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TENEMENT MUSEUM PRESIDENT NAMED TOP LGBT+ PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVE

October 25, 2018, New York, NY— Kevin Jennings, the President of the Tenement Museum, has been named no.2 on OUTstanding’s 2018 global list of top 30 LGBT+ Public Sector Executives. Jennings was chosen by OUTstanding, a membership organization dedicated to promoting diversity & inclusion in the workplace, for his three decades of leadership in the global LGBT+ movement, which continues now in his role as Tenement Museum President.

Launched in 2013, the annual list is one of several that comprise OUTstanding’s #OUTRoleModels18 campaign, which celebrates executives and leaders across the public and private sectors who are helping to make their workplace more welcoming, and who are making a significant contribution to LGBT+ inclusion outside of their workplace. The campaign is sponsored by the Financial Times.

Jennings contributions to the LGBT+ movements began in 1988 when he created the first school-based Gay-Straight Alliance club, leading him to found and lead the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) for 18 years. He then served as an Assistant Secretary of Education for President Obama, after which he ran the Arcus Foundation, the world’s largest funder of LGBT rights organizations, for 5 years.

In July 2017 Jennings joined the Tenement Museum, one of New York’s premier educational and cultural institutions dedicated to telling the uniquely American stories of immigrants, migrants and refugees in the ongoing creation of the United States. Since then, Jennings has launched an ambitious strategic plan aimed at dramatically increasing the institution’s reach and impact over the next five years with the goal of reshaping the national narrative about immigration at a time when the issue is front page news.

As part of this strategic plan, Jennings launched the Tenement Museum’s first Diversity & Inclusion Initiative addressing a multiplicity of issues including sexual orientation and gender identity, race, ability, and other issues. He also initiated the first-ever LGBT programming at the Museum, including an inaugural Pride Month event focused on the experience of LGBT refugees in June 2018.

About the Tenement Museum

At a time when immigration is at the center of our national conversation, the Tenement Museum is more relevant than ever. Since 1988, the Museum has forged emotional connections between visitors and immigrants past and present, through educator-led tours of its historic tenement buildings at 97 and 103 Orchard and the surrounding neighborhood, enhancing appreciation for the vital role immigrants play in shaping the American identity. The Museum has become one of New York City’s preeminent cultural and educational institutions, welcoming more than 238,000 visitors, including 55,000 students, each year. The Museum now aims to use every medium at its disposal to dramatically increase the impact of its programming—reaching millions not thousands-- with its message of how immigrants built and continue to build America.

About OUTstanding

OUTstanding is a membership organization for global businesses. We work directly with LGBT+ and ally leaders to drive cultural change, creating an environment where everyone can succeed. Working with 26% of the FTSE 100, we are a powerful network that can be leveraged to drive positive change.

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