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REAP hosts 2015 Legacy Luncheon

PORTLAND, Ore.—REAP Inc. will host the 2015 Legacy Luncheon on Thursday, April 16th, 12pm-1:30pm (doors open at 11:30am) at the **Double Tree by Hilton – Portland**, Holladay Ballroom, 1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232. The cost of the luncheon is \$25 dollars in advance and \$30 at the door. Students are admitted for FREE. **Business attire requested.**

The Legacy Luncheon focuses on the accomplishments and inspiring stories of both business leaders and REAP Ambassadors and highlights for young leaders the many pathways open to them. Join us for a moment of legacy and enjoy a formal lunch, inspiring conversation and compelling presentations by REAP Ambassadors.

The program includes a special business panel featuring: **Liz Fuller** - Managing Director, Gard Communications, **Nitin Rai** - President, The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), **Lisa Neal-Graves** - Director, Technology Insights, Intel Corporation and **Ben Berry**, Chief Technology Officer, the City of Portland and Aviation Entrepreneurial CEO and Founder for AirShip Technologies Group's AirShip Endurance VTOL UAVs and AirScape intelligence-as-a-service

In addition, REAP Inc. will give tribute to the following distinguished legacy award honorees for their longstanding leadership in the region: **Ed Washington**, Community Liaison for Diversity, Portland State University, **Rich Brown**, Senior Vice President, Bank of America and **Sharon Gary-Smith**, Executive Director, MRG Foundation.

2015 LEGACY AWARD HONOREES



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FEATURED PANEL SPEAKERS



Liz Fuller is the managing director of Gard, a corporate advertising and public relations firm well-known for its work in crisis communications, issue management and corporate communications related to regulatory, permitting and litigation matters. Before joining Gard, Liz danced professionally with Pacific Northwest Ballet in Seattle and Oregon Ballet Theatre.

After leaving the stage, she established a consulting firm serving arts organizations and elected officials. Currently, she serves on the boards of the Portland State University Foundation and p:ear, a nonprofit that supports homeless youth, of which she is the immediate past chair.



Nitin Rai is the President of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Oregon as well as Founder and CEO of First Insight Corporation. Nitin began his career in Silicon Valley and has over 25 years of experience in the software industry. He is Founder and CEO of First Insight Corporation, a leading electronic health records company in the eye care industry, serving eye physicians. Prior to founding First Insight in 1994, Nitin worked as a Senior Software Engineer at Mentor Graphics in Portland, Oregon, as well as startups in Silicon Valley and Seattle.

Nitin is active in the entrepreneurship community in Portland, Oregon, and has served as President of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Oregon for the past 2 years. He has been a charter member and board member of TiE Oregon since its inception in September 2007. He was chair of mentorship at TiE Oregon before taking on the role of President. Nitin is an active local angel investor and frequently leads investment efforts on behalf of TiE Oregon Angels. Nitin is a member of the board of directors of GlobeSherpa, CloudEngage, MobileRQ, and EdCalibur as well as board observer at Chirpify. He actively advises and mentors CEOs of all his portfolio companies. Nitin has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada.



Ben Berry serves as a strategic technology leader and has led technology for large-scale organizations with diverse missions. He is the Aviation Entrepreneurial CEO and Founder for AirShip Technologies Group's AirShip Endurance VTOL UAVs and AirScape intelligence-as-a-service. He has held various senior leadership technology positions serving the Royal Saudi Air Force, Kingdom of Saudi Arabian International Airports, and Hughes Aircraft Company – Los Angeles.

He is currently the Chief Technology Officer for the City of Portland where he provides leadership for enterprise computing, analysis, design and deployment of computer applications, mobile and wireless computing services for public safety 1st Responders (police, fire, emergency communications emergency management, and other end user support.



Lisa Neal-Graves is Director of Technology Insights for Intel Labs where she is responsible for developing Intel's technology strategic long range plans. Neal-Graves joined Intel in 2006 as a business attorney, supporting a variety of business groups from WiMAX, to TME/ITO/IRC, to External Programs. She has served as IT counsel (External University and Research Consortia Programs, Contingent Workforce, TME-A and IRC), led the IT Strategic Sourcing procurement team, and worked in Strategic Business Development in China.

Prior to Intel, Neal-Graves held several executive leadership positions AT&T/Lucent, Chase Manhattan Bank, and Unisys Corporation. Neal-Graves holds a BS in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics from Hampton University, an MS in Computer Science from Michigan State University, an ME in Engineering Management from the University of Colorado, and a JD in Telecommunications/Technology Law from Colorado School of Law. She is admitted to practice before the state and district courts of Colorado and Arkansas.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON REAP INC.

Since 2001, REAP has emerged as one of the exemplary youth development program models in the State of Oregon. Commonly known for its ability to engage students and develop their leadership potential, REAP has become an essential resource to many business leaders, educators elected officials, community advocates and parents to ensure students are college and career ready.

REAP's mission is to be proactively involved to engage and empower the hidden leadership potential of students for a better **future now**, and it has achieved a **96% graduation success rate**. REAP pursues its mission by investing in students and providing them a window into their future; elevating student voice and empowering students to be global leaders by conversing with educators, business & political leaders; developing innovation toward entrepreneurship; engaging students in problem solving projects for analytical and critical skill building.

REAP works with more than 600 students yearly, in grades seven through 12, who represent our most vulnerable student population: at-risk, low-income, English Language Learners (ELL), immigrant and students of color. Over 90% of our students graduate from high school and over 70% enroll in post-secondary education. Participating students benefit from a number of subprograms throughout the year based on *cultural identity, civic engagement, entrepreneurship or personal leadership*.

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