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Linkage, Inc. awards *Global Institute for Leadership Development*[®] (GILD[®]) Warren Bennis Leadership Award to former *HBR* Managing Editor and *Fast Company* magazine Co-founder Alan Webber

BURLINGTON, MA, October 20, 2016 – *Forbes Magazine* called Warren Bennis the “Dean of Leadership Gurus.” He was an exemplary leader who practiced, studied, wrote about and taught leadership for decades.

Linkage, a global leadership development research and consulting company, announced today that it has awarded their 2016 *Warren Bennis Award for Excellence in Leadership* to Alan Webber, entrepreneur, former Managing Editor and Editorial Director of *Harvard Business Review (HBR)*, co-founder of the business/technology magazine *Fast Company*, political policy advisor, speechwriter and candidate for political office.

Established by Linkage in 1997 to honor Bennis’ legacy, the *Bennis Award* honors a recipient who demonstrates courage, endurance, capability and success in his or her field and is an inspiration and role model for current and aspiring leaders.

Rich Rosier, Executive Director of Linkage’s *Global Institute for Leadership Development*[®] said, “We are thrilled to honor Alan’s remarkable journey as an entrepreneur, innovator and lifelong student of leadership development. He embodies the humility, steadfast commitment, and curiosity that will inspire future generations of leaders.”

Alan Webber, upon receiving the award, said, “Simply to be associated with Warren Bennis and with Linkage makes this award a very special honor. It is a reminder of the importance of real leaders in all walks of life and at all levels. The work of developing leaders and of practicing leadership never stops, as Warren Bennis both taught and exemplified in his own life. With the challenges we’re facing, each of us has a leadership role to play and each of us can make a difference. To me, that’s the spirit and meaning of the Bennis Award.”

Past recipients of this award include:

2015: Tom Zenty, President and CEO of University Hospitals Health System

2014: Ken Blanchard, author and Founder of The Ken Blanchard Companies; Rosabeth Moss Kanter, author and Harvard Business School Professor

2013: Ronald Nelson, Chairman and CEO of Avis Budget Group, Inc.; Bernard Tyson, Chairman and CEO of Kaiser Permanente

2012: Doris Kearns Goodwin, Pulitzer prize-winning presidential historian; Tom Peters, internationally renowned author and consultant, recognized by *Fortune* as the “ur-guru” of management.

About Linkage

At Linkage, we are passionate about developing leaders who create lasting impact in and outside of their organizations. We believe that becoming the best requires a lifelong commitment to learning, improving, adapting and developing. For more than 25 years, Linkage has provided insights on leadership development strategy, consulting services, and learning tools to organizations looking to strengthen their leaders, more effectively engage their teams, and build cultures of employee engagement and lasting leadership impact. Learn more about Linkage at <http://www.linkageinc.com> or call +1.781.402.5555.

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