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Claremont Graduate University Appoints Deborah A. Freund as President

Professor Deborah A. Freund has been appointed the 15th president of Claremont Graduate University (CGU) by the university's Board of Trustees. Freund will be the first woman to serve as president of CGU.

"Professor Freund personifies the 85-year tradition of dedication to academic excellence in research and teaching that is CGU's hallmark," said Chairman of the Board Donald Baker. "As an internationally recognized scholar and sought-after expert in the field of health-care policies and economics, she will have a decidedly positive impact on CGU's students and faculty. We are fortunate that she will bring extensive administrative experience to her service as president of Claremont Graduate University."

Freund was vice chancellor and provost at Syracuse University from 1999-2006, and has held the title of Distinguished Professor of Public Administration and Economics from Syracuse's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs since 2004. In addition to her faculty position at the Maxwell School, she is also a senior research associate at the school's Center for Policy Research.

"To be asked to lead an educational institution of such distinction and accomplishment as CGU in these changing times for higher education is a challenge and a privilege," said Freund. "Meeting such challenges going forward will be possible because of the dedication, talent, and enthusiasm of CGU's trustees, faculty, students, alumni, and staff. CGU's pacesetting record of transdisciplinary research and teaching mirrors what I have also been committed to during my 30 years in the academy. More importantly, this perspective is not only central to our success in the university, but to finding the best ways of approaching and solving the complex problems we all face in the world today."

With the selection of Freund as its new president, CGU has completed an extensive and expansive search for the institution's new leader. "Everyone in the university community is looking forward to welcoming Professor Freund as a scholar, an administrative leader, and a visionary to help us chart our course for the future," said Trustee Beverly Ryder, chair of the Presidential Search Committee. "From the earliest contact with Professor Freund, the members of the search

committee could see how her interests and accomplishments were a strong match with CGU's mission to educate the next generation of society's leaders."

Freund came to Syracuse University from Indiana University Bloomington (IU) where she was vice chancellor and dean of the faculties, and special advisor to the president and vice president of the IU System on Academic Affairs for five years. While at IU, Freund also served as chair of the Health Sciences and Administration Faculty in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs from 1988-1992; as associate dean from 1992-1994; and director of the Bowen Research Center, whose participating scholars conducted health policy and health services research at IU from 1989-1999. From 1985-1988, Freund was the director of the Program on Health Economics and Finance at the Health Services Research Center, director of the PhD Program in Health Policy and Administration, and director of the Clinical Economics Training Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She holds a PhD from the University of Michigan in economics, an MA in applied economics and MPH in medical care administration from the same institution. Trained as a health-care administrator, Freund also holds the rank of adjunct professor of pediatrics and orthopaedic surgery at Upstate Medical University, State University of New York. She received her bachelor's degree in Classics from Washington University in St. Louis in 1973.

Freund has an outstanding history of accomplishments in fundraising and sponsored research, having been the principal investigator on more than \$50 million in grants. Under her leadership, Syracuse University faculty increased sponsored research by 400 percent.

At Syracuse, Freund championed interdisciplinary research, working to encourage interdisciplinary opportunities in five areas of excellence: 1) citizenship and governance, 2) environmental systems, 3) information technology, 4) religion and society, and 5) disability policy. She strengthened four already strong areas into ones of worldwide distinction: 1) internationalization of the curriculum and study abroad, 2) diversity, 3) writing, and the 4) integration of theory and practice.

Freund is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Trustee Award for Excellence from the American Hospital Association (2007), election as a Fellow of the National Academy of Social Insurance (2003), the Kershaw Prize for best young public policy researcher from the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (1991), a W.K. Kellogg Foundation National Leadership Fellow (1986-1989), and was the first provost ever elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). She is the recipient of the Jay S. Drotman Prize from the American Public Health Association for young health professionals challenging traditional public health policy or practice. Freund has also served on numerous boards, including positions with the Association of American Universities, the Health Research and Education Trust of the American Hospital Association (where she was board chair, 2003-2005), and the National Women's Hall of Fame (2005-Present). Freund is included in multiple lists of influential leaders, including the *500 Most Influential People in U.S. Health Care*.

At a date to be determined, Freund will be joined by her spouse, the renowned labor economist Thomas J. Kniesner, the Krisher Professor of Economics and a senior research associate at the Center for Policy Research at Syracuse. He will bring his considerable expertise to CGU's School of Politics and Economics as a university professor. Freund and Kniesner have a son, William, who is 15 years old.

