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### Global Education Leaders Honored in Washington, DC

WASHINGTON, DC, March 10, 2014: Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Co-founder of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development; H.E. Mauro Vieira, Ambassador of Brazil to the United States; Dr. John DeGioia, President of Georgetown University; and CBS News will be the honorees at the March 13, 2014 World Affairs - HONORS Global Education Gala at The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC, at 6:00 PM.

**Marillyn Hewson**, Chairman, President and CEO of Lockheed Martin Corporation, will deliver the keynote address. Ms. Hewson said, "It's a privilege to join the World Affairs Council of Washington, D.C., in honoring these four accomplished leaders. This is an important opportunity to bring together world leaders to raise awareness of the value of education and global cooperation."

**Qatar Foundation** will receive the **Global Education Award** in recognition of the organization's worldwide commitment to learning and education.

"Guided by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, the Qatar Foundation has since 1995 been spearheading Qatar's transition to a knowledge-based society by fostering innovation and excellence in education, research, and community development. As home to some of the world's leading universities and researchers, we are delighted that the World Affairs Council recognizes the Qatar Foundation's contribution to global human development and the acquisition of knowledge."

**Ambassador Vieira** will be recognized with the **Distinguished Diplomatic Service Award** on behalf of his nation's diplomatic corps in the United States. He said, "Brazil is honored to be the recipient of the World Affairs Council – Washington DC's 2014 - Distinguished Diplomatic Service Award. The award reflects the increasing importance of Brazil-US relations and is a tribute to the traditional and long-standing ties between our peoples. It is also an important recognition of Brazil's achievements as a vibrant democracy that learned from its own experience that economic growth, development and social justice are closely intertwined. On behalf of the Brazilian diplomats serving in the United States, I would like to express our deep gratitude to the WAC-DC, whose global education, international affairs and global communications mission priorities we strongly support."

**Dr. DeGioia** is being honored as **Educator of the Year**. Dr. DeGioia said, "It's a great honor to accept this award on behalf of our extraordinary students and faculty at Georgetown. As a university community, we are deeply committed to excellence in both teaching and scholarship - to helping our students become their best, most authentic selves and to making a distinct contribution to both the academy and our global family."

**Jeff Fager** will be honored with the **Global Communications Award**. Mr. Fager said, "We are dedicated to covering the world and in the past few years our reporting footprint overseas has steadily grown and includes some of our finest reporters. International reporting is an important part of our CBS News heritage and we are grateful to be recognized for it."

**Eddie Fraser**, WAC-DC's Board Chairperson and CEO of STEMconnector said, "There is an urgent need for increased national dialogue on how the United States can effectively bridge the global education 'learning gap' that exists in our nation's middle and high schools, colleges and universities to permit our young people to effectively compete, work and communicate in our increasingly multi-cultural nation and inter-connected world."

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

**Marillyn Hewson** is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lockheed Martin Corporation. She previously held a variety of increasingly responsible executive positions with the Corporation, including President and Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin's Electronic Systems business area.

In her 30 years with Lockheed Martin, Ms. Hewson has held several operational leadership positions including President of Lockheed Martin Systems Integration; Executive Vice President of Global Sustainment for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics; President and General Manager of Kelly Aviation Center, L.P., an affiliate of Lockheed Martin; and President of Lockheed Martin Logistics Services. She has also served in key corporate executive roles, including Senior Vice President of Corporate Shared Services, Vice President of Global Supply Chain Management, and Vice President of Corporate Internal Audit.

**Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development**, a private non-profit organization was founded in 1995. The foundation serves the people of Qatar by supporting and operating programs in three core mission areas: education, science and research, and community development. The Foundation strives to nurture the future leaders of Qatar. By example and by sharing its experience, the Foundation also contributes to human development nationally, regionally, and globally. Its flagship project is Education City, which houses branch campuses of renowned international universities and institutions. The six American universities involved with Education City are: Georgetown University, Northwestern University, Carnegie Mellon University, Texas A&M University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Weill Cornell Medical College.

**Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser** serves as Chairperson of The Qatar Foundation. On a regional and global level, Sheikha Moza has launched multiple projects including the International Fund for Higher Education in Iraq, the Silatech initiative to address the growing challenge of youth employment in the Middle East and North Africa, and Education Above All, a policy research and advocacy organization concerned with a single policy area: protecting the right to education in conflict-affected areas. Sheikha Moza has been playing an active role with the United Nations (UN) for many years. In 2003, she was appointed as UNESCO's Special Envoy for Basic and Higher Education; in 2008 she was appointed by the Secretary General of the UN as Alliance of Civilizations (AOC) Ambassador; and in 2010 she became a member of the UN Millennium Development Goals Advocacy Group with a special emphasis on Goal 2 – universal primary education.

Among Sheikha Moza's many global honors is the prestigious Chatham House Award for her contributions to improving international relations. Sheikha Moza graduated from Qatar University with a degree in sociology and has been awarded honorary doctorates from Virginia Commonwealth University, Texas A&M University, Carnegie Mellon University, Imperial College London and Georgetown University.

**H.E. Mauro Vieira is Ambassador of Brazil to the United States.** He arrived in Washington, DC, on January 11, 2010 after serving as the Brazilian Ambassador to Argentina from 2004 to 2010. He has a Bachelor's degree in Law from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and graduated from the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy, the Rio Branco Institute, in 1974. At the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Relations, he was Coordinator for International Treaties, Advisor to the Secretary General, Assistant to the Head of the Cultural Department, Advisor to the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Relations, Chief of Staff to the Secretary General, and Chief of Staff to the Minister of Foreign Relations. From January 2003 to May 2006, he was the representative of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Relations to the Board of Directors of the Binational Itaipu hydroelectric power plant.

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**Dr. John DeGioia** is the 48th **President of Georgetown University**. DeGioia is also a Professorial Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy. He has most recently taught an Ignatius Seminar called "Working on Ourselves: Imagination, Interior Freedom and the Academy." Previous courses include "Living Global," "Interior Freedom and the Academy," "Ethics and Global Development," and, "Human Rights: A Culture in Crisis." Under DeGioia's leadership, the University completed the largest fund-raising effort in University history, The Third Century Campaign. The \$1 billion capital campaign benefited Georgetown's Main, Medical, and Law Center campuses by securing endowment funds for curriculum and faculty support, increased student financial aid, and the building and renovation of physical facilities. In 2002-2003, DeGioia also oversaw the largest ever expansion of Georgetown's campus facilities, with the Southwest Quadrangle - a one million square-foot complex of student housing; study, seminar and music rooms; and a new Jesuit Community Residence at its forefront. DeGioia holds a BA in English and a PhD in philosophy from Georgetown University.

**CBS News** is the news division of the CBS television and radio network. **Jeff Fager** is the Chairman. Fager became the first Chairman of CBS News in February 2011, after re-shaping its flagship broadcast, "60 Minutes," into an editorially more vibrant and news-conscious program that regularly makes Nielsen's Top 10 and wins unprecedented amounts of broadcast industry awards. His efforts to improve the '60 Minutes' program online have also made the "60 Minutes" brand a huge hit on the Internet and a model of successful electronic journalism in the digital age. As chairman, he continues to oversee "60 Minutes," while executing his plan to transfer that success to all of the news division's platforms, on television, radio and digital media.

**The World Affairs Council – Washington, DC** is 'A Leading Forum for Global Education and International Affairs' and an institution 'Where Learning Happens'. The Council is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to expanding awareness among the American public and the international community, of geopolitical, business, environmental and civil society issues, in our inter-connected world.

The annual **World Affairs – HONORS Global Education Gala** is an A-list event that involves 1,000 guests; including 60 + Ambassadors from the Washington diplomatic corps; former WAC-DC honorees; White House, Cabinet, Congressional, business, civic, labor, trade and professional association, press, and media representatives; as well as students, teachers, parents and educators. The annual WAC-DC Global Education Gala recognizes best practice by four organizations who share the Council's leadership commitment to global education and international affairs programs that involve students, teachers, parents, community leaders, educators, the American public and international representatives in a neutral forum discussion of issues that impact the US & its worldwide strategic relationships.

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