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**Northwest Health Foundation President and CEO to deliver keynote
address at Heritage University Fall Convocation**

Toppenish, Wash. – Nichole Maher, the president and CEO of the Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF) in Portland, will deliver the keynote address during Heritage University's annual Fall Convocation on **September 9, 2016**. It will be held in Smith Family Hall at Heritage from **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

This year's Fall Convocation will recognize students who appeared on the Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Also honored during the ceremony will be five retiring faculty who are being awarded emeritus status.

Ms. Maher, who will speak at Fall Convocation, joined the Northwest Health Foundation in August 2012. NWHF is a non-profit foundation that seeks to advance, support and promote health in Oregon and southwest Washington. Ms. Maher has led the organization through a significant transformation. Under her leadership, the NWHF has become a champion of advocacy, policy and supporting vulnerable populations to be leaders in creating healthy families and communities. The NWHF is proud to have a majority minority board and staff, and gives over 70% of its resources to communities of color.

Fall Convocation is free and open to the public. For more information, call (509) 865-8530.

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