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New Leadership Joins Presidential Ambassadors Council

Washington DC (January 2025)—The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce new members of the Presidential Ambassadors Council while expressing profound gratitude to its founding members for their vision and service.

Established in 2022, the Presidential Ambassadors Council comprises esteemed college and university presidents and former presidents (and their equivalent titles around the globe) who are dedicated to strengthening connections between senior international officers (SIOs) and top institutional leaders worldwide. Through their mentorship, thought leadership, and advocacy, the Council has become a vital resource for AIEA members, committees, and the board. Their efforts have advanced international education and enriched the AIEA Annual Conference, including through initiatives such as the **AIEA Presidential Leadership in Internationalization Award**, first presented in 2024.

AIEA is pleased to welcome an exceptional group of new members who join the Council this year:

- **Dr. Fernando León García**, President, CETYS University, Mexico
- **Dr. Lynn Pasquerella**, President, AAC&U
- **Dr. Jenifer Cushman**, President, University of Maine at Augusta
- **Dr. Suzanne Rivera**, President, Macalester College
- **Dr. Javier Reyes**, Chancellor, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- **Dr. Kyle Farmbry**, Former President, Guilford College
- **Dr. Ben Vinson**, President, Howard University

These leaders bring a wealth of experience and passion for advancing internationalization in higher education, further enriching the Council's impact on AIEA's mission.

AIEA extends its heartfelt appreciation to several of the Council's founding members who continue to serve:



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- **Dr. Carolyn J. Stefanco**, Founding Chair, Former President, and CEO, Barét Leadership Consulting
- **Dr. Margee Ensign**, President, American University in Bulgaria
- **Dr. Hilary Link**, President, Drew University
- **Dr. Carl Jubran**, President, Institute for American Universities, The American College of the Mediterranean

Special recognition and gratitude are also given to three founding members who have completed their terms:

- **Dr. Judy Genshaft**, Former President, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Cheryl Green**, President, Governors State University
- **Dr. Harvey Kesselman**, Former President, Stockton University

Their visionary leadership has laid a foundation for the Council's continued success.

For more information about the Presidential Ambassadors Council and its initiatives, visit the [Presidential Ambassadors Council webpage](#).

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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