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The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Announces the Creation of its L.E.A.D. Impact Awards, Presents Two Members with Inaugural Award

Washington, D.C. – 4/9/2019 – The annual L.E.A.D. Impact Awards recognize The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. members who have exemplified leadership through their engagement with the Club’s Education Initiatives. Through their investments of time and resources, they help ensure that David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington scholars are *Ready to L.E.A.D.*: Learn, Explore, Achieve, Deliver. The awards include two categories: Individual and Corporate. “These awards highlight the commitment of the Washington, D.C. business community to the future of our workforce,” said Mary Brady, Executive Director of The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. “The generosity of our members is an important enhancement in ensuring the success of our scholarship students in both their education and career ambitions.”

Two Economic Club members were presented with the inaugural L.E.A.D. Impact Awards at an Economic Club dinner on Monday, April 8, 2019.

Margaret Dunning, Managing Partner, Finn Partners, received the Individual L.E.A.D. Impact Award, which honors members who have devoted their unique skills to build and enhance programming for scholars. Dunning helped to launch the Economic Club’s Scholars to Leaders Mentoring Program and has served as a member of the Education Committee for eight years. “It’s been said education is the passport to the future. In a way, the mentorship aspect of the Economic Club’s Scholars to Leaders program is a Baedeker for students, helping them navigate a new landscape. It’s an honor to be part of their journeys,” said Dunning.

Marty Rodgers, Managing Director for Metro Washington, D.C. and Southeast Senior Managing Director for Health and Public Service, Accenture, received the Corporate L.E.A.D. Impact Award. This award recognizes Accenture’s continuous support of the Economic Club’s Education Initiatives through hosting business seminars and providing valuable summer internship opportunities for David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship students. “We value our long-standing partnership with the Economic Club because it expects its members — as both individuals and corporations — to give back to the community. The extraordinary Scholarship Program is one of the best-kept secrets and good news stories in D.C. It acknowledges the potential of outstanding young people and we are honored to provide job-skills training, mentorship and internships to these future leaders of D.C.,” said Rodgers.

The Education Initiatives provide college and career support to students who are recipients of the David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship, awarded to graduates of D.C. public and public charter high schools to attend college. The scholarship program, established in 2009, has awarded 490 students with \$6.4 million to pursue higher education. Member-driven programming ensures that scholars gain exposure to the business world and valuable career experience.

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The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Established in 1986 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization created to strengthen ties among the diverse and growing business community based in metropolitan Washington, D.C., and with the diplomatic community, The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. promotes global awareness of the pivotal role Washington plays in the national and world economies. Its goals are twofold: to provide a prominent forum where eminent global leaders can share their insights about major issues of the day; and to promote a robust peer community for the area's top executives. Today the Economic Club has more than 850 members representing businesses and organizations operating all over the United States and abroad. Featured speakers in recent years have included the Presidents of the United States, Colombia, and Panama; the Prime Ministers of Finland, Israel and Singapore; a former Prime Minister of Great Britain; Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives; heads of the Federal Reserve Board; every Secretary of the Treasury since 1986; other Cabinet members and government officials; and leaders of Fortune Global 100 corporations. David M. Rubenstein, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Chairman of The Carlyle Group, is the current President.

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