



Press Release

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Diverse: Issues In Higher Education highlights 25 outstanding women leaders during Women's History Month.

FAIRFAX, Va. — In honor of Women's History Month, *Diverse* will publish its sixth annual special report recognizing the contributions of women to higher education.

To be presented during the 99th annual meeting of the American Council on Education (ACE) in Washington D.C, the **March 9, 2017, edition** will highlight 25 women who have made a difference in the world by tackling some of higher education's toughest challenges and exhibiting extraordinary leadership skills.

They are an inspiration to all. The 2017 class of leading women in higher education will be (in alphabetical order):

1. Edith Bartley, Spokesperson & Advocate for Diplomatic Families & Victims of International Terrorism
2. Carrie L. Billy, President, The American Indian Higher Education Consortium
3. Dr. Khalilah L. Brown-Dean, Associate Professor of Political Science, Quinnipiac University
4. Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell, President, Spelman College
5. Dr. Constance Carroll, Chancellor of the San Diego Community College District
6. Dr. Kim Cassidy, President, Bryn Mawr College
7. Dr. Doris Ching, 2017 Acting Director of the University of Hawaii System Academy for Creative Media
8. Dr. Marsha J. Tyson Darling, Professor of History and Interdisciplinary Studies; Director, African, Black and Caribbean Studies, Adelphi University
9. Peggy Davis, Athletic Director, Virginia State University
10. Dr. Stella Flores, Associate Professor of Higher Education; Director of Access and Equity, Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy, New York University
11. Maureen Hoyler, President, Council for Opportunity in Education
12. Dr. Paula Johnson, President, Wellesley College
13. Dr. Tuajuanda Jordan, President, St. Mary's College of Maryland

14. Dr. Ellen N. Junn, President, California State University, Stanislaus
15. Melissa Lazarin, Senior Policy Advisor for Center for American Progress
16. Dr. Eboni Marshall-Turman, Assistant Professor of Theology and African American Religion, Yale Divinity School
17. Dr. Angelyn Mitchell, Associate Professor in English and African American Studies Departments; Founding Director of African American Studies, Georgetown University
18. Dr. Susana Muñoz, Assistant Professor of Education, Colorado State University
19. Dr. Yolanda Page, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dillard University
20. Dr. Barbara Ransby, Distinguished Professor of African American Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, and History at the University of Illinois at Chicago
21. Dr. Lisa Rubin, Assistant Professor, Student Services in Intercollegiate Athletics, Kansas State University
22. E.R. Shipp, Associate Professor, Global School of Journalism and Communication, Morgan State University
23. Dr. Manisha Sinha, Draper Chair in Early American History, University of Connecticut Storrs
24. Cheryl L. Smith, Senior Vice President, Public Policy & Government Affairs, United Negro College Fund
25. Dr. Heather Ann Thompson, Professor of History, Department of Afro-American and African Studies, Residential College, and Department of History, The University of Michigan

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