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KEAN UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BOARD WELCOMES ALUMNA PATRICIA M. BARKSDALE

UNION, NJ – The Kean University Foundation Board of Directors recently elected Patricia M. Barksdale as its newest member. Barksdale graduated from Kean in 1995 with a B.S. degree in economics and finance after earning an Associate’s degree in the arts from Union County College in 1992. She also completed the Merrill Lynch Financial Advisors Leadership Program from the University of Pennsylvania-Wharton School.

A Certified Financial Manager and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor, Barksdale is vice president and wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch in Newark, N.J., where she assists individuals and corporations both domestically and internationally with complex financial issues.

Barksdale is a member of the Executive Women’s Golf Association, National Association of Female Executives and the National Association of Black Female Executives in Music and Entertainment. She resides in Union, and her hobbies include playing golf and volunteering as an instructor of Investing Pays Off (IPO[®]), a Merrill Lynch financial literacy program that is geared toward elementary, middle or high-school students.

“Joining the Kean University Foundation Board is really an extension of my life plan, which is to live a legacy of giving to others and making a difference,” Barksdale said. “I welcome the opportunity to serve as a board member to the institution that provided a foundation for my many personal and professional accomplishments.”

The Kean University Foundation, established in 1984, is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that receives, invests and administers private support for Kean University. The Foundation Board of Directors is charged with raising and managing private donations for the ultimate benefit of the University and its students. The Directors are alumni and friends who provide invaluable counsel in securing and safeguarding the application of gifts in accordance with the donors’ wishes and Bill of Rights for the benefit of the University.

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