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Nancy Conrad to Receive Prestigious 2019 Intellectual Property Champion Award from U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Award bestowed for excellence in education

HOUSTON – Nancy Conrad, founder of the <u>Conrad Foundation</u>, will be honored by the <u>U.S. Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Center</u> at the 7th Annual IP Champions Gala, taking place October 29, 2019, in Washington D.C. The annual event honors distinguished leaders who have made outstanding contributions to culture and society through creativity and innovation.

Conrad will receive the 2019 Intellectual Property Champion Award for her Foundation's exceptional work in education. The Foundation's flagship program, the Conrad Challenge, encourages innovation, creativity, critical thinking and entrepreneurial collaboration among high school students. Student teams from around the world are invited to design the future by creating solutions to global and local challenges.

"To create tomorrow's leaders, we must give them a transformative educational experience today. This is essential when building an innovative workforce to sustain our knowledge-based economy," Conrad said. "This core belief is at the heart of the Conrad Foundation and all we do within the Conrad Challenge. It is our mission to promote an entrepreneurial mindset among students around the globe to support sustainability for all humankind. We are deeply honored to be recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce with this award."

Conrad is one of 13 elite honorees who hail from fields ranging from music and film to science, medicine and technology. They were chosen because of their ability to capture imaginations and enrich lives through the arts, to develop game-changing and often life-saving innovations, to create jobs and to help make America's economy the most diverse and dynamic in the world. Gala attendees will include 300-400 policy influencers, senior members of Congressional leadership, diplomatic community representatives, media, senior industry representatives and other thought leaders.

To learn more about the 7th Annual IP Champions Gala, visit the <u>official press release</u> or the <u>event page</u>. For more information on the Conrad Foundation and Conrad Challenge, visit <u>www.conradchallenge.org</u>

About the Conrad Foundation

The Conrad Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting collaborative, student-centered, real world-relevant learning that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship. Through its programs, the Foundation unleashes students' potential to create impactful solutions and a sustainable society for generations to come. For more information, visit www.conradchallenge.org.

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