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Dr. Barbara Hill Receives Association of International Education Administrator's Charles Klasek Award for Outstanding Service to the Field of International Education

Washington, DC – February 28, 2017 – The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to recognize Dr. Barbara A. Hill with the Charles Klasek Award for 2017, for her distinguished career that has spanned nearly five decades. Until October 2016, Dr. Barbara Hill was Senior Associate for Internationalization at the American Council of Education (ACE).

Each year AIEA presents the Charles Klasek Award at the Annual Conference. "Chuck" Klasek was a founding member of AIEA from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and served as its third president. In addition to being a leader in the founding of AIEA, Klasek was an excellent example of an effective international education administrator. He took on many tasks within AIEA including, in 1992, the editing and publication of *Bridges to the Future: Strategies for Internationalizing Higher Education*. Upon Klasek's death, the Board felt that a fitting tribute to his outstanding service to AIEA and to the field of International Education Administration would be to present an annual award in his name. One of the criteria for the award is that the recipient has given long-term and outstanding service to the field of International Education.



Photo: 1 (L-R) Gil Latz (2016-2017 AIEA President), Jenifer Cushman (2015-2016 AIEA President), Barbara Hill (2017 Klasek Recipient), Hilary Kahn (2017-2018 AIEA President)



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Dr. Hill has held a wide variety of positions in higher education, including faculty member, associate dean, provost, college president, and interim admissions director. In addition to her on-campus work, Dr. Hill served as a Senior Fellow at the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), and has played an integral role in leading ACE’s internationalization activities since 2004.

Throughout her career, internationalization has been the thread tying together Dr. Hill’s varied professional positions. As a faculty member in the 1970s and 1980s she focused on internationalizing the syllabus for her Shakespeare courses. Her commitment to internationalization continued in the administrative positions she occupied, encompassing faculty policies and practices, the co-curriculum, and student mobility, among other areas. In short, Dr. Hill began implementing “comprehensive internationalization” before the term itself had even been coined.

Over the past 12 years she spent with ACE’s Internationalization Laboratory program, she has built, expanded, and refined the program – now one of ACE’s flagship offerings – through her diligent, thoughtful hard work. To date, she has led over 100 participating colleges and universities through a strategic planning process for internationalization that is customized to the needs of the institution, and engages the full campus community.

Dr. Hill is recognized for her generous spirit and deep commitment to cultivating expertise and leadership among her colleagues. They describe her as “a fountain of knowledge,” a “wonderful mentor,” and a “wise guide.”

The Association of International Education Administrators is pleased to be able to recognize Dr. Hill’s important work through the 2017 Klasek Award.

About AIEA

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is the only association specifically for leaders in international higher education. Founded in 1982, AIEA is hosted at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina and is composed of over 450 institutions engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education.

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