

PHD PROJECT PROFESSOR DR. KELLY RICHMOND POPE WINS HBO BEST DOCUMENTARY AWARD

Montvale, NJ. October, 2017- The PhD Project, an award-winning program to create a more diverse corporate America, congratulates PhD Project Professor Dr. Kelly Richmond Pope for receiving the HBO Best Documentary award for her debut film – *All The Queen's Horses*.

Dr. Pope, who is an associate professor of accounting at DePaul University and a successful alum of The PhD Project, won the HBO Best Documentary Spotlight Award at the Martha's Vineyard African American Film Festival in August. The film will continue to screen at film festivals around the world and at private screening events throughout the year.

The film investigates the largest case of municipal fraud in American history, that of a mid-level government employee who stole \$53 million from the city of Dixon, IL over 20 years.

PhD Project president Bernard J. Milano said: “Kelly Pope is extending her influence far beyond the classroom to reach the general public and educate them about the nature of municipal fraud. She has made a valuable contribution to the public discourse with this film. It is another example of the many ways that our nearly 1,400 PhD Project professors are enhancing public understanding of the business disciplines on and well beyond college campuses across the country. We are proud of her accomplishment.”

The PhD 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

Prior to her academic career, Dr. Pope was a senior associate at KPMG LLP. The PhD Project was founded by the KPMG Foundation in 1994 and 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 1,409.

The PhD Project has received ongoing support from its sponsoring companies, participating universities and organizations, and supply alliance members. Its founding organizations in addition to the [KPMG Foundation](#), are the [Graduate Management Admission Council](#), [Citi Foundation](#), [AACSB International](#). Other leading corporations, foundations and associations funding it include: 298 [Participating Universities](#), [AICPA Foundation](#), [DiversityInc](#), [Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP](#), [American Marketing Association](#), [Rockwell Collins](#), [John Deere Foundation](#), [CIGNA](#), [California State University System](#), [Lincoln Financial Group](#), [Academy of Management](#), [American Accounting Association](#), [City University of New York System](#), [Aerotek/TEKsystems \(operating companies of Allegis Group\)](#), [NASBA](#), [OCWEN Financial Corporation](#), [Thrivent Financial](#) and [American Express Foundation](#).

For more information on The PhD Project, visit: <http://www.phdproject.org> or contact Lisa King at 646-234-5080 or lisak@mediaimpact.biz.

To view more about Dr. Pope's film, visit: <http://www.allthequeenshorsesfilm.com/> or view the trailer at <https://vimeo.com/221890977>.

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