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ACAD Announces Recipient of Award for Excellence in Academic Leadership

Washington, DC – September 24, 2018 – The American Conference of Academic Deans (ACAD) Board of Directors is proud to announce the recipient of the second annual Award for Excellence in Academic Leadership: Dr. Kristine Bartanen, Provost, University of Puget Sound. The award was established by ACAD to recognize individuals who exemplify excellence in academic leadership through shaping and supporting positive change on their campuses and in their communities.

Dr. Bartanen was nominated by a group of colleagues at Puget Sound who consider her a “tireless champion for others so that they may succeed at making meaningful and lasting contributions to the success of the students, staff and faculty at the University.” During her time at the University her leadership in implementing a civic scholarship initiative has supported several distinct faculty innovations such as Puget Sound’s offering of the only major in African American studies in the state of Washington, the Race and Pedagogy National Conference, the Sound Policy Institute, and the Freedom Education Project Puget Sound. “I am deeply honored by this recognition.” says Dr. Bartanen. “That my colleagues would craft a strong nomination tells you much about Puget Sound’s spirit of collegiality and the campus environment in which I have been lucky to serve as a dean for over 20 years. The award, thus, honors our whole leadership team.”

Additionally, while working to lead Puget Sound to a notable national liberal arts institution, Dr. Bartanen was steadfast in ensuring the University remained deeply invested and grounded in the local Tacoma community. She has been a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion, including hiring and retaining a more diverse faculty, and supporting success of students who have joined Puget Sound through the Posse Foundation and students from Tacoma Public Schools (TPS), for whom the University meets full demonstrated financial need.

Inside and outside the academy, Dr. Bartanen truly embodies all that the ACAD Board wishes to promote and recognize as a recipient of this award. ACAD will present Dr. Bartanen with the award during its Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. The presentation will take place during the Keynote Luncheon on Friday, January 25, 2019.

Founded in 1945 ACAD is an individual membership organization dedicated to the professional development of academic leaders. Recognizing that provosts, deans, and other academic administrators undertake academic leadership as their “second discipline,” ACAD’s mission is to assist these leaders as they advance in careers dedicated to the ideals of liberal education.

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