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### **Nancy Kuhn Joins the Business-Higher Education Forum as Director of External Relations**

Washington, DC (June 29, 2006) – The Business-Higher Education Forum (BHEF) announced today that Nancy R. Kuhn has been named Director of External Relations for the Business-Higher Education Forum, effective June 30, 2006.

Ms. Kuhn will be responsible for the development of a strategic communications program relating to BHEF's initiatives, and will oversee membership development and foundation relations. She is a former partner of the international law firm, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, where she advised and counseled Fortune 500 corporations and national nonprofits, including educational organizations, regarding management and employment law issues for 20 years. Her practice included representing major corporations in individual and class action litigation in federal courts around the country.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Kuhn served as Staff Director for the Committee on Human Resources of the President's Commission on Industrial Competitiveness, where she worked with CEOs of major U.S. corporations, university leaders, and representatives of organized labor to address educational and workforce issues affecting U.S. competitiveness. Before that, she was the briefing director for U.S. Secretaries of Education, Shirley Hufstедler and Terrell Bell, a role that included preparation of policy briefings for the Secretary and educational issues briefings for the White House.

Most recently, Ms. Kuhn served as President of Wake Forest University's 55,000-member Alumni Association, where she led the implementation of the association's strategic plan. She previously chaired the University's annual giving campaign. She also serves on several boards and fundraising committees, including those of the Washington International School and College Summit's National Capital Region Board.

"Nancy Kuhn's wide-ranging experience as an advocate as well as her experience in the education and competitiveness arenas make her ideally suited for the role of Director of External Relations," said Brian Fitzgerald, Executive Director of BHEF. "She will bring tremendous strength to the staff and enable us to advance our work on key initiatives, membership development efforts, and outreach to foundations at a very important juncture in the life of this organization."

Ms. Kuhn is a native of North Carolina and holds a law degree from the George Washington University, a master of public administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a bachelor of arts in political science (*cum laude*) from Wake Forest University.

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The Business-Higher Education Forum is composed of Fortune 500 CEOs, leaders of colleges and universities, and foundation executives. The organization informs members, policy makers, and the public on issues of strategic importance to both business and higher education, and works to influence public policy on these issues. As an example, BHEF has been a leading voice in the public policy debate on the need to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education in the United States. The organization currently is embarking on an initiative to improve student achievement in K-12, particularly in the STEM disciplines. BHEF is chaired by Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Chairman, President, and CEO of TIAA-CREF; its vice chair is Dr. David J. Skorton, President-elect of Cornell University.