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**LIFE UNIVERSITY'S DR. CYNTHIA BOYD AND GAWHE
PRESENT 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- via Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education**

Georgia, February 23, 2018 – The Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education (GAWHE) presents its annual conference, to be held February 28-March 2, 2018 at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, Georgia.

This year's conference, themed: "Exploring Your Dimensions of Leadership," will feature various women leaders from across Georgia, including Belle Wheelan, President of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; Bonita Jacobs, President of the University of North Georgia; Gailda Davis, Interim Director of ACE Leadership; Jennifer Stephens, ACE Women's Network State Chair; Linda Osborne-Smith, General Counsel of the Technical College System of Georgia; Terry Hartle, Senior Vice President of the Division of Government and Public Affairs of the American Council on Education; and Cheryl Dozier, President of Savannah State University.

"The Georgia Association of Women in Higher Education (GAWHE), which is part of the ACE Women's Network, is dedicated to developing leaders in higher education organizations through professional development, networking and advocacy," states Dr. Cynthia Boyd, President of the Georgia Association of Women in Higher Education. "We are a non-profit, volunteer organization that is honored to include current (and future) presidents, vice-presidents and deans, as well as aspiring faculty and staff. Annually, we award the Louise McBee Scholarship to deserving candidates to encourage their research and development. And, because we recognize the critical role of mentors, we award them as well. Institutional representatives from Georgia institutions work with the ACE Women's Network state chair and GAWHE president to provide ongoing networking and development opportunities between our annual conferences. We are confident that we are making an impact on Georgia higher education and beyond," says Boyd.

"As higher education leaders, we know that diversity in its many forms enhances our educational experiences and makes our communities stronger. However, it is important that we acknowledge that there are stereotypes and disparities, and that there are appropriate ways to discuss biases," says Dr. Bonita Jacobs, President of the University of North Georgia. "Our world is becoming increasingly polarized, and as leaders, we must serve as role models for addressing issues with genuine respect, civility and facts. This conference will highlight these issues and, equally important, provide a networking opportunity that is so very vital to our professional development."



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About the Georgia Association for in Higher Education

The Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education (GAWHE) is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to providing professional support for women educators, administrators, and researchers in higher education in Georgia. GAWHE is dedicated to providing professional support for women in higher education organizations through networking, professional development, advocacy and publications. The Association is part of the ACE Women's Network, and as such, seeks to develop programs that identify, develop, encourage, advance, link and support (IDEALS) women in higher education careers in Georgia.

About Life University

Founded in Marietta, Georgia in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution most known for its chiropractic program, the largest single campus chiropractic program in the world. Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The mission of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.

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