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**SOJOURN™ MARKS MILESTONE FOR WEDU**  
***PBS President & CEO Pops the Cork on the Station's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

**Tampa, FL** – Paula Kerger, President and CEO of PBS will be the Guest of Honor at **Sojourn™** – the award-winning WEDU fundraising gala and international celebration of wine, cuisine, and culture taking place on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront Hotel.

Joining Ms. Kerger at this black-tie affair marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WEDU, are gala chairs representing five counties within the station's 16 county viewing area; Barry and Judith Alpert (Pinellas County); Richard and Francine Dobkin (Hillsborough); Leonard and Nancy Johnson (Pasco); Elaine Keating (Sarasota); Ray and Nancy Murray (Pinellas); Leslie Spencer (Polk and Hillsborough); Jay B. and Marsha Starkey (Pasco), and Paul and Gail Whiting (Hillsborough).

The gala chairs and entire committee promise a night to remember at **Sojourn™** as this year's destination transports guests to France – a country rich in history and culture. From Moulin Rouge to Monte Carlo. Arc de Triomphe to Montmartre. Burgundy to Bordeaux. Nice to Provence. Monet to Renior. **Sojourn™** guests will be indulged in la joie de vivre en France during a reception featuring the art, dance and music of another world, complemented by a thematic silent auction and, of course, a wine tasting accompanied by sumptuous gourmet bites. This reception is a prelude for what's to follow – a sit down, wine-paired dinner featuring a magnifique menu designed by renowned Chef de Cuisine Dominique Christini (Café Largo), paired with the best wines France produces. After dinner, guests can bid on lavish trips and collectibles during an exciting live auction, followed by desserts and dancing to the indigenous rhythms of main stage entertainment.

Named the "party of the year" by the media, reservations for **Sojourn™**, the third annual culturally-rich, wine-paired dinner to benefit WEDU are available from \$250 per person to \$4,500 for a Feasting Table of 16, and may be made by calling 800-354-9338, ext. 2241 or visiting [www.wedu.org](http://www.wedu.org).