

Press Release

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SPELMAN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RED-HORSE TO BE AWARDED *LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP* AWARD

The Spelman College Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement announced Valerie Red-Horse as the Award Recipient of the *2007 Legacy of Leadership Award* to be presented during the **Fourth Annual Leadership and Women of Color** conference awards luncheon on May 10, 2007 at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, Georgia. Key sponsors of the conference and luncheon include Macy's and JP Morgan Chase.

The *Legacy of Leadership Award* recognizes individuals who have demonstrated models of leadership and bridge building that personify multi-cultural inclusion. It honors award recipients who have advanced the opportunities for women of color to excel professionally in business, politics, education, religion, science and technology, the arts and community service.

Ms. Red-Horse, as an investment banker, currently heads the Tribal Finance Division and the Tribal Asset Management Division of Western International Securities. Ms. Red-Horse has been engaged on over fifty American Indian tribal financings including debt, equity and advisory mandates totaling over \$2 billion dollars in transactions. She also is an award winning filmmaker, being President and founder of Red-Horse Native Productions, her own production company, which has established itself as one of the preeminent Hollywood entities producing American Indian content projects with Red-Horse at the helm as director, writer and producer.

Ms. Red-Horse is also the founder of the non-profit organization H.A.P.N. (Hollywood Access Program for Natives) which provides internships and career opportunities for Native Americans as well as founder/choreographer for the Bel Air Presbyterian Dance ministry, serving women in rehabilitation in downtown Los Angeles. Ms. Red-Horse has previously been awarded the "Eagle Spirit Award" and "Producer of the Year" by the American Indian Film festival, was a *Girls, Inc.* honoree, a *Changing Images in America* Honoree, a Cherokee Medal of Honor Awardee, a Diversity "Liberty" Award winner, Business Woman of the Year Honors by the CA Women's Referral Service, and a Women's Leadership Exchange Compass Award recipient. She holds six NASD (National Association of Securities Dealers) registrations and is a current member of the Screen Actors Guild and the Directors Guild of America. Ms. Red-Horse was profiled by *Fortune Small Business Magazine* as one of eight minority entrepreneurs to watch as well as being featured on the cover of *MINORITY BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR*.

Ms. Red-Horse earned a B.A. with Cum Laude honors from UCLA, is of Cherokee heritage and has been married to former NFL football player, Curt Mohl, for 25 years; they have three children, ages 22, 17 and 8.

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