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AIEA Honors Dr. Adela de la Torre with the 2025 Award for Presidential Leadership in Internationalization

Houston, TX, March 4, 2025 — The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is proud to announce Dr. Adela de la Torre, President of San Diego State University (SDSU), as the recipient of the 2025 AIEA Award for Presidential Leadership in Internationalization. This prestigious award recognizes university presidents who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in advancing comprehensive internationalization within their institutions, and was presented at the 2025 Annual Conference.

The Award for Presidential Leadership in Internationalization is an initiative of the AIEA Presidential Ambassadors Council, comprised of college and university presidents dedicated to strengthening global engagement. Through mentorship, thought leadership, and advocacy, the Council continues to enhance global collaboration within higher education.

Under Dr. de la Torre's visionary leadership, SDSU has emerged as a global leader in higher education, pioneering innovative, inclusive, and impactful approaches to internationalization. As California's only transborder university, SDSU has fostered cross-border collaboration, promoted cultural exchange, and empowered students to thrive in a globalized world.

Dr. de la Torre's commitment to global engagement is exemplified through transformative initiatives such as SDSU Georgia, which produces STEM leaders in the Caucasus; the Center for Mesoamerican Studies in Oaxaca, dedicated to preserving cultural heritage; and the University Seal of Bilingualism, celebrating linguistic and cultural diversity. Her dedication to inclusivity ensures that all students, regardless of background, have access to life-changing global opportunities.

SDSU's sustained excellence in internationalization is further demonstrated by its recognition as a Fulbright Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Leader for four consecutive years and its robust international programs that continue to inspire collaboration and innovation. Dr. de la Torre's leadership has set a new benchmark in higher education, reinforcing the importance of global-minded institutions in shaping the future.



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AIEA Congratulates Dr. De La Torre as this year's Award for Presidential Leadership in Internationalization 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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