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Dear Colleagues:

The ACE Women's Network is represented in each state, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. It is composed of leaders across the country in the world of higher education and is committed to moving women into college presidencies and other senior level positions. The ACE Women's Network is one of the most effective organizations I know and I am delighted to be a Presidential Sponsor for 2016-17.

Throughout my career as a senior administrator, while I served as the inaugural director for the Women's Resource Network, second female President of the Georgia College and State University, and now as the Chancellor at the University of California, Merced, I have implemented policies supporting women students, faculty and staff, executed programs that encourage the development of women including support groups on gender-related issues and career advancement seminars for administrative and support personnel and have worked with colleges to identify strategies for recruiting women/minority faculty, including creation of a family relocation office to support such recruitment.

During my current tenure as Chancellor at the University of California, Merced, I have served as faculty in the HERS Bryn Mawr Leadership Training for Women in Higher Education and strategically moved oversight for Title IX, campus climate, diversity and inclusion and advocacy/support for survivors of sexual violence directly into the Chancellor's Organization to elevate the visibility of these areas. I have supported the work of advisory committees for the status of women, campus climate and inclusion, and the LGBTQ campus community. As an alumna of Purdue, I have worked to campaign for gender equality and diversity across the nation and I understand the importance of having diversity in leadership positions at all our colleges and universities.

I hope more of you will become actively involved in the ACE NorCal Network as a board member or by becoming a member of the extended network through Northern California. This year the Network is offering three day-long Rising Strong workshops to introduce seasoned and emerging leaders to the research of Dr. Brené Brown with focus on its implications for leadership in higher education. The workshops sold out almost immediately!

Thank you for supporting the ACE NorCal Network and for the important work you do supporting the cause of women in higher education.

Sincerely,


Dorothy Leland

Chancellor