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## ***Terry Peterson to Chair Board of Afterschool Alliance***

**Former U.S. Department of Education Official,  
University of South Carolina Educational Foundation Senior Fellow  
Brings 'Wealth of Experience'**

WASHINGTON, DC – Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Judy Y. Samelson today announced the appointment of Terry Peterson, Ph.D. to chair the organization's board of directors. Peterson is director of the Afterschool and Community Learning National Resource Network, which is funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. Peterson is currently the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation Senior Fellow for Policy and Partnerships, and he holds a similar position at the College of Charleston.

He advises the National School Board Association's Extended-Day Learning Opportunities Project, the National League of Cities Afterschool Committee, the Asia Society's Education Initiatives, Southwest Laboratory's Center for Family and Community Connections with Schools, Coalition of Community Schools, South Carolina Afterschool Alliance and the Mayor of Charleston's School Reform Committee and the Mongolian Consortium of Universities and Colleges. Peterson also serves on committees for John Hopkins' Center for Summer Learning and the New York University's Institute on Social Policy and Education Reform. He had previously served as a member of the Afterschool Alliance Board of Directors. He was the Counselor to U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, and before that the chief education advisor to the governor of South Carolina and director of an education oversight committee.

"Terry Peterson brings a wealth of experience to the Afterschool Alliance," Samelson said in announcing the appointment. "He has dedicated much of his life to strengthening education at the local, state and national levels so that America's children will have a better foundation and chance to succeed in the workforce and in life. He is considered a national expert on education policy, financing, and partnerships and he appreciates the great value of afterschool programming. He will make an outstanding chair. I look forward to working with him in his new role."

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“I am looking forward to this unique opportunity,” Peterson said. “In just a few short years, the Afterschool Alliance has become a vital force working on behalf of America’s children and families. The organization played a key role in fighting off budget cuts to the federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers afterschool initiative, and helps programs communicate the importance of afterschool programming every day. I look forward to working with Judy and the Alliance’s board of directors, its foundation and corporate sponsors and partners to continue to build this powerful and important organization.”

Other Afterschool Alliance board members include: Robin M. Caldwell, Director of Community Relations, JCPenney Company; Rudy Crew, Director of District Reform Initiatives, Stupski Family Foundation and former New York City Schools Chancellor; Lucy N. Friedman, President, The After-School Corporation, New York City; Glenda Hood, Secretary of State in Florida and former Mayor of Orlando; Donna Klein, President and CEO of Corporate Voices for Working Families and Vice President of Diversity and Workplace Effectiveness for Marriott International in Washington D.C.; Kenneth C. Montague, Jr., Secretary of Juvenile Justice for the State of Maryland; Gilbert Moreno, President and CEO of the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans; Herbert Sturz, Trustee, Open Society Institute and Chairman, The After-School Corporation; and Kevin Walker, Program Director, Pathways Out of Poverty Program, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Former U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley and Charles Stewart Mott Foundation President and CEO William S. White are the Afterschool Alliance’s founding co-chairs. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is its Honorary Chair.

The son of Florence Peterson of Medford, Wisconsin, Terry Peterson is a 1963 graduate of Medford High School and a 1967 graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He has a Master’s and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

*With offices in Washington, D.C., Flint, Michigan and New York City, the Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization supported by a group of public, private, and nonprofit entities working to ensure that all children and youth have access to afterschool programs by 2010. More information is available at [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org).*

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