

ACI April 29 Reception to Recognize Scholarship Recipients, Peer Mentoring, Retiring Presidents

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Associated Colleges of Illinois (ACI) will host a “[Scholarship and Recognition Reception](#)” next month to recognize and raise funds for college and university [student scholars](#) and its [Peer Mentoring](#) program, which matches mentors and selected students at member schools. ACI will also recognize presidents of member colleges and universities who will retire at the end of the academic year.

The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. April 29 at Chicago’s [Mid-America Club](#), Aon Center, 200 East Randolph Dr., on the 80th floor.

“We [invite](#) anyone with an interest in Illinois higher education to attend,” said Mick Weltman, ACI executive director. “Our purpose is to raise funds to support first-generation, low-income, minority students who attend our 23 member colleges and universities. ACI scholarships help our members close funding gaps for students who need financial help. This is particularly important while Illinois’ political leaders remain at an impasse about the state’s budget, including critical [MAP \(Monetary Award Program\)](#) grants.”

“In addition, we think attendees will enjoy this event. They’ll meet interesting people, hear engaging speakers, appreciate fine music and see a great view of the Chicago skyline,” Weltman added.

ACI will recognize retiring presidents at four of its member colleges: Brother James Gaffney, FSC, [Lewis University](#), Romeoville; Dr. J. David Arnold, [Eureka College](#), Eureka; Dr. Robert L. Head, [Rockford University](#), Rockford; and Dr. Larry A. Braskamp, [Elmhurst College](#), Elmhurst.

Keynote speaker is [Dr. James L. Applegate](#), executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Springfield. Attendees will also meet and hear from student scholars and leaders of ACI’s Peer Mentoring Program. Entertainment will be provided by the Chicago Sinfonietta [Project Inclusion Ensemble](#), and donors who commit \$250 or more will receive tickets to the May 23 Sinfonietta performance.