



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

(GLENDALE, Ariz.) December 15, 2011

*Statement by Ann Iverson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Thunderbird School of Global Management, regarding the appointment of Thunderbird President Dr. Ángel Cabrera as the next president of George Mason University:*

I am pleased to congratulate Dr. Angel Cabrera on his appointment as president of George Mason University. Dr. Cabrera is a supremely talented global executive who will be an outstanding leader for George Mason.

In his nearly 8 years at Thunderbird, Dr. Cabrera has left an indelible mark upon the school. In 2006, he oversaw the re-branding of the school with an explicit mission to “educate global leaders who create sustainable prosperity worldwide.” This effort, in conjunction with Dr. Cabrera’s high-profile work with the World Economic Forum, the United Nations, the Clinton Global Initiative, and many other institutions, has strengthened Thunderbird’s presence on the world stage and has reinforced the school’s image as a champion of business solutions to global challenges. He also led the recently-completed \$65 million Capital Campaign which resulted in new money for scholarships, the creation of academic centers of excellence, and investments in the school’s infrastructure. Most recently, through his leadership of the Thunderbird 2020 strategic plan, Dr. Cabrera has launched a bold new vision, which has the school poised to dramatically grow its impact throughout the world.

Dr. Cabrera will remain at Thunderbird through June, 2012. The transition will be managed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. This process is underway and we expect to identify candidates during the first quarter, 2012.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Cabrera for his service to Thunderbird and wishing him well in his new appointment.

Ann Iverson  
Chairman  
Thunderbird Board of Trustees

###

#### ***About Thunderbird***

*Thunderbird is the world’s No. 1-ranked school of international business with more than 65 years of experience in developing leaders with the global mindset, business skills and social responsibility necessary to create real, sustainable value for their organizations, communities and the world. Dedicated to preparing students to be global leaders and committed global citizens, Thunderbird was the first graduate business school to adopt an official Professional Oath of Honor. Thunderbird is sought out by graduate students, working professionals and companies worldwide seeking to gain the leadership skills they need to succeed in today’s global economy. For more about Thunderbird, please visit: [www.thunderbird.edu](http://www.thunderbird.edu).*

#### ***Thunderbird’s offerings***

*Thunderbird offers a wide range of global management [graduate degrees](#) and [certificate programs](#) for full-time students, working professionals, distance learners and companies, including Full-time, Executive, Evening and Distance-learning MBAs, a Master of Science, a Master of Arts and a comprehensive suite of executive education programs. The school is*

also home of the [Thunderbird Knowledge Network](#), the school's hub of research and cutting-edge global business knowledge that includes six centers of excellence focused on [cultures and languages](#), [global mindset](#), [ethics and corporate citizenship](#), [global financial services](#), [global private equity](#) and [global entrepreneurship](#).

### ***About George Mason University***

*George Mason University is an innovative, entrepreneurial institution with global distinction in a range of academic fields. Located in Northern Virginia near Washington, D.C., Mason provides students access to diverse cultural experiences and the most sought-after internships and employers in the country. Mason offers strong undergraduate and graduate degree programs in engineering and information technology, organizational psychology, health care and visual and performing arts. With Mason professors conducting groundbreaking research in areas such as climate change, public policy and the biosciences, George Mason University is a leading example of the modern, public university.*

For more information on the Presidential Transition process at Thunderbird School of Global Management, please contact Frank Neville, Vice President of Global Communications and Public Affairs, at [Frank.Neville@thunderbird.edu](mailto:Frank.Neville@thunderbird.edu) or +1 (602) 978-7770.

For general information on Thunderbird School of Global Management, please contact Russ Phaneuf, Thunderbird's Senior Director of Corporate Communications, at [russ.phaneuf@thunderbird.edu](mailto:russ.phaneuf@thunderbird.edu) or +1 (602) 978-7272 or Samantha Novick, Thunderbird's Public Relations and New Media Specialist, at [samantha.novick@thunderbird.edu](mailto:samantha.novick@thunderbird.edu) or +1 (602) 978-7922.