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### **Three Leaders to be Honored at Keepers of the American Dream Awards Gala**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Tonight the National Immigration Forum will honor three prominent leaders in technology, education, and immigrant advocacy for their work promoting the value of immigrants and immigration to our society.

At the W Hotel in Washington, D.C., the Forum's 15th annual Keepers of the American Dream awards will be presented to:

- **Weili Dai**, President and Co-Founder of Marvell Technology Group
- **Diane Portnoy**, Founder and CEO of The Immigrant Learning Center
- **Lorella Praeli**, Dreamer and Immigrant Rights Advocate

"With our Marvell U.S. headquarters in the heart of Silicon Valley, we sit at the center of global talent and attract a diverse employee base from all possible backgrounds. What brings us together is our mission and passion to innovate and create new technologies for the new era of 'Smart Life, Smart Lifestyle,' to better the lives of people all around the world," **Dai said**. "I am incredibly honored and humbled, and I hope our Marvell story over the past 20 years, from startup to leading global semiconductor company, will inspire more people to follow their dreams."

"I am honored to receive this award alongside these amazing women who have done so much for this country," **Portnoy said**. "The United States was built by immigrants. Immigrants have always made this country special with their hard work, energy and creativity, and everyone who helps immigrants succeed helps this country succeed."

"While we have made progress, our work is far from over," **Praeli said**. "We must continue to fight, so that undocumented Americans can exercise their full potential and continue to make our country stronger. Today is a reminder of our triumphs as a movement and the work that lies ahead to ensure that nobody lives in the shadows."

"We're proud to honor three women who are providing opportunities, skills and status for new Americans," concluded **Ali Noorani, executive director of the National Immigration Forum**. "In different ways, each of them is helping immigrants pursue better lives and follow their dreams. As immigrants, as new Americans, their work helps our nation thrive."

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