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AIEA Recognizes Dr. Jeffrey Riedinger with 2024 Charles Klasek Award for Outstanding Service to the Field of International Higher Education

Washington D.C. (February 20, 2024)— The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce Dr. Jeffrey Riedinger, Vice Provost Emeritus of Global Affairs and Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Washington, as the recipient of the 2024 Charles Klasek Award.

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.

Jeff’s SIO roles at Michigan State University and at the University of Washington (UW) have left profound imprints on both institutions as well as upon the broader developments in the field of international education. Jeff’s career highlights showcasing his vision and leadership include distinguished international legal work and scholarship on land use and agrarian reform, the innovative GIX academic and R&D collaboration between UW and Tsinghua University, and establishing an institutional approach to global safety and security management and assessment that became a model in the field of international education.

In addition to these highlights of Jeff’s impressive career, it is essential to note his extensive mentorship work, including his AIEA Presidential Fellows mentorship role, and his relentless commitment to international education advocacy. His service to international education associations includes AIEA, APLU, and NAFSA.



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AIE Executive Director Dr. Darla K. Deardorff remarked, “Jeff’s work is inspirational and has motivated many in the field to keep thriving in their careers in international education and his contributions will continue to help shape the future of international education.”

AIEA congratulates Dr. Jeffrey Riedinger as this year’s Klasek 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.