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Mary Jo Dunnington Joins All Kinds of Minds as New Vice President for Strategic Partnerships

DURHAM, NC – All Kinds of Minds, a North Carolina-based non-profit institute dedicated to rescuing young minds through the science of learning, announces the appointment of Mary Jo Dunnington to their executive leadership team as Vice President for Strategic Partnerships.

Mary Jo Dunnington comes to All Kinds of Minds from the North Carolina Network of Grantmakers, where she served as a consultant on K-12 education. Prior to that, she spent seven years at the Partnership for New York City, where she held the position of Chief Operating Officer. Mary Jo's professional experience also includes leadership roles at GovWorks, Inc., American Express, and the National Geographic Society.

As Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Mary Jo will play a pivotal role in developing and overseeing the external strategies of All Kinds of Minds. She leads a team of directors in the areas of philanthropy, sales and marketing, public relations and policy work. This is a new position at All Kinds of Minds as the organization begins its second decade seeking partnerships to help bring its ground-breaking programs to more schools and educators around the world.

"We wrote a 'wish list' for the experiences we hoped someone could bring to this position, assuming we'd have to compromise," stated All Kinds of Minds CEO Mary-Dean Barringer. "Mary Jo brought it all – experience with partnerships in New York City and with a national association working with educators, as well as an understanding of the philanthropic role in supporting innovation. Her intellect is unsurpassed – as evidenced by her being a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina and receiving both an MBA and Master's in education from Stanford University."

All Kinds of Minds is a not-for-profit organization that translates the latest research from neuroscience and other disciplines on how children learn – and vary in their learning – into a powerful framework that educators can use in the classroom. Since its founding in 1995, All Kinds of Minds has provided professional development opportunities, such as the renowned Schools Attuned program, to more than 45,000 educators across the United States and worldwide. In addition to equipping educators with knowledge and tools to effectively teach all students, the Institute works to raise awareness about learning variation through public education, synthesize the latest research from neuroscience on learning for dissemination to educators, and advocates for education policy and practices that meet the learning needs of all students.

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