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PRESIDENT

Christine M. Riordan, Ph.D., is the first woman to serve as president of Adelphi University in New York. She is an internationally recognized expert in leadership development, team building, and diversity and inclusion, and is recognized for her ground breaking initiatives to personalize and transform the higher education experience.

Upon her appointment as Adelphi's 10th president in 2015, working with a wide array of members of the Adelphi community, Dr. Riordan led a comprehensive analysis of the University to gain a thorough understanding of the institution's strengths and potential for growth and opportunity. This effort laid the foundation for our strategic plan, *Momentum*, and a set of transformational goals to strengthen the academic experience, deepen the commitment to

student success, enhance the diversity and inclusion of students and employees, boost enrollment domestically and internationally, increase fundraising, and transform Adelphi University from a regionally known university to a nationally recognized modern metropolitan university.

In the initial year of Adelphi's new strategies, the first-year population grew 40 percent and transfers 60 percent, with the graduate population increasing by 3 percent. In the fall of both 2016 and 2017, Adelphi enrolled its largest—and most diverse—first-year classes in its history. Alumni giving is at an all-time high. Today, Adelphi is ranked among the top 150 doctoral research universities in the United States. It has also been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and has earned the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification.

“Adelphi students have unparalleled opportunities to explore their passions and discover new ones through rich hands-on experiences, including research, internships and service learning.”

The University's programs have been recognized by major media outlets. Adelphi advanced in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings and was cited for excellence by *USA Today* and *Washington Monthly*. Adelphi has been named a Top U.S. College by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* College Rankings 2018. *USA Today* College named Adelphi one of the top 10 colleges for majoring in social work. *Forbes* placed Adelphi on its list of America's Top Colleges 2017, a rating that focuses specifically on student outcomes and career success.

With Dr. Riordan's leadership, Adelphi has developed and launched eight new academic programs, substantially expanded the services of the University's Center for Career and Professional Development, and opened the 100,000-square-foot Nexus Building, home of Adelphi's innovative and top-ranked College of Nursing and Public Health and a host of personalized student support services. The University also established a highly regarded Office of Diversity and Inclusion, initiated a Diversity Certificate training program for faculty and staff, and is providing increasingly personalized educational supports for students of all abilities.

Prior to joining the Adelphi community, Dr. Riordan served as provost of the University of Kentucky, which had more than 30,000 students, 19,000 full- and part-time employees, and a budget of \$3 billion, and as dean of the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver, a *U.S. News & World Report*-ranked Best Business School.

Dr. Riordan has published more than 60 academic and business press articles, is authoring a book on leadership, and is a frequent speaker on leadership and overcoming challenges, including her TEDx talk, “Dare to Be Extraordinary.” Dr. Riordan consults regularly with corporations on leadership development activities, diversity management and team performance. She has been interviewed by and written articles for media such as *The Financial Times*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Forbes*, *USA Today*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The New York Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, *HuffPost*, *MSNBC*, *CNN*, *CNBC*, *The Wall Street Journal* MarketWatch, *CareerBuilder* and *Psychology Today*. These articles are profiled at christineriordan.com. Her work has been cited more than 4,300 times by other authors.

Dr. Riordan serves on the board of directors of RE/MAX Holdings, Inc. (NYSE:RMAX) and is chair of the nominating and governance committee and serves on the compensation committee. She previously served on the audit committee. Dr. Riordan is a National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Board Leadership Fellow, which is the Gold Standard Director Credential. She is on the board of directors of the Long Island Association (LIA), a leading business organization on Long Island, and the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in New York (CICU). Dr. Riordan is a trustee and serves on the steering committee of the Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education (LIRACHE). She is a member of the President's Advisory Council at the Georgia Institute of Technology and she is chair of the President's Council for the Northeast-10 Conference.

Dr. Riordan has made her mark since moving to Long Island. In 2016 and 2017, she made the *Long Island Press* Power List of the 50 most influential people on Long Island, and *Long Island Business News* included her in its listings of Who's Who in Education, Who's Who in Professional Women and Top CEOs. She was also named the Bethpage Best of Long Island Awards Best College President. She is a recipient of the Advancement for Commerce, Industry & Technology (ACIT) Monsignor Hartman Humanitarian Award for Commitment to Leadership in the Field of Education. In 2017, she was named a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction and was awarded the Excellence in Service Award by the Islamic Center of Long Island for her efforts to promote diversity and inclusion. In 2018, the Garden City Chamber of Commerce honored Dr. Riordan as Businessperson of the Year. She was honored in 2018 by *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* magazine as one of 25 Top Women in Higher Education Who Are Making A Difference.

Dr. Riordan's other awards and recognitions include the Family & Children's Association 2015 Woman of Distinction, the Girl Scout Woman of Distinction, one of the Most Brilliant Minds in Fort Worth and the Michael Driver Award for Best Careers Article. For her scholarly work, she has received the Sarah Moss Fellowship for International Research, the Sanford Research Fellowship and the Sanford Faculty-Practitioner Grant.

President Riordan is married to Robert (Bob) D. Gatewood, Ph.D., author of *Human Resource Selection* (8th ed.) and professor emeritus at the University of Georgia. They have two teenagers, Mikaela and Mason, and an Olde English Bulldog named Georgia. Dr. Riordan enjoys running, biking, lifting weights and reading. She received her Ph.D. in organizational behavior and M.B.A. from Georgia State University and a bachelor's degree in textile engineering (now called materials science and engineering) from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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About Adelphi

A modern metropolitan university with a personalized approach to higher learning

Adelphi University is a highly awarded, nationally ranked, powerfully connected doctoral research university offering exceptional liberal arts and sciences programs and professional training with particular strength in its Core Four—Arts and Humanities, STEM and Social Sciences, the Business and Education Professions, and Health and Wellness. Adelphi is dedicated to transforming students' lives through small classes, hands-on learning and innovative ways to support student success.

Founded in Brooklyn in 1896, Adelphi is Long Island's oldest private coeducational university. Today Adelphi serves nearly 8,000 students at its beautiful main campus in Garden City, New York—just 23 miles from New York City's cultural and internship opportunities—and at dynamic learning hubs in Manhattan, the Hudson Valley and Suffolk County, and online.

More than 100,000 Adelphi graduates have gained the skills to thrive professionally as active, caring citizens, making their mark on the University, their communities and the world beyond.

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