

25 Members and Growing: Saint Xavier University Rejoins ACI

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[Saint Xavier University](#), founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy in 1846, officially rejoined ACI June 1. The ACI Board of Trustees approved the university's application for admission at the trustees' annual meeting in April. Saint Xavier is led by [President Laurie M. Joyner](#), and it is ACI's 25th member higher education institution.

Saint Xavier was previously an ACI member until 2002.

Addressing the board, Dr. Avis Clendenen, emeritus professor of religion and special assistant to the president, said Saint Xavier is the oldest Catholic university in Chicago, serving 3,900 undergraduate and graduate students. Nursing and

speech pathology are signature programs, and it is a Hispanic-serving institution. Its original purpose was to educate immigrants, and today, it continues to serve a significant first-generation student population.