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**Global Women's Leadership Network to host women from nine countries for the
"Women Leaders for the World" Program**

*Women from Afghanistan, Africa and beyond to build leadership skills and engage in a true
network of support*

Santa Clara, CA—July 18, 2006 – Passionate about issues ranging from improving the livelihoods of tropical farmers to protecting the world's coral reefs, women on the leading edge of social and organizational change will arrive here Friday for the "Women Leaders for the World" (WLW) program.

WLW is a residential women's leadership development program sponsored by the Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN) at the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University. Each participant must bring a project to the program that seems impossible. Over the course of the ten days, ways of fulfilling on the objectives are designed by each person.

Alma Cote de Yanez, a participant last year from Mexico saw her project grow from one computer to 30 and, within 90 days after arriving home in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, she had 27 of them in place. "It was incredible how my thinking shifted during WLW," Alma says. "My ability to produce results grew by leaps and bounds. I literally knit the NGO's together into a powerful force." Alma is such a believer in the program that she recommended that a local Yaqui Indian woman, Anabela Carlon Flores attend this year.

Lofty goals – and successes

Heba Tarzi is determined to help rebuild her war-torn Afghanistan one woman at a time. She works in refugee camps to empower women through health and education. Tarzi is joining other participants who are from as far away as India, Kenya, Poland and Japan.

Lydia Bakaki, a Uganda native and graduate of last year's WLW program, is another graduate with outstanding results. A year ago, she dreamed that Ugandan HIV/AIDS widows and domestic violence survivors could own land. Since then, Bakaki has helped more than 100 women buy an acre each, paid in full. In September, she will testify before the United States congressional Human Rights Caucus, after which she hopes to rally the United Nations for women's property rights globally. That's something she said she wouldn't have begun to attempt before her WLW training.

"I am truly stunned by who these women become during and after the program," said Linda Alepin, a founder of GWLN and former executive at Amdahl Corporation. "There is no doubt in my mind that women leaders like Lydia, Alma, and all of those who will be here this coming week are an unstoppable force in causing breakthroughs in the fields of technology, the economy, the environment, and in the political arena.."

About the Global Women's Leadership Network

The Global Women's Leadership Network cultivates powerful international leaders and establishes worldwide connections that support their success. In turn, those women are partnering

with the GWLN in building an international network of women leaders who dare to transform the future of their organizations, communities, and the world. For more information, visit www.gwln.org.

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