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Marc Kastner of Science Philanthropy Alliance to Speak to ALDA

Alexandria, VA (January 12, 2018) — Dr. Marc Kastner, President of the Science Philanthropy Alliance will speak at ALDA's annual dinner for senior executives in the San Francisco Bay Area on **Wednesday, March 14** at the Village Pub Restaurant in Woodside.

In 2012, as the U.S. government began cutting R&D budgets, six organizations came together with the mission of increasing philanthropic support for basic research in the natural sciences and mathematics. The Alliance advises new, emerging and current philanthropists on how to most effectively support basic research and has become an important funding source for science and medical research in the US and thus indirectly also generating considerable funding for many of ALDA's markets. According to the Alliance, U.S. research institutions received \$2.3 Billion in private funding in 2016.

Prior to leading the Alliance, Dr. Kastner had a long career in a variety of senior positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Kastner joined MIT in 1973 and was named the Donner Professor of Physics in 1989. He became director of the Center for Materials Science and Engineering in 1993, head of the Department of Physics in 1998 and dean of the School of Science in 2007.

For more information, contact Mike Duff, President, at 703-647-6214. More information regarding ALDA, its purposes, objectives and programs, and links to its members' websites can be found at www.thealda.org.

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