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Dr. Libby Pier Honored with Chief of Staff Impact Award by Advantage Foundry Network

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[**MADISON**, December 3, 2024] – [Education Analytics \(EA\)](#), a leading education non-profit dedicated to cutting-edge and innovative research and technology solutions, is proud to share that [Dr. Libby Pier](#), Chief of Staff, has been awarded the [Chief of Staff Impact Award](#) by the [Advantage Foundry Network](#) (AFN), recognizing her outstanding impact and strategic leadership. This award celebrates exceptional chief of staff professionals who have demonstrated excellence in three important aspects of the role: balancing time and priorities, cultivating and navigating powerful relationships, and carrying the vision of the leadership team.

Pier received the award for her work guiding strategic initiatives to keep EA aligned with its mission. Since taking on the Chief of Staff role, she introduced a goal-setting process, working closely with EA's [Board of Directors](#) to establish annual and five-year goals. Pier has also led change management efforts, including defining organizational values and launching an internal Net Promoter Score survey to drive performance improvements.

“This award recognizes Libby’s outstanding leadership and dedication,” says EA’s CEO Andrew Rice. “Libby plays a vital role in supporting our mission and guiding our organization toward success.”

Matt Sitter, CEO, AFN shares, “We are so pleased to celebrate Libby Pier as our Chief of Staff Impact Award winner. Libby exemplifies the determination, knowledge, and deep understanding of people that make a Chief of Staff successful. She is a ‘force multiplier’ for Education Analytics and a critical part of their success.”

Pier joined EA in 2017 as a Data Strategist, became Research Manager in 2018, and EA’s inaugural Chief of Staff in 2022. In her more than two years in the position, she has significantly improved EA’s operational efficiency. She is known for her exceptional communication and collaboration skills. As a trusted leader, she navigates complex challenges across all levels of the organization and is often sought out as a mentor and thought partner.

“I am deeply honored to receive the Chief of Staff Excellence Award,” says Pier. “This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our entire team at EA, and I am grateful for the opportunity to support such meaningful work. I look forward to continuing to drive forward our mission and help our teams achieve their goals.”

Pier has cultivated both internal and external relationships. She has been instrumental in expanding EA’s external communications, elevating the organization’s presence in the US public education sector, and authoring numerous [blogs](#) and articles. Pier also serves as [Chair of the Board](#) of the [Knowledge Alliance](#), a coalition advocating for data-driven education policies, and is also a frequent guest speaker for UW-Madison classes.

Pier received her BS from Northwestern University, an MA from Loyola Marymount University, and her PhD from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

About Advantage Foundry Network

Advantage Foundry Network (AFN) is a curated community of CEOs, CoS, executives, and leaders from diverse industries and backgrounds. The organization facilitates peer-to-peer learning and collaboration, enabling members to leverage collective wisdom and experience to navigate challenges and seize opportunities. AFN offers structured programs for CEOs and Chiefs of Staff designed to provide high-impact professional development with minimal time commitment. AFN fosters a supportive environment through these initiatives where leaders can share insights, gain new perspectives, and enhance their leadership capabilities.

About Education Analytics

Education Analytics (EA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. Established in 2012, EA employs more than 120 staff, including data scientists, engineers, implementation staff, and product teams. Our deeply knowledgeable and experienced team provides our partners with multiple core products and services that source, structure, analyze, and display powerful educational data and analytics to improve student outcomes and advance public education.

EA’s central mission is clear: to leverage data and analytics to improve education systems. We collaborate with school districts, states, non-profit organizations, and policymakers to develop robust interoperable data infrastructure that enables rigorous research-grade analytics displayed in dynamic reporting platforms. EA maximizes impact by minimizing costs for partners through the use of open technologies, emphasizing community building across the education field, and prioritizing knowledge sharing.