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VISION 2020 NAMES 2011 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOREES

CHICAGO (September 29, 2011) –Vision 2020 will honor four trailblazing women during its second annual congress, Vision + Action = Equality in Motion Oct. 11-13, 2011, in Chicago.

The leadership honorees are:

- **Dawn Staley**, Hall of Fame Olympic gold medalist and University of South Carolina women's basketball coach;
- **Maria Hinojosa**, Emmy-winning TV news journalist and *Frontline* reporter for PBS;
- **Coline Jenkins**, Descendant of suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton and co-Founder of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust;
- **Mara Liasson**, NPR national political correspondent.

They will be honored at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Chase Tower Auditorium in Chicago.

Tickets are free, but reservations are required:

<http://drexel.edu/vision2020/conversation/register/>

Staley is a three-time Olympic gold medalist and coach of the University of South Carolina women's basketball team. She is one of the most decorated participants in U.S. women's basketball history and known for her off-the-court contributions as well. She has twice received the Wanamaker Award, presented annually to the athlete, team or organization that has done the most to reflect credit to the team or sport in which he/she excels. Staley is in the Class of 2012 for induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

Hinojosa has helped tell America's untold stories and brought to light unsung heroes in America and abroad. She is currently reporting for *Frontline* on immigration detention. Hinojosa has received the Ruben Salazar Communications Award from the National Council of La Raza and was inducted into the "She Made It" Hall of Fame at the Paley Center/Museum of Television and Radio in a program that honors women trailblazers in the media.

Jenkins is a legislator, author and television producer. She is co-founder and president of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust, a collection of 3,000 objects of women's suffrage memorabilia. She co-authored the book *33 Things Every Girl Should Know about Women's History* and produced the television documentary *An American Revolution: Women Take Their Place*.

Liasson is the national political correspondent for NPR, and a regular panelist on *Special Report with Bret Baier* and *Fox News Sunday* on Fox News Channel. Her reports can be heard regularly on NPR's award-winning newsmagazines *All Things Considered* and *Morning Edition*. She has won the White House Correspondents Association's Merriman Smith Award for daily news coverage in 1994, 1995, and again in 1997.

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Hinojosa will be recognized during **3,000 Days and Counting (1:45 p.m.)** a free public event during the congress, and she will also host the event. Staley, Jenkins and Liasson will be recognized during **Kudos & Comedy (4:30 p.m.)**

Following the awards, **renowned improv troupe The Second City** will perform.

The event will be followed by a reception, where Vision 2020 Delegates—women leaders from all 50 states—sponsors, Chicago community leaders, and Vision 2020 medal recipients will have the opportunity to exchange ideas.

About Vision 2020

Vision 2020 is working to make equality a national priority through shared leadership among women and men. Its first public event was held Oct. 21-22, 2010, when a congress of national delegates, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, gathered at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia to launch a campaign to move America toward equality by 2020, the centennial celebration of the 19th Amendment. Vision 2020 is a project of Drexel University College of Medicine's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership.

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