

Lesser to receive KSU Global Public Service Prize

Craig S. Lesser, founder of the Pendleton Consulting Group and formerly Commissioner of Economic Development for the State of Georgia, will receive the Kennesaw State University Global Public Service Prize in recognition of his “legacy of compelling public service to the State of Georgia and his accomplishments in engaging our state with the world,” according to Lance R. Askildson, Ph.D., Vice-Provost & Chief International Officer of KSU.

Over the past five years, Kennesaw State University has awarded its Global Public Service Scholarship Prize to global leaders of distinction from around the world.

“This year, we are pleased to recognize Craig Lesser and his significant contributions to global public service in his previous roles as Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Economic Development and as Chairman of the Board for CIFAL Atlanta,” Askildson said in announcing the recognition.

The Global Public Service Prize is awarded in honor of an international figure that has made important contributions to public service in their country/region that have transformed the lives of their citizens in service to the public good.

“We are honored to have this opportunity to celebrate Craig’s transformational impact on Kennesaw State, Cobb County, metropolitan Atlanta and the great state of Georgia through his exceptional diplomacy, hard work and generous spirit,” Askildson added

Lesser will be recognized at a formal presentation ceremony for the Prize during KSU’s annual Awards Banquet May 2, 2019 in the Jolley Lodge on the Kennesaw State University campus. The 6 p.m. event will feature remarks and introductions by Kennesaw State University leaders and dignitaries.

On behalf of Kennesaw State University, it is my great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive the Kennesaw State University Global Public Service Prize in honor of your legacy of compelling public service to the state of Georgia and your accomplishments in engaging our state with the world. Over the past five years, Kennesaw State University has awarded its Global Public Service Scholarship Prize to global leaders of distinction from around the world: H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana; Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, President of Soka Gakkai International; H.E. Hunaina Al-Mughairy, U.S. Ambassador from the Sultanate of Oman; H.E. Maria do Carmo Silveira, Prime Minister of So Tome and Principe; and Mr. Rodney Mims Cook Jr., President of the National Monuments Foundation. This year, we are exceedingly pleased to recognize you and your significant contributions to global public service in your previous roles as Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Economic Development and as Chairman of the Board for CIFAL Atlanta.

The Global Public Service Prize is awarded in honor of an international figure that has made important contributions to public service in their country/region that have transformed the lives of their citizens in service to the public good. At my nomination and with the unanimous support of the Kennesaw State University Faculty Selection Committee, we are honored to have this opportunity to celebrate your transformational impact on Kennesaw State, Cobb County, metropolitan Atlanta and the great state of Georgia through your exceptional diplomacy, hard work and generous spirit.

As the recipient of the Global Public Service Prize, Kennesaw State University is pleased to invite you to attend the formal presentation ceremony for the Prize during our annual International/Achievement Awards Banquet on May 2, 2019 on the Kennesaw State University campus. The event will be held at 6:00pm in the Jolley Lodge and will feature remarks and introductions by Kennesaw State University leaders and dignitaries. We would also invite you to make brief remarks as our featured keynote speaker.

At your convenience, we would humbly request the pleasure of your formal acceptance of the Global Public Service Prize and confirmation of your attendance.

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Please accept our sincere gratitude for your consideration of this attempt to honor you and your legacy of public service with our Global Public Service Prize. This recognition is intended as a compelling instantiation of our great esteem for you and your legacy of global accomplishments.

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