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Eleven Named to Inaugural NIRI Fellows Class

New NIRI Fellows Recognition Program Honors Distinguished Investor Relations Professionals

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The <u>National Investor Relations Institute</u> (NIRI) today announced the inaugural NIRI Fellows class. NIRI Fellows are recognized leaders who represent the ideals of the investor relations (IR) profession.

The NIRI Fellows Recognition Program is a new honorary recognition program distinguishing those living NIRI members who epitomize the leadership, integrity, involvement, and contributions of investor relations professionals. These individuals have made significant contributions to the betterment of the IR profession and NIRI throughout their careers. Those selected as a "NIRI Fellow" are recognized as highly engaged individuals for their contributions to the profession and are called to continued service as content leaders, selection committee participants, authors, and thought leaders in the Institute and field of investor relations. More information about this new program is available here: http://www.niri.org/fellows.

"It gives me great pleasure to recognize these distinguished investor relations leaders, and welcome them into our inaugural class of NIRI Fellows. Nominated by their peers, they truly represent the highest standards in the investor relations profession and NIRI community," said Jeffrey D. Morgan, President and Chief Executive Officer of NIRI. "I look forward to honoring them at the 2013 NIRI Annual Conference in June."

Inaugural NIRI Fellows

Mark Aaron, Vice President, Investor Relations, Tiffany & Co.

Don Allen, Partner, The Allen Group

Kay Breakstone, President, Breakstone Group. Inc.

Sally Curley, Senior Vice President, Investor Relations, Cardinal Health, Inc.

Mickey Foster, Vice President, Investor Relations, FedEx Corporation

Len Griehs. Retired Member

Jane McCahon, Vice President – Corporate Relations and Corporate Secretary, Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Dewitt Morrill, Retired Member, NIRI Founding Member

Mark Steinkrauss, Retired Member

Bina Thompson, Senior Vice President, Investor Relations, Colgate-Palmolive Company Karen Warren, Retired Member

About the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI)

Founded in 1969, NIRI (<u>www.NIRI.org</u>) is the professional association of corporate officers and investor relations consultants responsible for communication among corporate management, shareholders, securities analysts and other financial community constituents. NIRI is the largest professional investor relations association in the world with more than 3,300 members representing over 1,600 publicly held companies and \$9 trillion in stock market capitalization.

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