

Illinois Wesleyan University, St. Augustine College Join ACI

ACI membership grows to 27 colleges and universities

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ACI added two new member institutions in late fall, which will grow the organization to 27 member colleges and universities in 2019. Together, ACI members include about 70,000 students and 33,000 employees, plus the member institutions' economic impact to Illinois is nearly \$3.4 billion.

Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU), Bloomington, rejoined ACI effective Dec. 1, and St. Augustine College, Chicago, will join ACI effective Jan. 1, 2019. Both were approved for membership by vote of the ACI Board of Trustees, said Mick Weltman, ACI executive director.

IWU had been a member of ACI for many years until 2001. The university provides a combination of liberal arts and sciences with four nationally known professional schools of art, music, theatre and nursing, an exceptional business program and eight highly respected pre-professional programs. IWU's enrollment is 1,693 students. Dr. Eric R. Jensen, university president, has led Illinois Wesleyan since 2015.



Founded in 1980, SAC is the first bilingual (dual language) institution of higher education in Illinois (and one of only two in the U.S.) to make higher education accessible to a diverse student population. Its emphasis is on those of Hispanic descent to strengthen ethnic identity, reinforce cultural interaction and fill cultural, educational and socio-economic gaps. SAC applies the liberal arts and sciences with a career-oriented focus, enabling students to apply knowledge and skills productively in work-related settings and in all of life's responsibilities. SAC's enrollment is 1,529 students. Dr. Reyes González is president.