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Regents recognize Julie Ann Wrigley for Outstanding Service to Higher Education in Arizona

PHOENIX – The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) honored Julie Ann Wrigley with the Regents' Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education at a dinner reception held in conjunction with the Board's recent meeting.

The award was established in 1996 to provide special recognition for Arizona citizens and/or organizations that provide exceptional service to higher education in Arizona.

"We are pleased to recognize Ms. Wrigley for her extraordinary commitment to Arizona State University," commented Regent Mark Killian, who chaired this year's Regents' Award nominating committee. "Her philanthropic leadership and contributions have left an indelible mark on the university – particularly in the area of sustainability – and have helped advance higher education in Arizona."

Arizona State University President Michael M. Crow added his praise for the honoree. "I cannot think of a more deserving person for this award. ASU and Julie Wrigley have been dedicated partners in building the nation's most comprehensive program in sustainability education and we could not have done it without her generous investment and leadership. She recognized and trusted that our university is one of the rare places that can tackle issues of sustainability across disciplines and find real-world solutions. Julie shares our commitment to making the world a better place for future generations and, through her partnership with us, is helping to invent that future."

Ms. Wrigley's generous support of ASU began in 2002 as a founding co-chair of Women & Philanthropy to forge connections between the university and the community that expanded and generated increased commitment to ASU. Since her initial involvement, Women & Philanthropy has awarded \$2.26 million in grants supporting faculty research and student scholarships.

In 2004, Ms. Wrigley's leadership and major gift supported the creation of the ASU Global Institute of Sustainability, a strategic hub responsible for advancing the university's education, research and operations related to sustainability. The Institute of Sustainability gave rise to the development in 2007 of the ASU School of Sustainability – the world's first school of sustainability - founded with Ms. Wrigley's significant investment and leadership. That same year, determined to foster continuous

improvement, Ms. Wrigley graciously presented ASU with an additional \$10 million investment in 2007 to recruit four of the world's leading sustainability scholar-researchers to fill professorships focused on the renewable energy systems, sustainable business practices, global environmental change and complex systems dynamics (which involves the conceptual modeling of human-environmental interactions).

Ms. Wrigley is also the founder and co-chair, along with Rob Walton, chairman and CEO of Wal-Mart, and ASU President Michael Crow, of the Board of Directors for Sustainability at ASU.

This year's honorees also included Harry Hengl and Thomas Keating. A list of previous award winners is available [here](#).



ASU President Michael Crow and Julie Wrigley

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