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_Diverse: Issues In Higher Education_ highlights outstanding Women leaders during Women’s History Month

FAIRFAX, Va. — In honor of Women’s History Month, _Diverse_ publishes its fourth annual special report recognizing the contributions of women to higher education.

The issue’s cover star is trailblazing leader Dr. Belle Wheelan, president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, who was selected as the 2015 Dr. John Hope Franklin Award winner. Also featured are 25 women who have made a difference in the world by tackling some of higher education’s toughest challenges and exhibiting extraordinary leadership skills.

Their examples are an inspiration to us all. We are thrilled to present this year’s class of leading women in higher education:

- Michelle Alexander, Associate Professor of Law, Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University
- Dr. Gayle Barge, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Bellevue College
- Dr. Joanne Berger-Sweeney, President, Trinity College
- Dr. Jhan Doughty Berry, Executive Director of Talent Development and Diversity, Educational Testing Service
- Michele Bobadilla, Senior Associate Vice President for Outreach Services and Community Engagement, Vice Provost for Hispanic Student Success, The University of Texas at Arlington
- Dr. Norma E. Cantú, Emeritus Professor of English, The University of Texas at San Antonio and Professor, Latina/o Studies and English, University of Missouri-Kansas City
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- Dr. Charlotte Davidson, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Native American Affairs, South Dakota State University
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- Dr. R. Barbara Gitenstein, President, the College of New Jersey
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• Dr. Kelly Mack, Vice President for Undergraduate STEM Education and Executive Director, Project Kaleidoscope, Association of American Colleges and Universities
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• Dr. Maria M. Vallejo, Lake Worth Campus Provost, Palm Beach State College
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