Freund will be completing responsibilities in her role at Syracuse University over the next few months and will formally take office in Claremont in the fall. Current Interim President Joseph C. Hough will continue until Freund's arrival in Claremont.

Founded in 1925, Claremont Graduate University is an independent institution devoted entirely to graduate research and study. On our 19-acre campus in Claremont, California, our nine academic schools conduct leading-edge research and award masters and doctoral degrees in 24 disciplines. Because the world's problems are not simple nor easily defined, diverse faculty and students research and study across the traditional discipline boundaries to create new and practical solutions for the major problems plaguing our world.





Deborah A. Freund

Deborah Freund is a distinguished professor of public administration and economics at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. She also serves as director of the Upstate Health Research Group and as adjunct professor of orthopedics at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University. Freund was vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost of Syracuse University from 1999-2006. From July 2006-November 2007, she was special advisor to the president and visiting professor of business administration in the Simon Graduate School of Business at the University of Rochester.

A visiting scholar at Stanford University, Harvard University, Australian National University, and Keio University, Freund is an internationally recognized health economist, known for research on Medicaid, health-care outcomes, and pharmacoconomics. She has published widely and has been the principal investigator on more than \$50 million in grants and contracts from the federal government and private foundations. She has been a member of numerous editorial boards. She has testified as an expert before Congress and consulted for state governments, the Clinton Healthcare Taskforce, foreign countries, and international pharmaceutical companies.

Freund came to Syracuse University in 1999 from Indiana University- Bloomington, where she had served as vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of the faculties from 1994-1999; associate dean for academic affairs in the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) from 1992-1994; chair of the SPEA health sciences and administration faculty from 1988-1992; and director of the IU School of Medicine's Bowen Research Center from 1989-1999. Prior to that, she was on the faculty of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and was director of the Program on Health Economics and Finance and the Clinical Economics Training Program.

She received an AB degree in classics from Washington University in St. Louis in 1973, as well as an MPH degree in medical care administration in 1975, an MA degree in applied economics in 1975, and a PhD in economics in 1980, all from the University of Michigan. Freund was awarded the Drotman Prize from the American Public Health Association in 1981 and the Kershaw Prize from the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management in 1991. She has sat or sits on the governing or advisory boards of Health Research and Education Trust, the Lifetime Health Care Companies, the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the National Women's Hall of Fame, the University of California Berkeley School of Public Health, the Manlius Pebble Hill School, the Golisano Children's Hospital, and the Freedom from Hunger Foundation.

At Syracuse University, one of Freund's major accomplishments was spearheading the development of a new strategic academic plan – introduced in spring 2001 – intended to secure the foundation of SU's student-centered research mission and establish "signature" experiences that distinguish a Syracuse education. Central to the plan have been strategic research partnerships in interdisciplinary areas including information management and technology, environmental systems and quality, collaborative design, and citizenship and social transformation, along with a concerted effort to strengthen four of the university's already-existing signature areas – international field study, diversity, writing, and theory and practice integration.

Freund also led the process that developed an academic space plan in support of the academic plan. Approved by SU's Board of Trustees in fall 2002, the academic space plan involved a \$240 million institutional investment – through bonding and fundraising – in new and renovated facilities, including construction of new buildings for the Martin J. Whitman School of Management and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, as well as the 210,000-square-foot Life Sciences Complex.

During her tenure at Syracuse University, Freund also:

- hired distinguished faculty members and deans;
- instituted a strategic faculty development fund to retain faculty and address faculty salary disparities;
- increased wages for part-time faculty;
- actively fundraised for scholarships and endowed chairs and professorships;
- supported greater flexibility in tenure probation and the development of professors of practice; • supported diversity hiring and greater responsiveness to women's issues;
- strengthened the connection between academic affairs and student affairs, including the implementation of learning communities/theme housing in residence halls;
- increased the allocation to the university library system;
- oversaw a significant increase in the number of students involved in community service;
- strengthened a variety of doctoral programs through increased funding;
- created the Graduate Enrollment Management Center and increased graduate student enrollment;
- increased undergraduate study abroad opportunities;
- encouraged greater attention to student retention at the school/college and departmental levels; and
- oversaw a substantial increase in funding from external sponsors for research.