

Purchase Tickets Now for ACI's 2018 Benefit Reception – Friday, April 20 April 5, 2018

With only two weeks to go before ACI's April 20 Annual Benefit Reception, *Building Student Success Through the Liberal Arts*, it's time to purchase tickets to attend this exciting event at the University Club of Chicago. Tickets are \$175 per person and are available via the ACI website [registration page](#).

The Annual Benefit Reception raises funds to support [ACI's Peer Mentoring Program](#), which seeks to raise college graduation rates among underserved students, including low-income and first-generation students and students of color.

Now active on nine ACI-member campuses, peer mentoring matches students with trained peer mentors recruited from upper classmen of similar socioeconomic backgrounds. Mentors help their mentees navigate the critical first year of college and boost their chances of persisting through the next three years to graduation.

ACI's April 20 Benefit Reception offers guests cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, with entertainment provided by musicians from [Chicago Sinfonietta](#). A brief program will feature messages from [Ana Dutra](#), left, CEO of The Executives' Club of Chicago, and [Dr. Jamel Santa Cruze Wright](#), right, Eureka College's 27th president and the first woman and African American to preside over the 163-year-old institution. In addition, peer mentors from Quincy University, Quincy, and Rockford University, Rockford, will share their experiences supporting students enrolled in ACI's Peer Mentoring Program.

ACI's 2018 Benefit Reception is sponsored by Patrons Gallagher and Husch Blackwell and by Partners Aon, Baker Tilly, GROWMARK, Robbins Schwartz and UPS. Visit ACI's website for information about [sponsoring the event](#) and for information about [publishing greetings](#) in the program book.



Ana Dutra, left, The Executives' Club of Chicago, and Dr. Jamel SC Wright, Eureka College