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IIDA RELEASES EDUCATORS ROUNDTABLE REPORT

CHICAGO — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) today released its 2016 IIDA Educators Roundtable Report, which addresses the future of interior design curriculum, diversity and inclusion in the industry, and supporting design students to ensure a successful transition into the profession. The report, "The State of Interior Design Curriculum," summarizes the productive and lively discussion during the inaugural Educators Roundtable, held Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2016, on the Roger Milliken Campus in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

“What does it mean to provide students with rigorous design education; how do we extend education beyond the degree; and how are we supporting designers as they transition from student to professional? The Educators Roundtable Report captures the unique perspectives of the design educators and practitioners who participated in this critical conversation, provides a roadmap for exploring these issues, and is an invaluable resource for both those who are preparing and those who are hiring early career designers,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP, who moderated the Educators Roundtable.

Event host Stacy Walker, Industry IIDA, Director of Customer Experience at Milliken, echoed the importance of bringing together professionals from both academia and industry. “If we stand together we are all more impactful,” said Walker. “Allowing voices from all areas of interior design to offer their insight on these important topics means that the Educators Roundtable Report addresses the gaps that exist in how we teach, mentor, and train the next generation of design professionals.”

Five previous IIDA Educator of the Year honorees participated in the Educators Roundtable, including Amy Campos, IIDA (Principal, ACA - Amy Campos Architect and Associate Professor, Interior Design Program, California College of the Arts); Liset Robinson, IIDA (Associate Chair, SCAD-Atlanta); Virginia San Fratello, IIDA (Associate Professor, San Jose University); Lisa M. Tucker, Ph.D., IIDA, FIDEC, FASID, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, WELL AP (Professor and Chair, Interior Design, School of Architecture + Design, Virginia Tech); and So Yeon Yoon, Ph.D., IIDA (Associate Professor, Cornell University). The IIDA Educator of the Year award is sponsored by Milliken.

Additional participants included: Bill Bouchey, IIDA (Director of Design, Interiors, HOK); Mary Bledsoe, IIDA, RID, LEED AP ID+C (Design Director, Studio Director, Gensler); Annie Chu, IIDA, FAIA (Principal, Chu + Gooding Architects and Professor of Interior Architecture, Woodbury University); Pamela Evans, Ph.D., IIDA, FIDEC, LEED AP (Chair Board of Directors, CID and Director, Interior Design, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Kent State University); Tara Headley, Assoc. IIDA, Allied ASID, NEWH (Junior Interior Designer, Hendrick); Migette L. Kaup, Ph.D., IIDA, IDEC, ASID, EDAC (IDEC President; Interior Design Program, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University); James Kerrigan, IIDA, LEED AP ID+C (Design Principal of Interiors, Jacobs); Jon P. Otis, IIDA (Principal & Creative Director, Object Agency and Professor Interior Design, Pratt Institute); Felice Silverman, FIIDA (Principal, Silverman Trykowski and Assoc. Board of Trustees member, Boston Architectural College); and Mary King Sullivan, IIDA, CDT, LEED AP BD+C (Workplace | Interior Architecture, Director of Strategic Relationships, Little).
A digital version of the 2016 Educators Roundtable Report is available online at www.iida.org. Hard copies are also available. For questions and more information, please contact Vera Reinke, Senior Director of Marketing and Communications, at 312.379.5147 or vreinke@iida.org.

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