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## **Dedication to Students Characterizes Student Regent's Term on Board**

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – The Arizona Board of Regents paid tribute to Regent Lauren L'Ecuyer's service during today's board meeting, commemorating her dedication to Arizona's public universities and her commitment to the issues and concerns of students in her capacity as a student regent.

"Regent L'Ecuyer brought the perspective of a mature, experienced board member. She understood well the fiduciary and strategic roles of the board," said ABOR Chair Larry E. Penley. "While she communicated clearly the issues that students are experiencing in today's higher education marketplace, she understood her essential role as board member rather than student representative. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected every area of our universities, but it has perhaps been the most challenging for students. Regent L'Ecuyer's keen attention to the concerns of students was essential for the board. Moreover, she never forgot that she was a board member for all three universities. She happened to be one whose own experiences as a student at two Arizona universities informed the board's decisions."

L'Ecuyer is completing her two-year term on the board as the voting student regent. During her term, she has focused on topics affecting students, including tuition and fees, food insecurity, safety and mental health.

"Regent L'Ecuyer provided excellent service in her role as student regent. Her clear intellect combined with her passion for Arizona's universities elevated board conversations and helped us make better decisions over these last two years. She will be deeply missed," said ABOR Executive Director John Arnold.

In her last year on the board, she served as assistant treasurer and as a member of the Finance, Capitol and Resources Committee, and Academic Affairs and Educational Attainment Committee. L'Ecuyer was appointed to the Arizona Board of Regents by Gov. Doug Ducey and began her term July 1, 2018. The governor appoints eight people in staggered eight-year terms to the board as well as two student regents who serve staggered two-year terms with the first year as a non-voting member.

L'Ecuyer has served as the student body president for the Associated Students of NAU as well as vice president of academic affairs and senator for the student government organization. She worked on behalf of the late Sen. John McCain on two separate occasions, as a communications and events intern for the McCain Institute for International Leadership and as the head fieldwork intern for the senator's campaign in 2016.

L'Ecuyer earned her bachelor's degree at Northern Arizona University, majoring in political science and hotel and restaurant management, and she continues her education at the University of Arizona as a juris doctor student at the James E. Rogers College of Law.