



Press Release

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

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

To be circulated at several annual higher education meetings this spring, the **March 22, 2018, edition** will highlight 25 women who have made a difference in society by tackling some of higher education’s toughest challenges, exhibiting extraordinary leadership skills and making a difference in their respective communities.

The 2018 class of leading women in higher education will be (in alphabetical order):

1. Dr. Julie Amon, Vice President for Student Development Services, Tarrant Community College
2. Dr. Kakali Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Adult Learning and Leadership, Kansas State University
3. Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette, President, Huston-Tillotson University
4. Dr. Katrina Caldwell, Vice Chancellor, Diversity and Community Engagement, University of Mississippi
5. Ms. Holly Jones Clark, Director, Auxiliary Services, Kentucky State University
6. Dr. Jeanette R. Davidson, Director of African & African-American Studies, University of Oklahoma
7. Dr. Donna Ford, Professor, Department of Special Education, Vanderbilt University
8. Dr. Angela L. Franklin, President, Des Moines University
9. Dr. Tiffany Gill, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delaware
10. Dr. Mary Howard-Hamilton, Chair, Department of Educational Leadership, Indiana State University
11. Ms. Loree Jones, Chief of Staff, Rutgers University, Camden
12. Dr. Keisha-Khan Perry, Associate Professor, Africana Studies, Brown University

13. Ms. Bleuzette Marshall, Vice President, Equity and Inclusion, University of Cincinnati
14. Dr. Cheryl E. Matias, Associate Professor, Urban Community Teacher Education, University of Colorado, Denver
15. Ms. Dania Matos, Deputy Chief Diversity Officer, College of William & Mary
16. Dr. Stacey Patton, Assistant Professor, School of Global Journalism & Communication, Morgan State University
17. Ms. Joy-Ann Reid, Political Analyst, MSNBC
18. Dr. Christine M. Riordan, President, Adelphi University
19. Dr. Yves Salomon-Fernandez, President, Cumberland County College
20. Dr. Karen A. Stout, President & CEO, Achieving the Dream
21. Dr. Debra Szybinski, Executive Director, Office of Faculty Resources, New York University
22. Dr. Maria Valentin-Welch, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Frontier Nursing University
23. Ms. Maya Wiley, Senior Vice President for Social Justice, The New School
24. Dr. Tonjua Williams, President, St. Petersburg College
25. Dr. Karla Vanessa Zelaya, Assistant Professor, African American Literature, University of North Alabama

For three decades, [Diverse: Issues In Higher Education](#) has been America's premier source of timely news, provocative commentary, insightful interviews and in-depth special reports on diversity in higher education. Savvy individuals who appreciate the crucial and ever-changing role that higher education plays in the lives of students, professionals, their families and their communities make reading [Diverse](#) a regular habit.

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