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Carol Carter Named Upton Sinclair Award Winner

Liberty Hill Foundation award honors leaders making a difference in education

(DENVER, CO – January 30, 2018) — Carol Carter, president and founder of [GlobalMindED](#), was named a winner of the Upton Sinclair Award, an annual honor presented by the Liberty Hill Foundation of Los Angeles, which recognizes individuals making an outstanding contribution to the field of education. The award will be presented at a dinner in Beverly Hills on April 19.

The Liberty Hill Foundation has been a national leader in social justice since 1976, and began presenting the Upton Sinclair Award in 2005. The foundation focuses on changing national policy and developing community leaders dedicated to transforming neighborhoods. Areas of focus include education, racial justice, LGBTQ issues and the environment. Past award winners include Geoffrey Canada, Founder of Harlem's Children's Zone, Stephen Colbert, acclaimed author Jonathan Kozol, and Ben Carson.

"I'm honored to receive this prestigious award," said Carter. "I've spent most of my career expanding opportunities for women, minorities, and first-generation students who often get left behind. I will gratefully accept this award on their behalf."

Carol Carter is the author of 11 books for students in grades 5-12, and her *Keys to Success* series is used by more than 200,000 college freshmen each year throughout the U.S. and has been translated into Chinese, Spanish, Arabic and Canadian editions. For the last fifteen years, Carter has been president of LifeBound, a student success company that publishes books and conducts trainings in academic coaching skills for college faculty and K-12 administrators, counselors, teachers, and parents. Prior to that, she was an executive at Pearson Education for 17 years.

In 2014, Carol founded GlobalMindED, a non-profit organization annually convening leaders in education, government, business, and funding to close the equity gap. In addition to the annual conference, the organization produces leadership classes for First Gen Students, works with colleges around the country on GlobalMindED Collaboratives which empower underrepresented students to inform and advance an inclusive agenda on their college campus and in some K-12 districts, with a bold goal of 25,000,000 students by 2025.

More About GlobalMindED: an educational and research 501c3 committed to closing the equity gap through education, entrepreneurship, experiences, employment and economic mobility for first-generation-to-college and underrepresented students and job seekers. GlobalMindED improves access and equity from early childhood to late life employment through improved graduation rates and sustainable careers with promotion pathways. Learn more at www.globalminded.org.