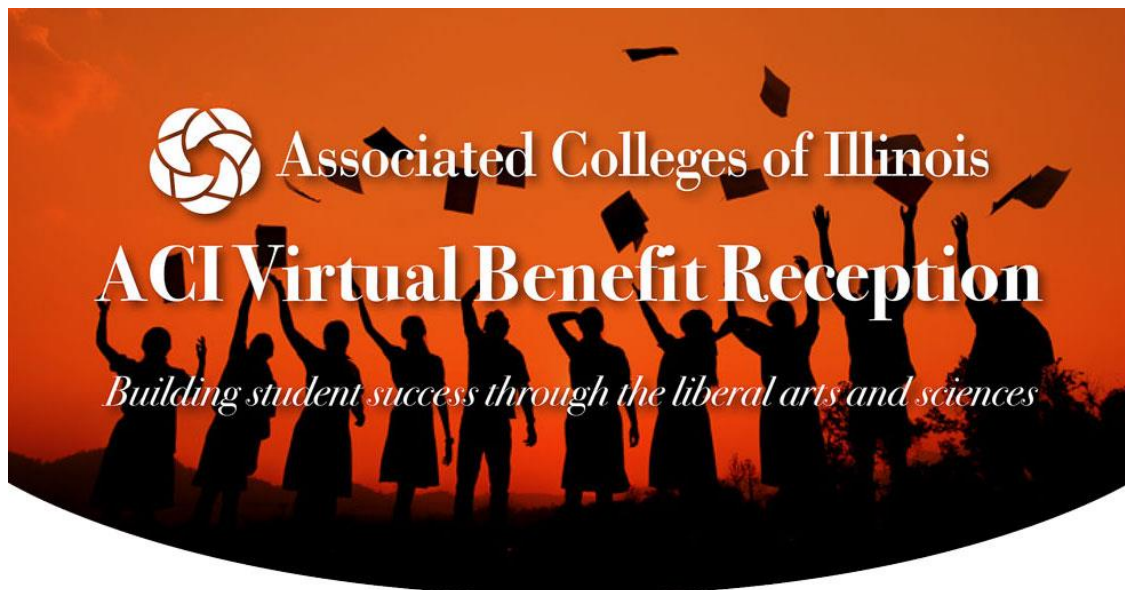


ACI's Virtual Benefit Reception is Coming April 16!

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ACI's Annual Benefit Reception – temporarily renamed the ACI Virtual Benefit Reception -- is scheduled for Friday, April 16 at 6 p.m., and can be viewed online. This prerecorded event will feature music selections and a digital art display by Knox College student winners of the [150 Media Stream/ACI Contest for Digital Art](#). ACI Board of Trustees member [Chloe Overstreet](#), will also discuss her journey to become the first ACI student trustee.

Preliminary information is on the [ACI Virtual Benefit Reception webpage](#), including opportunities for sponsorships and ways to give.



Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs is expected to speak at this year's ACI Virtual Benefit Reception.

"Our goal at this year's reception is to emphasize the academic and artistic talent of students attending ACI's member colleges and universities," said Constance Willoughby, ACI director for conferences and scholarships, and manager of this year's event. The Virtual Benefit Reception aims to make viewers aware of ACI's work to build a stronger Illinois through liberal arts education and to raise funds that make [ACI's programs](#) possible, she said. Those programs include peer mentoring, college-to-career development, plus scholarships and emergency financial aid.

The event will also feature remarks from Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, left, who was the keynote speaker at ACI's 2019 Benefit Reception. He will be joined by others who share ACI's enthusiasm for advancing liberal arts sciences and education in Illinois, Willoughby said.

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