My ACE Fellowship
A Visual Journey of FY 16
ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

A word from my nominator…
GAMECHANGERS are people or organizations that see a new way to complete a task that is more efficient than traditional methods. These innovations open a new avenue of economic growth and transform the image of the industry. – INVESTOPEDIA.

• GAMECHANGER
• Dr. Renu Khator

• Then, ACE Board Chair
• Chair, Federal Reserve Board of Dallas
• Highest Paid President in the Nation
• Member, NCAA Division I Presidential Forum
• 1st Woman immigrant to head a Division I institution
A QUESTION AND A STATEMENT
The Learning Contract

- Fellowship Objectives
- Communication Plan
- Personal Development
- Reflections
- Schedule/Activities
“You cannot fully understand your own life without knowing and thinking beyond your life, your own neighborhood, and even your own nation.” – Dr. Johnetta B. Cole
Selected Experiences

- Crisis Communication - D1 Athletics
- Development
- Media Relations/Media Training
- Final Four
- Rodeo
- Republican Debate
- Legislative Interaction
- Politics and PACs
- Member of the President’s Executive Team
- HR Alumni Relations
- Campus Carry
- Legislative Interaction
- 1:1 with State Chief Higher Education Officer
- Energy Advisory Board
- Board of Regents
- Board of Visitors
- Sr. Level Personnel Mgmt.

Highlights of an Incredible Year
Leadership Visits

30+ Visits Domestic and International
- Houston (6)
- California (3) & ACCT Congress, So Cal ACE & ACE Annual Mtg.
- Indianapolis (2) – Lumina Foundation & Simon Youth Foundation

- St. Louis – Lumina/CPA Convening
- India (11)
- Puerto Rico (5)
- Austin
• August 2015 – Detroit, MI
• January 2016 – Miami, FL
• June 2016 – Washington, DC

AREAS OF RETREAT FOCUS
PROJECT ONE –
Collective Impact/LUMINA – COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR ATTAINMENT
PROJECT TWO – CORPORATE & FOUNDATION RELATIONS: MASTER AGREEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

https://www.case.org/Publications_and_Products/2016/September_2016.html
• Board of Regents vs. Board of Visitors; **I can do this!**; "Ask Life to be Rewarding, not easy!" -- Dr. Khator; The value of gracious hospitality; Understanding when to let people go; Burn $; The value of strategic investment; Priorities can't be delegated (i.e. student success/completion); Tie between athletics and admissions; What is most valued on a campus; Determining who gets on a President's calendar and why; The role of the COS; "You must have fire in your belly!"; "Schools are made or broken in the Provost's Office"; "Presidents are like grass on top of a cemetery -- you are over a lot of people but you can't necessarily move them!"; Bleeding vs. Cutting Edge, Ways to work with a growing network of collective commitments, components of a great speech, how to present on camera
“There are also some folks I met through the ACE Fellows Program who I think are very ready for a community college presidency. The cream of the crop is a wonderful woman called Kenya Ayers who combines charm, vision, a deep sense of social justice and an extraordinary capacity for work and for team building under challenging circumstances, while making it all seem easy.”

– Dr. Margarita Benitez, Former ACE Director to Dr. Narcisa Polonio, Executive Vice President for ACCT
SO WHAT?

- Community College Visibility 2/41
- Harper’s Reputation
- NECSS Implications
- MGT 205
- HLI and Beyond
- Broader Toolbox to serve
- An Open Door?
- IMPACT MULTIPLIER
THANK YOU!

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ALL IS WELL.