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RAYMOND F. KRAVIS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CEO RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS COMPANION MEDAL

Judith Mitchell receives honor from Palm Beach Atlantic University

(West Palm Beach, Fla.) – Judith Mitchell, CEO for the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, received the prestigious Companion Medal from Palm Beach Atlantic University during ceremonies celebrating American Free Enterprise Day. The event was held on November 14, 2017 in the University’s Greene Complex for Sports and Recreation. Nearly 800 invited guests were in attendance.

American Free Enterprise Day is a Palm Beach Atlantic University tradition, dating back to 1984. It is highlighted by a medal ceremony that honors individuals whose hard work and achievement exemplify the best of the American free enterprise system. Ms. Mitchell was accompanied on stage by Alexander Dreyfoos, a 1992 medalist and founding Board Chairman of the Kravis Center.

“Judith Mitchell is widely admired for her infinite wisdom, strong business instincts, professional expertise and ultimate diplomatic skills. These qualities along with her selfless leadership, level headedness and enduring grace set her apart, making her a role model for our students and deserving of the University’s American Free Enterprise Companion Medal,” reported Palm Beach Atlantic University President William M. B. Fleming, Jr. during the ceremonies.

“The Companion Medals have recognized many respected individuals in the community over the last 33 years and it is a true privilege to be joining them,” said Ms. Mitchell. “I want to thank the Kravis Center’s board of directors and founding Chairman Alex Dreyfoos for their confidence in my leadership as well as thank our dedicated staff and loyal supporters of the Center, who have all contributed to the Kravis Center’s success. I am delighted to be accepting this award in their honor.”

David C. Novak was selected medalist of the year, and other Companion Medals were awarded to James Donnelly, David S. Donten and David Wright. A luncheon honoring the medalists was held on campus following the ceremonies.

Ms. Mitchell joined the Kravis Center as Director of Development in December 1989, prior to the performing arts center’s opening. In 1992, Mitchell became the Chief Executive Officer and today supervises the overall operation of the \$138 million performing arts center. In addition to planning and implementing all corporate policies for the Kravis Center, Ms. Mitchell oversees 200 employees, more than 700 volunteers and a \$27 million annual operating budget.

With Ms. Mitchell’s direction, the Kravis Center has served as an economic catalyst to the region, contributing over \$500,000,000 to the local economy since its doors opened in 1992. Since that time, it has provided over 13,000 performances, sold over 8 million tickets, provided free performances to more than 2.2 million schoolchildren and drawn over 10 million visitors to the area.

The Kravis Center is a not-for-profit performing arts center whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality, by offering comprehensive arts education programs, by providing a Palm Beach County home for local and regional arts organizations to showcase their work and by providing an economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County.

More information on the American Free Enterprise Day event is available at: pba.edu/AFE. For more information about the Kravis Center please visit kravis.org or call 561.651.4320. Follow the Kravis Center on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The Kravis Center is located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL.

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