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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Haidi Appel Wins Barbara Livermore Award for Commitment to the No Excuses University Network**

Dallas, Texas – Haidi Appel was presented with the prestigious Barbara Livermore After High School Comes College Award on October 25, 2019, for outstanding dedication to the students of the No Excuses University (NEU) Network of Schools. Haidi Appel is the ninth person to receive this organization's highest recognition.

The award was presented at the No Excuses University National Convention held in Dallas, TX. The award is named in honor of Barbara Livermore, the mother of the founders of the NEU Network. It is presented each year to an individual who exemplifies the NEU spirit in all they do.

Haidi Appel is the principal of Lincoln Middle School in the El Paso Independent School District. While Lincoln first joined the network in 2016, Haidi has been living the message for over a dozen years. First, in her role as principal at Mitzi Bond Elementary, the school was one of the first in the state of Texas and across the nation to join the network. She has never wavered in her words about and in support of NEU.

Last year's winner, Elizabeth Atkinson, stated "She exemplifies No Excuses in her professional and personal life and in doing so, makes us all incredibly proud to be associated with her".

Damen Lopez, Founder of NEU, shared, "As an educator, parent, and community member, Haidi's integrity and her heart for children are paramount in all she does".

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