



**PRESS RELEASE**

**GlobalMinded**

**INCLUSIVE LEADER AWARDS**

## **GlobalMinded ANNOUNCES 2021 INCLUSIVE LEADER AWARD WINNERS**

*Third Annual Event Supported by The PhD Project and El Pomar Foundation  
Honored 15 Inclusive Leaders Across Business, Government, Education, and Non-Profits*

NOVEMBER 3, 2021: GlobalMinded's 2021 Inclusive Leaders were announced tonight during a virtual awards ceremony held at 6:00 pm EDT. More than 3,000 viewers watched as GlobalMinded's 2020 Inclusive Leaders named the 2021 winners who serve as role models of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (IDE) across 15 major industry sectors. The 45-minute presentation highlighted each recipient individually and featured inspiring stories of perseverance followed by success. This year's Inclusive Leaders are rooted in the Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities and were selected by GlobalMinded to honor each winner's pioneering work, leadership among peers, and influence among the first-generation college student population GlobalMinded serves. The evening was hosted by GlobalMinded CEO & Founder, Carol J. Carter and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Celeste Gardner with Executive Producer, Dr. Crystal Rose, M.D., Ph.D.

### **2021 INCLUSIVE LEADER AWARD WINNERS**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD:** **Isabelle Hau**, *Impact Education Funder and Board Member*, Think Equal

Isabelle Hau focuses on philanthropy, impact investing, and education, to make high quality learning accessible and joyful for all children starting at birth. You can follow Isabelle Hau on her newsletter [Small Talks](#).

**K-12:** **Ron Lessard**, *Acting Executive Director & Chief of Staff*, White House Initiative on American Indian & Alaskan Native Education at the United States Department of Education

Ron Lessard is an American Indian from the Mohawk and Abenaki Tribes committed to the rights of Indigenous people, especially Native-American children, receiving the best education in a culturally appropriate way. [WHIAIANE](#)

**HIGHER EDUCATION:** **Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, Ph.D., J.D.**, *President*, Tennessee State University

Dr. Glover has advanced a five-point vision at TSU that includes academic progress, partnerships, diversity and inclusion, shared governance, and outreach. One of President Glover's initiatives is TSU's Global SMART Technology Innovation Center with regional hubs and coding centers at 26 HBCUs. [Tennessee State University](#)

**GOVERNMENT:** **Janet Salazar**, *President & Executive Chairman*, Foundation for the Support of the United Nations

Janet Salazar is known for bringing the business and private sector perspective inside the U.N. by convening global forums and dialogues around global issues in partnership with U.N. entities and missions. [FSUN](#)

**HEALTH & WELLNESS:** **Dr. Georges Benjamin, M.D.**, *Executive Director*, American Public Health Association

As one of the nation's most influential physician leaders, Dr. Benjamin speaks about the health issues having the greatest impact on our nation and leads the push to make America the healthiest nation in one generation. [APHA](#)

**BANKING & FINANCE:** **Ron Homer**, *Chief Impact Investing Strategist*, RBC Global Asset Management

Ron Homer's investing efforts have led to affordable housing, jobs, and small business loans in underserved communities. As an industry veteran who has worked in financial services over decades, Ron consults with leading government officials on a variety of community impact issues. [RBC Global Asset Management](#)

**ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY:** **Dr. Ash Pachauri, Ph.D.**, *Director*, The Center for Human Progress and *Co-Founder and Senior Mentor*, Protect Our Planet Movement

Dr. Pachauri leads youth- and community-initiatives for behavior change, health education, policy, and advocacy promoting public health, human rights, and the sustainable development goals. [The POP Movement](#)

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**SPACE & AEROSPACE:** **Ali Guarneros Luna**, *Project Manager*, NASA Ames Research Center

Ali Luna was a single mother with four children when she graduated with a degree in aerospace engineering from San Jose State University and began working at NASA. Ali cites her most meaningful accomplishment as the mentoring programs she's helped develop linking San Jose State students with NASA. [Ali Guarneros Luna](#)

**TECHNOLOGY:** **Ken McNeely**, *President*, Western Region AT&T

Ken McNeely leads AT&T's workforce in the state and serves on the Officer Advisory Board for LEAGUE—AT&T's LGBT and allied employee resource group and the oldest LGBT employee resource group in the nation. [Ken McNeely AT&T Pacific](#)

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP:** **Claudia Romo Edelman**, *Founder*, We Are All Human

Claudia Edelman has more than 25 years of experience leading advocacy for global organizations including UNICEF, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), and the World Economic Forum. [We Are All Human](#)

**MEDIA & ARTS:** **Linda Yaccarino**, *Chairman*, Global Advertising and Partnerships, NBC Universal

Linda Yaccarino helped NBCUniversal through the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, partnering with the Ad Council, the White House, and various government agencies to create a massive PSA campaign to educate millions of Americans. [Linda Yaccarino](#)

**FOUNDATIONS & FUNDERS:** **British Robinson**, *President & CEO*, Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

British Robinson's focus is improving literacy rates across the country, stating "We believe that improving literacy is the key to solving everything—which is why we're fighting to give everyone in America an opportunity to take a second chance on education." [Barbara Bush Foundation](#)

**LEADERSHIP & EQUITY:** **Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.**, *President & CEO*, Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)

Under Johnny Taylor's leadership, SHRM has grown to 300,000+ members in over 165 countries who impact the lives of more than 110 million workers. Mr. Taylor testifies before Congress on critical workforce issues—from sexual harassment to paid leave. He authors "Ask HR" for *USA Today*. [Johnny Taylor](#)

**NON-PROFIT:** **Dr. Cheryl Crazy Bull**, *President and CEO*, American Indian College Fund

Dr. Crazy Bull is a citizen of the Sicangu Lakota Nation. She is a lifelong educator, community activist, and advocate for self-determination with a viewpoint that focuses on Native voice, philosophy, and traditions as the heart of building prosperity in Indigenous communities. [American Indian College Fund](#)

**GLOBAL IMPACT:** **Dr. Michael M. Crow, Ph.D.**, *President*, Arizona State University (ASU)

Dr. Crow has created a "New American University," that simultaneously demonstrates comprehensive excellence and inclusivity representative of the ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of the United States. [ASU Office of the President](#)

The annual Inclusive Leadership Awards are a signature program of [GlobalMindED.org](#), a 501c3 dedicated to closing the equity gap by creating a capable, diverse talent pipeline through connections to role models, mentors, and internships for least resourced students, returning adults, First Gen to college, and inclusive leaders who teach them, work with them, and hire them. [GlobalMindED's](#) other programs include a daily newsletter, a strong Summer Start Leadership program for college freshmen, monthly equity events, and an annual conference that will be held June 22, 23, 24, 2022 in Denver, Colorado.

The **PhD Project** strives to create a stronger, more diverse workforce. Through its unique model, the nonprofit organization's Black/African American, Latinx/Hispanic American and Native American members pursue business PhDs with the intent to become university faculty, teaching and guiding students who aspire to a career in business. **El Pomar**, a private, general-purpose foundation, accepts applications from 501(c)3 organizations serving the state of Colorado in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health, and human services.

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