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## VISION 2020 ADDS NEW NATIONAL ALLIES TO NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR EQUALITY

PHILADELPHIA (December 13, 2011) – Three national organizations have joined Vision 2020's rallying call to achieve women's equality in the United States by the year 2020: **The League of Women Voters**, **the Association for Women in Science** and **Athena International**.

These organizations join 43 Vision 2020 National Allies, which are national groups that endorse Vision 2020's mission and are working on similar goals. For a full listing, visit: <a href="https://drexel.edu/vision2020/who/partners/">drexel.edu/vision2020/who/partners/</a>. The National Allies' combined membership represents more than 20 million women and girls.

Director of Drexel University College of Medicine's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership and Founder and Co-Chair of Vision 2020 Lynn Yeakel described the addition of these National Allies as "a significant step forward to raise awareness about gender inequities on a national scale."

"These three organizations share Vision 2020's commitment to advance women's leadership across professions and issues," Yeakel said.

Vision 2020 is a project of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine. It launched, in 2010, a decade of activity to achieve equality by the year 2020 —the centennial of women's suffrage. Five national goals have been set to advance women's equality:

- Achieve pay equity
- Increase the number of women in senior leadership positions
- Promote family-friendly workplace policies and practices
- Educate new generations of girls and boys to respect each other
- Mobilize women voters

Two women leaders from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia are developing and implementing initiatives in their areas to achieve the five goals. To learn more about these initiatives, visit <a href="mailto:drexel.edu/vision2020/goals/initiatives/">drexel.edu/vision2020/goals/initiatives/</a>.

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