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Internationally recognized educator Stephanie Pace Marshall installed as the first woman to lead the prestigious Lincoln Academy of Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Internationally recognized educator Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall has been installed as the Chancellor of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, the organization that annually bestows the state's highest honor, The Order of Lincoln. Marshall, a past recipient of the honor, becomes the first woman to lead the Lincoln Academy in its 52-year history.

“A society is often judged by what and who it chooses to honor. Through the Lincoln Academy, Illinois has chosen to honor those whose life's work has made us all better and moved humanity forward,” Marshall said. “I am deeply honored to serve as the Academy's next Chancellor.”

Marshall was named to the uncompensated post by Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner. She succeeds outgoing Chancellor William Bennett. The Chancellor sets direction for the Lincoln Academy, oversees the nomination of individuals to receive The Order of Lincoln Award, and hosts the annual Laureate and Student Laureate Convocations.

Marshall is recognized internationally as a pioneering educational leader, speaker and writer. She is the Founding President and President Emerita of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy; the Founding President of the National Consortium of Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science and Technology; and past president of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, International. She has held leadership positions at every level of education, has written more than 40 journal articles, and is the author of the award-winning book, *The Power to Transform: Leadership that Brings Learning and Schooling to Life*.

Marshall was invited to become a member of the Illinois Hall of Fame; the Clinton Global Initiative; the State of the World Forum; and the Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce in London. She serves as a Trustee of the Society for Science and the Public in Washington, DC and is a director of the Fry Foundation in Chicago. She is a member of the Commercial Club, the Economic Club, the Executive Club, and the Chicago Network. Marshall holds a BA from Queens College of New York, an MA from the University of Chicago and a PH.D from Loyola University of Chicago.

As a result of her achievements, Marshall was awarded The Order of Lincoln by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois in 2005, the state's highest award for achievement for those who were either born or reside in the state. She was appointed as a trustee of the Lincoln Academy in 2012 and as Vice Chancellor in 2015. Additional biographical information can be found at www.stephaniepacemarshall.com.

Since 1964 the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization, has honored the outstanding contributions of living Illinois citizens who by birth or residence have advanced the social, cultural and technological progress of mankind. Chaired by the incumbent Illinois Governor, the Academy also annually recognizes young Illinois leaders and names them Student Laureates of the Academy, one senior from each of the state's four-year, degree-granting public and private colleges and universities and one representing the state's community colleges. For more

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