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Bernard J. Milano Receives Prestigious AABHE Advocacy Award

April, 2013- The KPMG Foundation and The PhD Project Association are proud to announce that Bernard J. Milano, President and Trustee of the KPMG Foundation, and President and Board member of The PhD Project and KPMG Disaster Relief Fund, has been awarded the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education's 2013 AABHE Advocacy Award. He was selected by unanimous decision by the AABHE Board of Directors to receive the award.

The AABHE Advocacy Award goes to those individuals who have served as an advocate for marginalized groups; and to those individuals, whose vision or actions have dramatically expanded and enhanced educational opportunities for all groups and advanced issues of access and opportunities for Blacks and other under-represented groups in higher education. AABHE cited Mr. Milano's "stellar career as President of the KPMG Foundation and President of The PhD Project," as examples of these accomplishments.

"While I am honored and humbled by this award it is the vision, courage, commitment and generosity of KPMG that has allowed our programs to achieve the results this award celebrates," Milano said. "Mainly through The PhD Project, coupled with the KPMG Foundation minority initiatives, the number of minority faculty has nearly quadrupled since The Project was initiated in 1994. Few organizations are willing to stay the course necessary to achieve such dramatic results; KPMG has been steadfast in its approach to systemic change in business education."

Mr. Milano graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting, and started his career with KPMG in the audit practice of the Philadelphia office. Prior to his current roles as president of the KPMG Foundation and the KPMG Disaster Relief Fund, he held positions of increasing responsibility including National Partner in Charge of University Relations and National Partner in Charge of Human Resources. He lives with his wife, Sharon, and sons Matthew and Adam in Allendale, New Jersey. Mr. Milano has four older children and six grandchildren. Mr. Milano holds honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from North Carolina A&T State University and Kent State University.

The PhD Project

The PhD Project, a 501(c) (3) organization that the KPMG Foundation founded in 1994, recruits minority professionals from business into doctoral programs in all business disciplines. Since its inception, The PhD Project has been responsible for the increase in the number of minority business professors from 294 to 1,172. Further, 362 minorities are currently enrolled in doctoral programs, and will take a place at the front of the classroom over the next few years. The Project attacks the root cause of minority under-representation in corporate jobs: historically, very few minority college students study business as an entrée to a corporate career. Diversifying the faculty attracts more minorities to study business and better prepares all students to function in a diverse workforce.

KPMG Foundation

The KPMG Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation. The Foundation operates on donations from KPMG LLP, the U.S. audit, tax and advisory firm. For fiscal year 2012, KPMG donated over \$6.3 million to the Foundation. Through the KPMG Foundation, the firm has spent over 40 years supporting and developing programs to enhance business education.

AABHE

AABHE has more than 25 years of experience focused on meeting the educational and professional needs of Blacks in higher education by targeting leadership, access, and vital issues impacting students, faculty, staff and administrators, and in the field of higher education.

AABHE pursues its mission by collaborating with: individuals, institutions,

groups, agencies and corporations to institute, provide, and maintain various avenues associated with leadership development. We accomplish these initiatives through such programs as the Leadership and Mentoring Institute, Doctoral Students Awards for Research, the Educational Study Tour and the newly formed office, Vice President for Research.