

## ACI to Host March 9 Virtual Event on Roles of Educators, Top Business Leaders to Offer Solutions to Illinois' Economic Challenges

'A smarter solution: How the liberal arts and business community together are solving Illinois challenges,' focuses on ACI's alumni employment data

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College presidents, corporate leaders and students will lead a virtual event March 9 focused on how educators in the liberal arts and sciences, and the business community, are working together to offer solutions to the economic challenges faced by Illinois' companies, schools and students.

[Registration](#) for the virtual event is now open. The program can be [viewed on ACI's YouTube channel](#).

Organized by Associated Colleges of Illinois (ACI), the online event, "A smarter solution: How the liberal arts and business community together are solving Illinois challenges," includes discussion of ACI's extensive alumni employment data. Presidents of four ACI-affiliated colleges and universities, a Fortune 500 company CEO and two corporate members of ACI's Board of Trustees, including a student, will be webinar presenters.

The virtual event is planned for 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. CST. President Jamel Santa Cruze Wright, [Eureka College](#), will introduce the program and offer concluding remarks. Wright is also ACI president.



*The March 9 webinar includes discussion of ACI's employment data, featuring alumni from member colleges and universities.*

Other topics and speakers are:

- What are the challenges? – President Philip G. Ryken, [Wheaton College](#)

- How can we meet these challenges? – Kunal Kapoor, CEO, [Morningstar, Inc.](#), and a graduate of ACI-member [Monmouth College](#)

- What do ACI-member schools offer as one solution? – President Teresa L. Amott, [Knox College](#)

- What have been the results as shown by the employment data? – President Troy D. Hammond, [North Central College](#)

- How can you get involved? – Chloe Overstreet, ACI board member and student at ACI-member Eureka College, and Mark A. Vargas, ACI board member and president, [Licentiam](#). Vargas is also a graduate ACI-member [Judson University](#).

After the virtual event, a recording will be available on ACI's YouTube channel.