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ATHENA Orlando Women's Leadership, Inc. Expands Board of Directors

ORLANDO – ATHENA Orlando Women's Leadership, Inc. is pleased to announce its 2022 Board of Directors, including three new members. Isabel Hernandez joins as Treasurer along with Lauren Nelson as Director of Recruiting and Shaloni Prine as Director of Alumnae Relations and Engagement. All three, in addition to their fellow Board members, are alumnae of ATHENA's NextGen program and will serve three-year terms.

"Recent events in the United States and abroad underscores the urgent need to protect women's rights. It's important to support and develop women leaders from the classroom to the boardroom, as well as representation in public office. ATHENA Orlando Women's Leadership is 100% committed to cultivating women leaders throughout Central Florida and I'm excited about our plans for strategic growth," said Karen Keene, Founder and Chief Strategic Advisor.

Isabel Hernandez, Treasurer, is a Certified Public Accountant who has practiced for more than a decade. As a Senior Tax Manager for RSM US LLP, she provides tax services to a variety of clients in various industries with a primary focus on Consumer and Industrial Products. She is the immediate Past-President of the ALPFA Orlando Professional Chapter and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Lauren Nelson, Director of Recruiting, supports philanthropic efforts for the Holocaust Center's programs, exhibits and operations, as well as the capital campaign for the new Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity. She held leadership and senior philanthropy roles with many well-known national and local institutions, including Nemours Children's Health and the American Cancer Society. She is a board member for AFP Central Florida and Valencia Horizon Scholars, and she is an active member of Florida Executive Women.

Shaloni Prine, Director of Alumnae Relations and Engagement, is a public outreach and engagement expert who excels at building community through the development of strategic communications and experiential events. She has extensive alumni relations experience having previously managed multiple UCF volunteer boards at the collegiate, regional, and constituent level. Currently, she operates as the Marketing Director for Railroad Consultants as well as a member of UCF Town & Gown, WTS Central Florida, and SMPS Central Florida.

The ATHENA Orlando Women's Leadership, Inc. 2022 Board of Directors includes:

- Karen Keene - Founder and Chief Strategic Advisor
- Jennifer Johnson - Founder and Strategic Advisor
 - *Virtual Learning Manager, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants*
- Melanie DiVirgilio – President
 - *SVP Commercial Banking Manager, Seacoast Bank*
- Lauren Reynolds - General Counsel and Vice President

- *Attorney, Winderweede, Haines, Ward & Woodman*
- Isabel Hernandez – Treasurer
 - *Senior Tax Manager, RSM US LLP*
- Lauren Sedam – Secretary
 - *Account Supervisor, Wellons Communications*
- Heather Eubank - Vice President of Programming
 - *Director of Events, Hyatt Regency Orlando Int'l Airport*
- Michelle Griffith - Vice President of Communications Strategy & Social Media
 - *Vice President, BoardroomPR*
- Lauren Nelson - Director of Recruiting
 - *Development Director – Corporate Philanthropy, Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of FL*
- Shaloni Prine - Director of Alumnae Relations and Engagement
 - *Marketing Director, Railroad Consultants*

“We are thrilled to have Lauren, Shaloni, and Isabel join our board. As fellow ATHENA NextGen graduates and dynamic women leaders in our community, they will continue to help us grow and serve the professional women in Central Florida,” said ATHENA President Melanie DiVirgilio. “I am honored to work alongside our board members as we further our mission of using the ATHENA leadership principles to empower and develop women leaders in our community.”

Founded in 2012, ATHENA Orlando Women’s Leadership, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) that provides dynamic programming around the ATHENA Leadership Model® and ATHENA’s Eight Leadership Principles: *Live Authentically, Learn Constantly, Advocate Fiercely, Act Courageously, Foster Collaboration, Build Relationships, Give Back, and Celebrate.*

One of its core programs is the ATHENA NextGen Thought Leadership Series, the only professional development program of its kind in Central Florida with the backing of women leaders who have paved the way and are deeply committed to inspiring and empowering the next generation of women leaders. To date, more than 340 Central Florida professional women proudly call themselves alumnae of the NextGen program, representing a wide array of companies and organizations that creates a very diverse cohort in our programs.

For questions about ATHENA Orlando Women's Leadership, Inc., please visit athenaleadershiporlando.org.

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ABOUT ATHENA INTERNATIONAL

ATHENA International was founded in 1982 out of a necessity to celebrate the accomplishments of women and bring a balance in leadership voices worldwide. With a mission to develop, support and honor women leaders and those who inspire them to reach their full potential by offering unique, impactful leadership development and award programs. For the past 40 years, the goal of ATHENA

International has been to facilitate diversity, inclusion and representation by assisting women in a transformative leadership journey to find, focus and empower their own unique leadership. Today, ATHENA International's vast array of programming helps raise up and honor individuals and entrepreneurs in 48 states and 11 countries through the collaborative support and recognition from partner resources that include corporations, nonprofits, colleges, universities, chambers of commerce and community groups. ***When we uplift women, we help lift entire communities. A rising tide lifts all boats — and women are that tide.***

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