

Navient board member Linda Mills named to 2017 NACD Directorship 100

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Leading directors and governance experts to be recognized in New York

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 29, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Linda Mills, a member of the Navient Board of Directors, has been named to the National Association of Corporate Directors' 2017 Directorship 100 list, which annually recognizes the most influential leaders in the boardroom and corporate governance community.

"When Linda agreed to join our board, we were excited to have a person with her STEM skills and extensive leadership experience at the highest levels of a major corporation on our board," said William Diefenderfer, chairman of the board. "She quickly met and exceeded our highest expectations. It does not surprise us she has received this coveted recognition from NACD."

Mills, who has served on Navient's Board of Directors for three years, is a former corporate vice president for Northrop Grumman, a leading global security provider of advanced solutions for defense, intelligence, civil agency and commercial customers. Mills was named one of the 50 Most Powerful Women in Business by Fortune magazine and serves on the board of American International Group, Inc. and the board of visitors for the University of Illinois College of Engineering.

"It is an honor to be recognized by NACD and to be included among such an esteemed group of dedicated corporate directors and corporate governance leaders," Mills said. "I look forward to continuing my commitment to the highest principles of board leadership."

This year's honorees will be recognized later today during a dinner at the 11th annual NACD Directorship 100 Gala in New York City.

"NACD is honored to recognize outstanding directors and governance professionals whose leadership is exemplary. Our corporations—indeed, our very system of capitalism—is improved by the integrity and commitment to excellence represented by these individuals," said Peter Gleason, NACD president and CEO. "Shining a light on their individual achievements allows us to recognize and celebrate their vital role as stewards of our public companies. We salute the NACD Directorship 100 for their dedication, service and wisdom."

Navient is among the few S&P 500 companies with a majority women board. Six of Navient's 11 directors are women, representing 55 percent of the company's board. These women directors are among a board with diversity of industry backgrounds, ethnicity, age, skills and experiences. The company has attracted nationwide recognition for gender parity on its board from the [Women's Forum of New York](#), [The Forum of Executive Women](#), [2020 Women on Boards](#), and the [New York Stock Exchange Governance Services](#).

Visit the full list of the [2017 NACD Directorship 100 honorees](#).

About Navient

Navient (Nasdaq:NAVI) is a leading provider of asset management and business processing solutions for education, healthcare, and government clients at the federal, state and local levels. The company helps its clients and millions of Americans achieve financial success through services and support. Headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware, Navient employs team members in western New York, northeastern Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and other locations. Learn more at [navient.com](#).

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