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Cicely S. Wootan is the Director of Corporate Development for the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. In addition to her work in arts and culture, Cicely is actively involved in health and community issues, starting with her former position at the Avon Foundation and in her current volunteer work with underserved youth and with human rights initiatives.

While at the Avon Foundation she addressed critical issues for women – domestic violence and breast cancer – through such programs as the international fundraising series, Avon Walk Around the World for Breast Cancer. For the last nine years, Cicely has volunteered her services to work with at-risk adolescent girls through organizations such as Convent Avenue Homeless Shelter and she serves as a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters, Good Shepherd Foster Care, and the Lower Eastside Girls Club. Cicely has been a volunteer grassroots organizer for the Human Rights Campaign as well as with various political campaigns mostly focused on issues like marriage equality and health care reform. For five years, she also served on the Board of Directors of Esse Aficionado, a not-for-profit dance company in New York City that focuses on the relationship between dance and technology.

Cicely has been actively involved in a variety of Heinz School activities and programs since graduation. She has provided important support as a mentor for current arts management students as well as other students interested in working in non-profit. This assistance has included hosting several Heinz students in various internship programs at the Avon Foundation and the Guggenheim Museum. Cicely has participated in informational interviews with students looking to work in corporate philanthropy, move to New York, or even just wanting to network with Alumni. She served as a panelist in the “Moving to New York” session held in conjunction with the Network New York event in addition to regularly attending these Heinz School events. And when Cicely is the hiring manager, she has always posted job opportunities on CMU student/alumni web sites before promoting them on public job listings. Cicely enjoys staying connected with Carnegie Mellon students, alumni, faculty and staff and providing help and guidance where she is able.

Cicely will maintain the same level of dedication to the Alumni Board projects. She will continue to encourage graduates to utilize their positions in the community for the betterment of fellow alumni and students and to spread the word about Carnegie Mellon. In addition, Cicely will use her fundraising skills to assist in the raising funds for the Heinz School and its student and alumni programs.