

Tickets, sponsorships available now for ACI's April 17 Benefit Reception

Act now to make 2020 a record-setting year for ACI

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ACI scholars and leaders will be at the Benefit Reception.

Help make Associated Colleges of Illinois history by purchasing tickets to ACI's Annual Benefit Reception on Friday, April 17, 2020, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the University Club of Chicago's Cathedral Hall. Registration for the event is open.

"Our attendance record for ACI's Annual Benefit is 197, and our revenue record is \$110,000," said Executive Director Mick Weltman. "This year, we're challenging our sponsors, leaders and friends to help us achieve even more."

Benefit revenue is critical to ACI's key programs: scholarships for students in need at [ACI's 27 member colleges and universities](#); the Peer Mentoring Program to improve retention and graduation rates for low-income, first-generation and students of color; ACI's Career Development Initiative, including an annual Career Development Conference and Work and Life Skills Boot Camps that boost job readiness skills and career opportunities for students at member institutions. The reception will include compelling stories of students who have benefited from these programs. "ACI programs help build the workforce of the future," Weltman explains, "so when you purchase tickets or sponsor ACI's benefit, you're investing in Illinois' economic future."

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Six prominent firms are already benefit sponsors: Husch Blackwell and Rathje Woodward LLC are Patrons and Aon, Fidelity Charitable, Gallagher and Robbins Schwartz are Partners. "We're making real progress toward our revenue goal," Weltman says. "Sponsorships are still available at every level, with great benefits for participants."

Tickets for ACI's Benefit Reception are \$200. They went on sale on Feb. 10, and are available here. Guests enjoy an open beer and wine bar, plus hors d'oeuvres, a buffet of delicious snacks and live music.

ACI's 2020 Benefit Reception will feature keynote speaker [Melissa B. Donaldson](#), Wintrust Financial Corporation's first-ever vice president and chief diversity officer. A strategic change agent at Wintrust, Ms. Donaldson's mission is to establish diversity and inclusion priorities that drive business success. "Melissa Donaldson brings to life ACI's vision of an increasingly diverse workforce," Weltman says. "We are looking forward to hosting her at our Benefit Reception."

For additional information about sponsoring ACI's April 17 Benefit Reception or to buy tickets, visit ACI's website or call Mick Weltman at 312-263-2391, ext. 1.