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**Dr. L. Jay Lemons Receives the Francis J. Micheline Award
for Outstanding Service to Higher Education**

Harrisburg, Mar. 27, 2018 – The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) awarded Dr. L. Jay Lemons the Francis J. Micheline Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education at its Annual Meeting in Hershey.

The Francis J. Micheline Award is given in honor of Dr. Francis J. “Mike” Micheline, who was a long-time president of the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities (one of AICUP’s predecessor organizations). The Micheline Award is reserved for individuals who have been exemplary leaders of their institutions but also whose work has significantly contributed to the quality of private higher education in Pennsylvania.

This year’s recipient Dr. L. Jay Lemons, former President at Susquehanna University, enhanced Susquehanna’s reputation as an outstanding and well-respected liberal arts college. While at Susquehanna University, Dr. Lemons strengthened an already rigorous curriculum, instituted a major new study abroad program to develop a global perspective for Susquehanna students, and completed several new facility projects.

Dr. Lemons also stands out for his outstanding service to higher education as a whole and his willingness to mentor new college presidents by serving on the faculty of the new presidents’ programs of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC). He served on the boards of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), the NCAA, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP), including chairing the latter organization. His integrity, warmth, and knowledge in both public and private sectors of higher education, makes him a trusted advisor and friend.

“Jay has provided the independent higher education sector with incredible leadership and it reflects on our institutions,” AICUP President, Dr. Don Francis said. “It was an honor to present the Michelini Award to Dr. Lemons on behalf of independent higher education.”

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