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**Reagan Institute Summit on Education Welcomes President of The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation**

*Gerun Riley will receive RISE award in recognition of work on behalf of American students*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Gerun Riley, President of The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, will accept the 2019 RISE Award on behalf of the foundation. The award will be presented at the conference and is given to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding dedication to improving education in the U.S.

“Gerun leads one of the most impactful foundations in the country,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “Her work and the work of the Broad Foundation expands opportunity for low-income and minority students across America. We look forward to having her input on what we can do to create a more equitable, more effective school system and honoring the incredible things she’s already done to help bring that vision to life.”

“Public education is deeply personal to Eli and Edye Broad, who are both graduates of Detroit Public Schools,” Riley said. “I’m honored to except this award on behalf of their foundation, which has dedicated more than \$600 million to support K-12 public education since 1999.”

Riley is President of The Broad Foundation, a multi-billion dollar organization that spearheads societal transformation in education, science and the arts. The Foundation has initiated and developed a number of major programs, such as stem cell research at leading California universities, The Broad Center to support leaders of public school systems, and The Broad museum in downtown Los Angeles. Before her career at The Broad Foundation—where she started working almost 16 years ago, staffing the front desk—she managed the pro bono department of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom’s New York office, an experience that ignited her interest in social justice initiatives. She holds a bachelor’s degree in neuroscience from Bowdoin College.

Riley joins many other leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2019, including Sen. Lamar Alexander, Rep. Virginia Foxx, Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera and Founder of Khan Academy Sal Kahn. Throughout the conference, bipartisan panels and plenaries will foster conversation on a wide range of

education policy issues. These issues include developing a holistic approach to education, preparing students for the job market of the future, surveying the higher education horizon and setting audacious national goals for our education system.

RISE 2019 is open to registered media. For more information, visit [www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute](http://www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute) or follow RISE on Twitter @ReaganInstitute. Join the conversation with #RISE2019.

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