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### **CHECS endows annual technology-leader scholarship at Nova Southeastern University**

#### ***Dr. Trudy Abramson Scholarship Fund established for doctoral students***

Albany, NY (April 23, 2010) - Center for Higher Education Chief Information Officer Studies, Inc. (CHECS) has endowed an annual scholarship to award \$1,000 a year to a higher-education technology leader pursuing a doctoral degree at Nova Southeastern University in Florida. The scholarship, the Dr. Trudy Abramson Endowed Scholarship Fund, represents a critical part of CHECS' mission to the education and development of chief information officers in education.

"We are extremely pleased to announce the endowing of this scholarship in the name of Dr. Abramson," said Dr. Wayne A. Brown, CHECS' founder and chief operating officer. "Dr. Abramson served as my doctoral advisor and this endowment recognizes her efforts and dedication to students who are studying to become tomorrow's technology leaders in education. It is also one of CHECS' goals to promote the development of higher education chief information officers and it's doubly rewarding to achieve this goal while honoring Dr. Abramson."

CHECS has committed to endowing the Dr. Abramson scholarship fund while simultaneously donating \$1,000 a year to be awarded to a scholarship recipient until the endowment fund reaches \$25,000 and becomes self-perpetuating.

The first scholarship award is slated for the 2010-2011 academic year. The award criteria is:

- The student must be enrolled and pursuing a doctoral degree at Nova Southeastern University in the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences in the Computing Technology in Education program;
- The student must be employed at a higher education institution;
- The student must have the highest grade point average among all qualified applicants based on the previous semester's grades;
- Students solely in the dissertation phase of their studies are not eligible for the scholarship;
- Only one scholarship award will be available for an academic year and is awarded to a different student each year. For additional information about the scholarship or applying for it, contact Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences at Nova Southeastern University, [www.scis.nova.edu](http://www.scis.nova.edu).

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“Being able to endow this scholarship is a central part of our mission at CHECS, and we are particularly pleased and grateful to be in a position to do so,” said Dr. Brown. “Being able to endow this scholarship is in large part due to our supporters, CIOs and technology leaders in higher education as well as corporate sponsors.”

CHECS is staffed by volunteers and is funded solely through the research report sales and resume-review services. “CIOs and technology leaders support CHECS through their research participation and purchasing reports,” Dr. Brown said. “With this scholarship, CHECS is giving back a tangible benefit to these leaders and future leaders. It’s through their support that this endowment is possible.”

Center for Higher Education Chief Information Officer Studies, Inc. (CHECS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education and development of chief information officers in higher education. Headquartered in Albany, NY, the organization annually conducts higher-education CIO and technology leader research. Dr. Brown has conducted CIO studies since 2004. CHECS is an all-volunteer organization founded in 2009 by Wayne A. Brown, Ph.D., who serves as the organization’s chief operating officer. Twelve board members, consisting of chief information officers from universities, colleges and other higher-education institutions from throughout the United States, act as survey advisors, contributing to the organization’s education and CIO-development mission. Dr. Brown has more than 30 years leadership experience with more than a decade as an information technology executive. He has a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Computing Technology in Education. Dr. Brown is currently the vice president for information technology for Excelsior College in Albany, NY.

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