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The AIEA 2026 Harold Josephson Award for Professional Promise in International Education

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce Andie Beer as the recipient of the 2026 Josephson Professional Award in International Education.

The Josephson Professional Award honors the memory of Dr. Harold Josephson, a long-time leader in AIEA who passed away in 1998. Josephson served as Associate Vice Chancellor of International Programs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The award recognizes deserving graduate students who are also professionals in the field for outstanding contributions to international education.

Beer is an accomplished higher education professional whose work blends research, practice, and leadership to advance global learning and international engagement. In her role as the Associate Director of Learning Abroad in the Institute for Global Engagement at the University of Houston, she has spearheaded major institutional initiatives that strengthen student safety, expand access to global opportunities, and promote sustainable internationalization practices. She played a central role in developing UH's Student International Travel Policy, restructuring faculty-led program processes, and renewing university emergency procedures abroad. She has also expanded outreach and access through innovative marketing strategies and the "GO for First: Global Opportunities for First-Generation Students" initiative, contributing to a more than 50% increase in student engagement with Learning Abroad.

As a doctoral candidate in Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Houston, she conducted dissertation research on how study abroad experiences shape faculty and staff internationalization practices. Her scholarship on global competency, curriculum design, and faculty-led program development informs her day-to-day leadership and advances understanding of how global learning can be strengthened on campus.

Beyond her institutional impact, Beer is an active contributor to the international education field. She has organized and co-facilitated the national Gilman Advisor Workshop at the University of Houston, served on the 2023-2024 annual conference committee for The Forum on Education Abroad, presented at regional and state conferences, and contributed to professional publications. Her commitment to advancing international education through research, service, and leadership makes her a deserving recipient of the Harold Josephson Award.

AIEA congratulates Andie Beer on receiving this year's Harold Josephson Award for Professional Promise in International Education.