

Presidents of Two ACI Member Colleges and Universities to Attend Education Technology Conference

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ACI and the [Council of Independent Colleges \(CIC\)](#) are sponsoring presidents of two ACI-member colleges and universities to attend a significant education technology conference, "[ASU + GSV Summit](#)," April 17-19 in San Diego.

[President Troy D. VanAken](#), left, of Elmhurst University and [President Jamel Santa Cruze Wright](#), right, of Eureka College will attend the conference, said April Arnold, ACI executive director.



President Troy VanAken, left, of Elmhurst University, and President Jamel SC Wright, right, of Eureka College

The summit is a collaboration of Arizona State University (ASU) and Global Silicon Valley (GSV). Initiated in 2010, "the summit connects leading minds focused on transforming society and business around learning and work," according to the event website. Last year, more than 5,200 people attended from 55 countries, including more than 600 leaders in higher education.

"In the past, independent colleges have largely been absent from this event, and I am delighted that Presidents VanAken and Wright will represent ACI as a part of the CIC's exploratory delegation this year," Arnold said. "The conference programming provides a rich proposition for all attendees. I look forward to having them share highlights of what they learn later this spring."

CIC decided to sponsor a delegation to attend to increase independent college participation, said Sherita C. Ashmon, CIC director of state councils and networks support. CIC expects to send about 50 leaders of independent colleges to the event, she said.