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**Janine Knight-Grofe Receives AIEA's Harold Josephson Award for Professional Promise in International Education**

Washington, D.C. (February 21, 2023)— The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce Janine Knight-Grofe, Director of International Education at Durham College (Ontario, Canada) and doctoral candidate at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at the University of Toronto, as the recipient of the 2023 Josephson Award for Professional Promise in International Education.

The Josephson Award honors the memory of Dr. Harold Josephson, a long-time leader in AIEA who passed away in 1998. Josephson served as Associate Vice Chancellor of International Programs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The award recognizes deserving graduate students for outstanding contributions to the field of international education.

With more than 15 years in internationalization work, Knight-Grofe has initiated and advanced relationships with stakeholders of various types, including international non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and government offices and has experience developing strategic partnerships that build on mutual strengths.

Throughout her career, Knight-Grofe has held a range of positions: she managed a large-scale education abroad portfolio at Centennial College, and with the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), she has served as a key innovator and advocate for international education. Knight-Grofe played a pivotal role in raising CBIE's profile as the go-to organization for high quality international education research and professional development. In 2015, CBIE selected Knight-Grofe to spearhead the development and instruction of a ground-breaking new program called the International Students and Immigration Education Program (ISIEP).



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Currently Knight-Grofe is the Director of International Education at Durham College where she leads the international student support & engagement (SSE) and education abroad (EA) teams, and plays an increasingly strategic role in her college's internationalization.

In addition to her outstanding professional work, Knight-Grofe excels academically, bringing together her passion for international education and social equity through her research. She has written extensively on international education, and her current research focuses on ethical internationalization, specifically examining internationalization and equity, diversity, and inclusion in Canadian colleges.

Knight-Grofe's commitment to international education is also evident in the work that she does with CBIE, NAFSA and AIEA. As a result of this depth and breadth of experience, Knight-Grofe has been called upon to lead external reviews for other international departments from institutions across Canada. She is a mentor and model citizen for the Canadian international education community members, and shows tremendous promise in the field.

AIEA congratulates Janine Knight-Grofe for this year's Josephson Award recipient.

*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.