

## JENNY DEARBORN NAMED INTERNATIONAL FEMALE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

*Silicon Valley executive wins prestigious Stevie Award for Women in Business*

PALO ALTO, CA (22 November 2017) –Palo Alto based executive Jenny Dearborn was singled out by the international business community and named Female Executive of the Year at the prestigious Stevie Awards, held in New York last Friday. This international competition, which vetted 1,500 nominations from 25 nations, recognizes the achievements and positive contributions of international female business executives, entrepreneurs, and the organizations they run. Selected by a jury of over 170 professionals worldwide, Dearborn was honored with the Gold Stevie Award for “Female Executive of the Year–Business Products–More than 2,500 Employees” at the 14th Annual Stevie Awards Ceremony in New York, NY. More than 500 businesswomen and their guests were in attendance, with an international audience watching as the presentations were broadcast worldwide.

Dearborn donned a Wonder Woman-themed gown for the evening and noted in her acceptance speech, “Former Secretary of State Madeline Albright said, ‘There’s a special place in hell for women who don’t help other women.’ So I’d like to dedicate this award to all the women who have given me a hand up throughout my career and for those women who need a hand, I’m on my way.”

As Senior Vice President and Chief Learning Officer of SAP, the world’s largest B2B software company, **Jenny Dearborn** is responsible for the learning, development, talent management, succession management and organizational development of SAP’s 90,000 employees worldwide.

Recognized as one of the 50 Most Powerful Women in Tech, Dearborn is a thought leader in human capital management. She is a regular contributor to *USA Today*, *Forbes*, *Huffington Post* and *Fast Company*. Her first book, *Data Driven*, to #1 for new business releases on Amazon in 2015. Her follow-up book, *The Data Driven Leader*, provides a guide to utilizing people data analytics, and was released earlier this month.

Dearborn also received the 2017 International Athena Leadership Award, and was recognized in both 2017 and 2016 by *the Financial Times* as one of the top 20 global executive LGBT allies. She has been recognized for several years running as one of the 50 Most Powerful Women in Technology by the National Diversity Council. A champion of equality and diversity, she is the global executive sponsor of SAP’s Business Women’s Network and Pride@SAP. Dearborn serves on the Boards of Directors for the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Institute for Corporate Productivity, The Commonwealth Club, is a member of the Lucas Graduate School of Business Board of Governors at San Jose State University and was on the Board of Directors at the Association for Talent Development. Through the Fortune Most Powerful Women Network, she is a mentor for the US State Department to female entrepreneurs in developing countries.

Dearborn earned an MBA in Organizational Development from San Jose State University, a Masters of Education from Stanford University, a Bachelors of Arts from University of California at Berkeley and an Associates of Arts degree in Social Sciences from American River College in Sacramento. She has embraced personal challenges including dyslexia, ADHD, and OCD, which were formative in her youth and now harnesses them as sources of strength and power. Multi-hyphenated, Dearborn is also a film producer and professional artist, painting large-scale acrylic on canvas pop-art, as well as a competitive athlete. She and her husband have four children, and live in Palo Alto, California.

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