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AIEA Presents Dr. Cheryl Matherly with the 2022 Timothy J. Rutenber Award

New Orleans, LA (February 21, 2022)— The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to present the Timothy J. Rutenber Award to Dr. Cheryl Matherly, Vice President and Vice Provost for International Affairs at Lehigh University, in recognition of her service to impact their redesigned approach to International Education Week on UR's community engagement with internationalization.

The Rutenber Award aims to honor AIEA members who have rendered long-term and outstanding service to the Association. This occasional award is named for the late Timothy J. Rutenber, who served as Director of the Secretariat and Treasurer of AIEA until his death in 2004. An associate member of AIEA since 1992, Rutenber was an outstanding manager of the day-to-day affairs of AIEA and a wise steward of the Association's resources. His work on behalf of AIEA epitomizes the ideal of service excellence. In his name, awardees will be recognized at the Annual Conference for truly exceptional service of long duration to AIEA.

Matherly has served AIEA over several years and in multiple leadership roles such as committee member, committee chair – having served as AIEA Conference Chair twice – and, in 2019, as president of AIEA. During her presidency, AIEA developed and implemented the 2020 strategic plan. Matherly has also been a transformative leader of International Education programs at the institutions she has worked for. For example, under Matherly's leadership, the Lehigh Office of International Affairs created and implemented in 2018 the Global Lehigh Strategic Plan, the university's plan for comprehensive internationalization. Prior to joining Lehigh University, she also had significant and impactful roles as the SIO for the University of Tulsa, where she provided strategic leadership for international education programs, and led the university's strategic plan for internationalization and a Quality Initiative based on the internationalization strategic plan for the Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation.

AIEA congratulates Dr. Cheryl Matherly as the 2022 Rutenber Award recipient.



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About AIEA:

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is a member organization that equips leaders to shape the future of higher education in a global context.

AIEA advances strategic transformational approaches to internationalization of higher education; empowers those who lead such efforts; convenes global conversation on key issues; and partners with other organizations around the world to develop sustainable, forward-looking perspectives.