this award include: Senator Edward Kennedy (2004); Senator Susan Collins (2005); Dr. Charles Desmond (2010), Julia Tower (2011); and Senator Bernie Sanders (2012). Mr. Salett's four decades of work in social policy and education at the national level have contributed greatly to the struggle for equal educational opportunity that this award was established to recognize.

Stan Salett has served on the staff of all three Kennedy brothers: President Kennedy's Committee on Youth Employment, Attorney General Robert Kennedy's President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Senator Edward Kennedy's Presidential campaign in 1980. In the early 1960s Mr. Salett was an organizer for CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality, and helped in the organization of the March on Washington. He was one of the original planners of the National Head Start program and initiated the National Upward Bound program. He co-founded the National Committee for Citizens in Education. More recently he served on President Clinton's Transition team and is now the developer of special search engines to meet a variety of human needs such the elimination of human trafficking, the improvement of school performance and the scarcity of our global water supply. Currently, Mr. Salett is President of the Foundation for the Future of Youth, a division of the Eigen Arnett Educational and Cultural Foundation.

The New England Educational Opportunity Association, or NEOA, works to advocate for access to and success in postsecondary education for low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and students with disabilities; and to develop the skills and knowledge of educational opportunity professional working with these populations.

If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Stan Salett, please contact Angela Quitadamo at 508/929.8325 or via e-mail at angela.quitadamo@gmail.com. For more information on NEOA or the Claiborne Pell award, go to www.neoaonline.org.