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KEISHA SENTER IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR *BEST PRACTICES IN INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS*

[WASHINGTON, D.C., December 8, 2010] Keisha Senter will be the opening keynote speaker for *Best Practices in International Partnerships*, the 2011 ISEP Symposium to be held at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, California on February 23–24, 2011.

Ms. Senter is the Director of the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U), President Bill Clinton’s initiative to engage the next generation of leaders on college campuses around the world. To date, CGI U has catalyzed over 3,000 Commitments to Action within its five focus areas: Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health. Ms. Senter will be joined by a panel of university students who are implementing their Commitments to Action.

ISEP Network member institutions, also dedicated to implementing action, provide academic knowledge, values, and skills to the next generation of leaders to help them solve these critical world issues. “As a member of the Clinton Global Initiative University, we are committed to expanding global engagement opportunities around these issues throughout the ISEP Network,” said Mary Anne Grant, President and CEO of ISEP. “Ms. Senter’s keynote address at the 2011 Symposium is an important element of this strategic initiative.”

The 2011 Symposium is scheduled in conjunction with the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) annual conference and will allow members of both organizations to explore concrete ways of addressing global issues and preparing students to live and work in a global society. “As a member of both ISEP and AIEA, I look forward to strengthening communication and collaborative relationships as we learn about each others efforts to address these global challenges,” affirmed Kay Forsyth, Director of Study Abroad at Utah State University and 2011 Symposium Chair.

Following the keynote presentation, Symposium participants will choose from five CGI U-themed sessions for roundtable discussions. Prior to the attendees engaging in small group discussions, each breakout will showcase university projects and collaboration efforts. Participants will reconvene at the end of the day to report the highlights of their discussions.

Details regarding the ISEP Symposium are available on the Symposium website:
<http://attendesource.com/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x1508766ef&varPage=home>

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About the ISEP Network (www.isep.org)

Founded in 1979, the International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) is a network of over 300 colleges and universities in 43 countries cooperating to provide affordable access to international education for a diverse student population. ISEP students gain intercultural competence through integration into their host institution and host culture while exploring the international dimensions of their academic field. Over 37,000 students have participated in ISEP programs. The ISEP Network also serves as a resource for collaboration in campus internationalization, including the development of programs and services for faculty, experiential learning, and community building. ISEP is committed to exploring ways that the network can come together to address global issues in specific and concrete ways.

About AIEA (www.aieaworld.org)

Founded in 1982, the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is a professional membership organization composed of institutional leaders representing over 200 institutions engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education. AIEA provides opportunities for members to join forces, exchange ideas, share institutional strategies, and provide an effective voice on matters of public policy through various means, including workshops, meetings and a scholarly journal.

About CGI U (www.cgiu.org)

The Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) annually brings together and engages student leaders from around the world to make a difference in CGI U's five global challenge areas: Education, Environment & Climate Change, Peace & Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health. CGI U young leaders take real, concrete steps toward solving the world's challenges. Throughout the year, and as a prerequisite of attending the CGIU annual meeting, students, youth directors, and university officials develop a specific plan of action that addresses a pressing challenge on their campus, in their community, or in a different part of the world.

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