

ACI welcomes four new college and university presidents

July 1, 2016

Four colleges and universities affiliated with Associated Colleges of Illinois welcomed new presidents effective July 1. The new presidents are [Dr. Eric W. Fulcomer](#), Rockford University; [Dr. David J. Livingston](#), Lewis University; and [Dr. Troy VanAken](#), Elmhurst College. In addition, [Dr. Jamel Santa Cruze Bell](#) began as interim president at Eureka College, effective July 1.



Fulcomer, the Rockford University's 18th president, was previously vice president for enrollment management at Rockford, and has more than two decades of higher education leadership experience. He succeeded Dr. Robert L. Head, who retired after eight years as Rockford's president.

Livingston came to Lewis University from Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio, where he was president. He became Lewis' 10th president, succeeding Brother James Gaffney, FSC, who retired after 28 years as Lewis University's president.



VanAken became the 14th president of Elmhurst College, succeeding Interim President Dr. Larry A. Braskamp. VanAken, who has considerable experience in higher education, was most recently president of Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania.

Bell became interim president at Eureka College, succeeding Dr. J. David Arnold. She joined Eureka in 2014 in the role of vice president for strategic diversity initiatives. Arnold became chancellor of the college, where he will devote special attention to donor relationships and support for new strategic initiatives.



ACI is a collaboration of [22 private, nonprofit, residential colleges and universities](#). It works with business and community leaders to help first-generation, minority and low-income students succeed, and it works to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of independent higher education.