

Juan Manuel Santos



■ **1951:** Born August 10 to political family in Bogota, Colombia. Great-nephew to former President **Eduardo Santos**

■ **1970's:** Further education at University of Kansas, London School of Economics and Harvard

■ **1972:** Enters politics with National Federation of Coffee Growers

■ **1991:** Foreign Trade Minister under **President Cesar Gaviria**

■ **1994:** Involved in peace negotiations with FARC rebels

■ **1995:** Joint leader of Liberal Party

■ **2000:** Becomes Finance Minister

■ **2006:** Appointed Defence Minister by **President Alvaro Uribe**. Oversees controversial bombing of FARC base in Ecuador, and rescue of hostage **Ingrid Betancourt**

■ **August 7, 2010:** Sworn in as 59th President of Colombia