The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities Announces New Members to Its Executive Committee

November 8, 2023–During its Annual Business Meeting, held at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel in Sacramento, California, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) elected Michael Beals, president of Vanguard University; Amy Marcus-Newhall, president of Scripps College; André Stephens, president of Fresno Pacific University; and Julie Sullivan, president of Santa Clara University, to its Executive Committee. Hector De La Torre, executive director of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and former Assemblymember, was elected to a non-president position.

The AICCU Executive Committee serves as the association's governing board and is responsible for overseeing the association's agenda on higher education policy, actively encouraging support for the association's priorities and initiatives, and overseeing the operations of AICCU. The Executive Committee is comprised of 18 presidents of member institutions and senior administrative leaders, and seven non-president positions.

"AICCU institutions serve as invaluable contributors to California's educational, economic, creative, and intellectual wealth," said AICCU President Kristen Soares. "We aim to deliver a quality education that meets the needs of the state's diverse population. The AICCU team and I look forward to working with the Executive Committee to collectively ensure all California students can unlock their full potential by expanding college opportunities and dismantling barriers that prevent them from reaching their higher education goals."

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About AICCU

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is comprised of 85+ independent, nonprofit colleges and universities, which make up the Independent California Colleges and Universities (ICCU) sector. The ICCU sector plays a pivotal role in the development of the state's model higher education offerings and in making California a symbol of innovation across the globe. ICCU institutions award nearly 20 percent of all undergraduate degrees and over 50 percent of graduate degrees, making them the largest preparers of California's advanced workforce.

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