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Kelber Tozini Receives AIEA's 2023 Harold Josephson Student Award in International Education

Washington D.C. (February 21, 2023)— The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce Kelber Tozini, doctoral candidate in the PhD in Education program at The George Washington University's (GWU) Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD), as the recipient of the 2023 Josephson Student Award 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.

At George Washington University, Tozini's program of study is situated within GSEHD's education and inequality cross-disciplinary research team (EI-CRT), which includes faculty from various fields of studies within education. His research focuses on the experiences of international students, global equity and justice, and the myriad factors that affect their sense of support and meaningful integration into institutions of higher education. His dissertation, "The Role of International Student Associations on the Reduction of Inequality in Higher Education," centers on how international student associations help students overcome the challenges posed by inequality in higher education.

Tozini has been active and has made contributions to the field of international education. He proposed and created a Master's level course on the international student experience, and was invited to teach an intermediate statistics course for George Washington University's international partnership Master's program with Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University.



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Additionally, Tozini has also contributed to the research of two external grant competitions; one from the Stevens Initiative to study virtual exchange in the K-12 schools, and the second from the Fund for Education Abroad, where he led studies on the impact of the scholarship on global citizenship and on the effects of COVID-19 on underrepresented students' plans to study abroad.

Tozini's commitment to international education is also evident in the work that he does with various organizations such as the American Council on Education (ACE), AIEA, and the Forum for Education Abroad. He has also become a leader in the Washington, DC, area's Brazilian Student Association. It is clear that Tozini has great promise in the field of international education.

AIEA congratulates Kelber Tozini as 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.