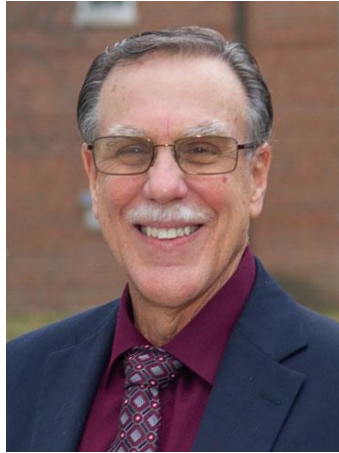


## **Blackburn College Appoints Permanent President, McKendree University Extends President's Contract**

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President Gregory J. Meyer Blackburn College

Two ACI-member institutions announced made significant announcements about their presidents this month.

The [Blackburn College](#) Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Gregory J. Meyer as the school's 19th president, college reported in a [news release](#). Meyer, a former Blackburn professor and administrator, succeeded Dr. Mark Biermann, who recently resigned after two-and-a-half years at Blackburn to focus on health, well-being and extended family.

"Blackburn has played a profound role throughout my life and has become a significant part of my adult identity, professionally and personally," Meyer said. "I am humbled and honored by the privilege of accepting the board of trustees' appointment to serve as the next president of this remarkable institution."

During more than 30 years at Blackburn, Meyer has held a variety of academic and administrative roles, including department and division chair, professor of philosophy and religion, dean of students, college counselor and director of church relations. Although he retired in 2014, he remained actively engaged with the college, returning in 2020 as interim provost and again in 2022 as interim president.

Meyer earned a bachelor's degree from Carroll College (now Carroll University) and holds a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. After seminary, he served as pastor of Presbyterian churches in Wisconsin until his arrival at Blackburn in 1981.

### **McKendree University extends president's contract**

The [McKendree University](#) Board of Trustees announced a multi-year contract extension to President Daniel C. Dobbins through June 30, 2026, according to a university [news release](#).

Dobbins is McKendree University's 33rd president and is a 1981 graduate of the institution. He is married to Mickey (Macaluso) Dobbins, also a 1981 graduate. He became president on Jan. 1, 2020.

"It continues to be one of Mickey's and my greatest honors to serve McKendree University in this capacity," said Dobbins.



President Daniel C. Dobbins McKendree University

"While we couldn't be prouder of what we have accomplished, we have much more to achieve together as One McKendree."

Under Dobbins' direction, McKendree University has accomplished much, including developing and launching the UNITED strategic plan, launching the Clear Path admissions strategy, attaining a successful Higher Learning Commission Year 4 Accreditation assurance review, providing a major transformation to Holman Library's space with a learning and technology center, and more.