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Often called "a Visionary & Weaver," Dr. Ronnie B. Lowenstein has been a pioneer of interactive technologies and telecommunication as tools of transformation and of private public partnerships as the strategy of change. Throughout a long career spanning research, policy and practice, she has fostered innovation, systems thinking, foresight management, and systemic reform within and among institutions. Whether serving as a Consultant to Executives from public or private institutions nationally or internationally, or as Staff to US Congressional Leaders, Dr. Lowenstein has passionately promoted equity opportunities for all as she promotes systems approaches to sustainable partnerships in education and training, cultivates youth as leaders in a global and digital age, and catalyzes an *Ecology of Community Transformation in our increasingly connected world without borders.*

### **Pioneer of Partnership Development: Commitment to the Underserved**

Since 1996, Dr. Lowenstein co-authored four books promoting a systems approach to *Sustainable Partnership Development*, designed and conducted partnership training workshops across the country on behalf of NASA and other government agencies, as well as facilitated the opening of 11 Community Technology Centers throughout New York City. She then helped secure over 6 million dollars of partnership programs and services to expand impact and foster sustainability.

For a decade, from 1997-2006, she collaborated with the United States Congressional Black Caucus Education Braintrust to produce an annual two-three day conference that highlighted the role of public private partnerships to reform Education Policy and Practice, with a focus on equity for marginalized communities. She even designed a Congressional awards program, entitled the Congressional TEC (Technology to Empower Community) Awards to honor and spotlight Pioneering Leaders and Exemplar Private Public Partnerships. The entire 1999 program, was themed around Closing the Digital Divide, with Congressman Owens bestowing TEC Champion Awards to leaders like Larry Irving who pioneered Department of Commerce efforts to address the inequities related to Broadband, and actually coined the term 'digital divide.'

### **Founder of the Global NetGeneraton of Youth:**

Since 1999, when she launched **The Global NetGeneration of Youth (NGY)** as a digital empowerment and youth leadership initiative, Dr. Lowenstein has promoted a NGY partnership model with organizations in the U.S. and abroad who share commitment to cultivating youth as 21<sup>st</sup> Century leaders who are civically engaged, culturally aware, empowered with global competencies & committed to shaping a positive global future.

The NGY Global Community was strengthened when in 2009-2011 Dr. Lowenstein directed the U.S. Department of State *Global Connections Exchange-Africa Initiative*, linking schools in the U/S. to schools in South Africa, Uganda, Zambia with the goal of *Cultivating Youth as STEM enabled, Media Literate Leaders Shaping the Future*. To date, that program, in combination with an twelve-year partnership with *The National Student Leadership Conference*, has enabled Dr. Lowenstein to provide 150 scholarships valued at \$540,000 to youth from underserved communities nationally and globally to attend National Student Leadership Summer Institutes at prestigious Universities.

### **Futurist Championing Delphi and Foresight Methodologies:**

Commitment to harnessing technology for empowerment was inspired in 1973 by the invitation to conduct graduate research from the United Nations, investigating the opportunities and challenges of satellite technology; MA thesis “ Satellite Technology can help bring ‘peace,’ not merely as a cessation of war, but as global collaboration. In 1983 initiated doctoral research “A Delphi Study and Policy Analysis of Interactive Videodisc Technology in Public Schooling.” Since then Dr. Lowenstein has promoted Delphi and Foresight methodologies to public and private organizations. In 2013, she began an affiliation with *The Alliance for Science & Technology Research in America (ASTRA)*. In 2013, she served as Featured Author & Associate Editor of the e-book, **EDTECH Revolution 2013: State of Digital and Distance Learning**; she has contributed frequently to their ASTRA website, ‘[www.usinnovation.org](http://www.usinnovation.org),’ and has helped design and moderate their annual STEM ON THE HILL event.

**Honors Recognizing Dr. Lowenstein for a future-focused, equity legacy of achievement.** Select honors include: the first ever NASA Partnership Award; An Ambassador Andrew Young Award for Equity and Social Justice; The Pearl of Africa Award for STEM Innovation; The Women of Color in STEM Lifetime Achievement Award; NAMEPA Wings to Succeed and A Congressional Beacon of Hope Award for Partnerships Transforming Communities Across America.