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Janice M. Abraham Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

COLUMBUS, OH (November 6, 2012) — Janice M. Abraham received The Griffith Insurance Education Foundation’s 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award. Barbara A. Baurer, CPCU, executive vice president and chief operating officer of COUNTRY Financial, presented the award during a ceremony on October 30. This award recognizes industry leaders for their commitment to education, and for their support of the missions of The Griffith Foundation and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI).

Abraham joined United Educators Insurance, a Reciprocal Risk Retention Group, as president and CEO in 1998. In leading United Educators (UE), she is responsible for developing and executing the organization’s business strategy and operational plans. During Abraham’s tenure, UE has become known as the premier risk management and liability insurance expert serving educational institutions, offering in depth expertise on the unique risks and claims facing education. The company has grown to serve more than 1,160 schools, colleges and universities as members.

Prior to joining UE, Abraham served the higher education community through her work as chief financial officer/treasurer at Whitman College, various senior positions at Cornell University, and the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), where she served as staff associate. Abraham also served as an international banker for J. P. Morgan.

Abraham was appointed the first woman to chair the board of governors of PCI from 2009-2010. She currently serves on the association’s Executive and Investment Committees. Abraham also serves on the board of directors of United Educators. Additionally, she serves as a trustee of Whitman College and on the Whitman College Investment Committee, The Griffith Foundation Leadership Council, The Institutes’ Board of Trustees, American University’s School of International Service Dean’s Advisory Council, and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges’ Editorial Board. She is a former president of the Western Association of College and University Business Officers (WACUBO) and a past member of the board of directors of NACUBO and the National Risk Retention Association.

In 2000, Business Insurance named Abraham one of the 100 Top Leading Women in the field of insurance. The Association of Professional Insurance Women selected Abraham as the recipient of its 2004 Insurance Woman of the Year award. In 2005, NACUBO
honored her with its Professional Development Award, and her high school conferred on her its Great Alumni Award. In 2006, *Business Insurance* honored her again, this time in its “Women to Watch” report as a leader of change in the insurance business. In 2011, she was named by *Reactions*, A Rising Star, and to *Insurance Networking’s* Women in Insurance Honoree. In 2012, she was noted by *Captive Review* as one of the Power 50. In 2011, during a sabbatical leave, Abraham worked with LeapFrog Investments, a micro-insurance private equity fund focused on developing and launching micro-insurance products in emerging markets. She has testified before Congress and the Treasury Department on insurance issues, and writes and speaks frequently on strategic issues affecting educational institutions and the insurance industry.

Abraham earned an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor’s degree in international service from American University.

A photo of Janice Abraham is available for download at [http://www.TheInstitutes.org/MediaCenter/images/JaniceAbraham.jpg](http://www.TheInstitutes.org/MediaCenter/images/JaniceAbraham.jpg)

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