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**Chicago Training Center Hosts Illinois Secretary-of-State Jesse White as  
Keynote Speaker at Second Annual Gala November 14  
For Underserved Chicago Youth  
*Leda Santodomingo Host Speakers Christian Farr, Karen Jordan  
And Honoree Juan Rangel-UNO***

**CHICAGO, IL – November 11, 2008** – The Chicago Training Center (CTC), an Illinois not-for-profit 501(C)(3) corporation ([www.chicagotrainingcenter.org](http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org)), celebrates its second annual 2008 Gala Event “**Ready... Set... Row!**” for underserved Chicago youth with a fundraiser at [South Shore Cultural Center](#) on Friday, November 14th from 5:30-11:00 p.m. (<http://tinyurl.com/2qq7ln>).

**Gala keynote speakers:**

- Emmy Award nominated [Leda Santodomingo](#) of *Telemundo* Chicago will host the evening’s festivities;
- Third term *Illinois 37<sup>th</sup> Secretary-of-State* [Hon. Jesse White](#) and Founder of the internationally acclaimed [Jesse White Tumblers](#);
- Emmy Award nominated [Christian Farr](#) of WTTW-11’s “*Chicago Tonight*,”
- *ABC-7 Chicago* #1 ranked weekend news program Co-Ancor [Karen Jordan](#); and
- CTC Executive Director’s Award Honoree [Juan Rangel-United Neighborhood Organization-](#)(UNO).

**Fun Philanthropy**

The CTC free rowing instruction, tutoring and fitness program has opened sculling to a diverse group of underserved Chicago Public School (CPS) students. Support the CTC program and attend [Ready... Set... Row!](#)” ([www.chicagotrainingcenter.org/forms/CTC\\_2008\\_Gala\\_Save-the-Date.pdf](http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org/forms/CTC_2008_Gala_Save-the-Date.pdf)) and join the fun-filled evening of [Qino One Vodka](#) cocktails from Top Shelf Imports ([www.qino1vodka.com](http://www.qino1vodka.com)), food, music and exclusive auction items.

Thanks to the support of accomplished organizations, [Illinois US Congressman Danny K. Davis](#), and sponsorships such as The Thomas M. & Julie E.Scott Foundation, [Bank of America](#), and law firms; [Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP](#), [Sidley Austin LLP](#), and [Goldberg Kohn](#), CTC has achieved remarkable results doubling its student membership. Individual benefactors, including Bob and Nathaniel Wootton, who joined CTC at the 2008 Oxford Cambridge Boat Race in London, are core to organization’s success in providing a broad reach of services to Chicago youth.

“As Congressman Davis points out, in addition to [After School Matters](#), [Chicago Public Schools](#) and [UIC Human Performance Lab](#), CTC has on-going support from [US Rowing](#), the Office of the Mayor, the faith-based community, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, [Chicago 2016](#), [World Sport Chicago](#), local Ivy League, Oxford and Cambridge alumni,” says Executive Director Butsch.

**About Chicago Training Center (CTC)**

CTC, using the sport of competitive rowing, creates opportunities for underserved Chicago youth to challenge themselves to achieve their athletic and academic potential. The CTC nurturing environment motivates students to become physically fit, to build teamwork, self-esteem and leadership skills, as well as develop and advance their educational and life goals. For more: [www.chicagotrainingcenter.org](http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org)

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