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AIEA Presents Dr. Penelope Pynes with the 2024 Timothy J. Rutenber Award

Washington D.C. (February 20, 2024)— The Rutenber Award is an award established to honor AIEA members who have rendered long-term and outstanding service to the Association. This 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. In his name, awardees are recognized at the Annual Conference for truly exceptional service of long duration to AIEA.

AIEA Executive Director Dr. Darla K. Deardorff announced, “It is with great honor and immense pleasure that we gather here today to recognize and celebrate the exceptional contributions of Dr. Penelope Pynes, a distinguished leader in the field of international education, as recipient of the 2024 Rutenber Award. “

Beyond Pynes’ impactful work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she was the Associate Provost for International Programs for 25 years, Nell Pynes has assumed leadership roles on a broader scale. She served actively in national leadership roles in AIEA, including as AIEA President, and has had numerous leadership roles in related organizations such as NAFSA and the American Council on Education. Pynes is widely acknowledged as a leading expert on comprehensive internationalization.

Specifically, Pynes served as the President of the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) in 2018 and the Conference Chair in 2019, demonstrating her commitment to AIEA and the international education community. Additionally, her role as a founding faculty member and an architect of the curriculum of the AIEA Leadership Academy for Newer Senior International Officers (SIOs) underscores her commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders in the field – and indeed, Dr. Pynes has also taken on mentorship roles for many in the field. She also facilitated the first Advanced Leadership Academy with Jewell Winn – paving the way for this new initiative.



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Dr. Pynes's influence extends to the realm of AIEA publications, with her key contributions to *Leading Internationalization: A Handbook for International Education Leaders* and *The Handbook of International Higher Education*. Her scholarly contributions have enriched the global discourse on internationalization and served AIEA members.

Dr. Pynes has been a steadfast advocate for diversity and intercultural understanding. Her dedication is evident in the workshops she conducts on and off campus, preparing faculty and students for successful and enriching experiences abroad. By imparting her knowledge and expertise, she has empowered countless individuals to navigate the complexities of intercultural interactions, fostering a more inclusive and globally aware academic community.

“In honoring Dr. Nell Pynes, we celebrate a leader whose passion, dedication, and transformative contributions have left an enduring impact not only on AIEA but also within the landscape of international education,” noted Deardorff.

Congratulations, Dr. Pynes, on this well-deserved honor.

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.