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iEARN-USA Launches New Advisory Council

New York City, NY., May 25 2021, -- The International Education and Resource Network (iEARN-USA) is pleased to announce the appointment of *Christine Allison, Cathy Healy, Lisa Jobson, Teresa Kennedy, Jesse Lee, Camilla Modisett, and Ann Tollefson* to the new and relaunched iEARN-USA Advisory Council. This committee of skilled and distinguished global leaders will provide valuable assistance, advice, and expertise to our Leadership Team. Members of iEARN- USA's Advisory Council are selected based on background, skills and a passion for global education. "We are incredibly honored to have such a distinguished group of women sharing their expertise, skills, and experience with iEARN-USA. Their advice and counsel will help iEARN-USA reach more classrooms and engage more students as global citizens," says iEARN-USA's Executive Director, Stefanie Ortiz-Cidlik.

Meet the Council

Christine Allison has over 20 years of experience in international education and international development. She has worked in 56 countries, instilling capacity and leveraging local knowledge to meet development challenges related to poverty alleviation, education, economic growth, and human rights.

Cathy Healy is a director emeritus of iEARN-USA, a founding advisor for Educadores Globais/iEARN-Brasil, and was the catalyst for the DC-Brasília Partners' exchange program for at-risk teenagers that inspired the U.S. State Department's Youth Ambassadors program.

Lisa Jobson directs Digital Promise's 360° Story Lab, supporting creators of all ages to experiment with immersive storytelling, is a member of the KQED Community Advisory Panel and holds an M.A. in International and Comparative Education, Policy Studies, from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Teresa Kennedy holds a joint appointment as Professor of International STEM and Bilingual/ELL Education in the College of Education and Psychology School of Education and in the College of Engineering at the University of Texas at Tyler and has over 30 years of experience in higher education.

Jessie Lee is the founder and principal of Better Future Strategies, LLC and is passionate about helping changemakers of the world and has 20+ years of leadership experience in nonprofit, higher education, government, and financial sectors.

Camilla Modesitt is a leader in the world of language immersion. She is a co-founder of and a Director at the Denver Language School (DLS), an award-winning, high-performing K-8 early total immersion charter school in Denver Public Schools offering Chinese and Spanish.

Ann Tollefson is a national consultant in the development, implementation, and evaluation of world-language programs. She was project director of five area-studies projects funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, working with international scholars to engage K-12 teachers.

About iEARN-USA

At iEARN, we believe in a world where everyone is treated equally, a world where we break down the barriers that divide us and embrace our diversity! And, we are striving to build it. By leveraging technology to create a global virtual hub, we are connecting young people and classrooms across the world to encourage the breakdown of socio-economic and cultural barriers while educating the change makers of tomorrow.

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