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**Emily Couric Leadership Forum
Announces 2019 Women's Leadership Award Winner
DR. DEBORAH MCCAULEY**

Charlottesville, Virginia – The Emily Couric Leadership Forum will present its 2019 Leadership Award to Dr. Deborah McCauley at its Nineteenth Annual Emily Couric Leadership Luncheon. The award acknowledges an exceptional woman who exemplifies leadership in her profession and her community, with Emily Couric herself receiving the first honor in 2001. The Emily Couric Leadership Luncheon will be held Monday, April 15, 2019 at 12:00 noon at the Omni Hotel.

Dr. McCauley is a wildlife veterinarian and social entrepreneur. She founded VIEW (Veterinary Initiative for Endangered Wildlife) in 2012 in response to a critical, missing piece in wildlife conservation-- wildlife health, which is now often a greater threat than poaching and natural habitat encroachment. As a wildlife veterinarian for more than a decade, working with wolverines, bison, bighorn sheep and other threatened species in the Rocky Mountains, as well as with tigers, rhinos and elephants in Nepal, VIEW was established on the realization that without a greater focus on wildlife health, we were taking a band-aid approach to wildlife conservation.

Within five years of working in Nepal, VIEW has developed a sustainable wildlife health program which includes a disease surveillance program and care for individual critically endangered wildlife. With partners in the field, VIEW has trained over 200 wildlife professionals, saved orphaned rhinos, re-released tigers back to the wild and built a field laboratory and hospital. VIEW has also created the first wildlife health database platform tailored for endangered wildlife which is an essential foundation for monitoring and addressing wildlife health threats. VIEW is helping countries by providing the tools and training that are necessary for establishing an effective wildlife health system as a cornerstone of the country's conservation strategy. With consistent and persistent support on the ground, strong local partnerships and promoting open sharing of ideas, this model is a template to be considered for other countries.

In 2018, Dr. McCauley was awarded the Ashoka Fellowship for her leadership in building a sustainable wildlife health initiative in Nepal that can be replicated globally. Under Dr. McCauley's leadership, VIEW will continue to grow to address wildlife health needs globally. In 2019, VIEW will be expanding wildlife health programs into India's tiger habitat and initiating projects with bison in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

About the ECLF

The Emily Couric Leadership Forum is dedicated to honoring Emily Couric's contributions to our community by encouraging all women to adopt an active role in government, public issues, and policy debates affecting their communities, and to inspire young women to pursue activities which will enable them to become effective leaders. ECLF is a Charlottesville Albemarle Community Foundation donor advised fund. For more information and luncheon ticket information, visit <http://www.emilycouricleadershipforum.org>.

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