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AIEA Presents Dr. Harvey Charles with the 2023 Timothy J. Rutenber Award

Washington D.C. (February 21, 2023)— The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to present the Timothy J. Rutenber Award to Dr. Harvey Charles, Professor of International Education at the State University of New York at Albany.

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.

Dr. Charles exemplifies the long and outstanding service to the Association that this award recognizes. Dr. Charles was AIEA's first Black president, elected in 2014. Under his leadership AIEA created the Innovation Award for Internationalization, to highlight exceptional programs, projects, or initiatives aimed at advancing internationalization. He has co-edited both *The Handbook of International Higher Education*, Second Edition and *Leading Internationalization: A Handbook for International Education Leaders*.

Notably one of Dr. Charles' most lasting impacts on the Association and on the field was the development of the AIEA Standards of Professional Practice for SIOs and International Education Leaders. As president, Dr. Charles charged the AIEA board with establishing the first professional standards, recognizing that as more institutions sought to internationalize by appointing an individual to lead and facilitate this work, there was a lack of consensus as to the qualifications such individuals need. What emerged from the task force he chaired were Standards of Professional Practice that consist of 22 items reflecting necessary internationalization expertise, leadership and



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management skills, advocacy obligations, and traits for personal effectiveness. The development of the Standards reflects an important step with the professionalization of the field. Dr. Charles has also impacted the field with his work as a mentor for newer professionals in the field, especially for professionals of color. He has served as faculty for the AIEA Academy and has been an AIEA Presidential Fellow mentor.

AIEA congratulates Dr. Harvey Charles as the 2023 Rutenber 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.



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