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Eileen Hartmann, President NYS- American Association of University Women 25 Founders Green Pittsford, NY 14534

## Dear Eileen,

Congratulations! The Academy for Character Education at The Sage Colleges is pleased to officially inform that you that NYS- American Association of University Women has been selected as the recipient of the 2012 "Champions of Character" Education Organization Leadership Award. This is to recognize you and your organization for the extraordinary efforts put forth to promote equity for women and girls through education, advocacy, philanthropy and research.

We look forward to honoring you at the 9th annual "Champions of Character" Award Banquet on Tuesday April 3, 2012, at the Franklin Plaza in Troy. The 5:30 PM reception and 6:30 PM dinner will be followed by the award presentations for leadership in Character Education. Please contact The Academy to let us know if you will be able to attend (518) 244-2336 or walkoj@sage.edu. At your earliest convenience, please RSVP with the number people in your party.

At the Academy for Character Education we believe, "Much of character is caught, rather than being taught" and "It takes a village to raise a child." Your leadership, positive actions and quest for excellence are a role model and attest to the positive influence you have in nurturing civility in our schools and positive character development in our community. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

As an award recipient you are our guest at this event, including a complimentary dinner. We are in the process of publicizing the awards banquet and are notifying educators and the community at large. You may publicize your award and we will be contacting your nominator to do likewise.

You will be receiving an official invitation to the Banquet in March. You might chose to share this information with your friends and colleagues so that they know of your award and this event or you could send us the names and addresses of additional persons who would want to attend so that we send them an invitation. Likewise, we would appreciate suggestions of business, organization or individuals to send information to. The complete list of Awards and additional Banquet details will be posted on The Academy's web site (<u>www.sage.edu/centers/charactered</u>). We can reserve tables for parties of ten. If you have any questions, please contact us. We look forward to honoring you on April 3, 2012.

Sincerely,

Dr. John D. Walko Director Mel Horowitz Associate Director Dr. Philip Fusco Assistant Director

Cc: Melissa Guardaro & Joan Monk, nominators