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**AIEA Recognizes Miriam Kazanjian with 2023 Charles Klasek Award for Outstanding Service to the Field of International Higher Education**

Washington D.C. (February 21, 2023)— The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce Miriam Kazanjian, a founding member and consultant of the Coalition for International Education, as the 2023 Charles Klasek Award recipient.

Conceived as a tribute to Charles Klasek’s outstanding contributions both to International Higher Education and to AIEA, the Klasek Award is presented each year at AIEA’s annual conference to individuals with a record of longstanding and exceptional service to the field. “Chuck” Klasek was a founding member and the third president of AIEA in addition to his achievements at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Miriam Kazanjian has probably done more to advance the cause of international education in its many forms than any other single person. Her career spans more than five decades, including representation of the New York and California educational systems and more than three decades of international education consulting for the Coalition for the Advancement of Foreign Language and International Studies (CAFLIS), the Inter-Association Task Force for Title VI of the Higher Education Act (HEA) and Fulbright-Hays, and public and private educational institutions and organizations in the U.S. and abroad. In 1991, Miriam was involved in the establishment of the Coalition for International Education, composed of over 30 members – including AIEA –, who made a commitment to fund Miriam as their representative for international education advocacy. Since then, Miriam has been a tireless advocate for international education. She has advocated for greater federal support under the Higher Education Act and for Title VI and Fulbright-Hays funding. Her efforts have benefited many National Resource Centers and the graduate students who have received Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships through them.

AIEA congratulates Miriam Kazanjian as this year’s Klasek 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.