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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA JOINS JACKSONVILLE ASIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE**

Jacksonville, FL, September 15, 2006 –The Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) at the University of North Florida (UNF) today announced its membership with the Jacksonville Asian American Alliance (JAAA) in promoting more opportunities for community service in Jacksonville. VSA was founded in January 1996. Its mission is to promote an appreciation and understanding of the Vietnamese culture and provide support to Asian American college students in Jacksonville and the surrounding areas.

According to Tra Nguyen, VSA President, “VSA currently has 20 members and is working on recruiting more this semester. Most of our activities involve volunteer work, cultural events, or fundraising for the club fund. We try to participate in some kind of community service at least once a month because we realize how important it is to give back to the community. We are young and capable. And since we are poor college students and don't have financial resources at this time, all we can contribute is our hard work and best efforts. Joining the Jacksonville Asian American Alliance will broaden our avenues for participation in the community and enhance the academic and social growth of VSA's members.”

“VSA's membership in JAAA is a very welcome development. It is a positive step taken by Asian American youth and we look forward to harnessing their enthusiasm towards a more dynamic and vibrant Jacksonville” said Anjna Chauhan, JAAA President.

The Jacksonville Asian American Alliance is incorporated as a Florida nonprofit corporation and provides Asian Americans in North Florida a venue for actively participating in socio-cultural, civic and economic programs that serve the community.

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