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Dr. Thomas Foley Named New President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

Harrisburg, Mar. 27, 2018 – Thomas P. Foley, J.D., President of Mount Aloysius College, today was named President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) during the Association’s Annual Meeting in Hershey. Current President Dr. Don Francis will be retiring June 30th, after more than 25 years with the association.

Dr. Patrick F. Leahy, President of Wilkes University and Chair of the Search Committee for the next AICUP president, said: “In any search, you set out to accomplish the impossible – narrow a pool of highly-qualified candidates down to a single individual who can advance the mission of your organization in new and exciting ways. I’m proud to say that in selecting Tom Foley as our new president, AICUP has done just that.”

Incoming AICUP Board Chair, Dr. Barbara K. Mistick added, “Tom’s deep knowledge of higher education, extensive administrative experience, and credibility among institutions throughout the Commonwealth make him an ideal leader for AICUP.”

Foley has served as president at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, PA since 2010 and is currently serving as chairman of the AICUP board. Foley also served as chair of the Council of Mercy Presidents, as a member of the NCAA President’s Council and as a board member for the two premier economic development groups in the Altoona Johnstown market. Prior to his leadership at Mount Aloysius, Dr. Foley was a public servant for more than two decades in Harrisburg—where he served in two cabinet level positions--and in Washington D.C.--where he worked in both the Executive and Legislative branches. He has testified before legislative bodies on dozens of occasions, in both Harrisburg and in Washington.

“It has been an honor and pleasure serving Mount Aloysius students, staff and faculty for the past 8 years,” said Foley “I look forward to continuing the important efforts to educate the community on the value and quality of education at PA’s private institutions.”

Foley will begin his new role in July, leading the statewide association that supports 90+ member private higher education institutions in Pennsylvania. The association offers financial and other tools that model best practice efficiencies for college operations, advocates for state and federal support to increase access and affordability for students, and provides cost-effective research for institutions.

“The AICUP search committee found the ideal person to lead the organization,” Dr. Don Francis said. “Tom has great experience in state and federal government, in administrative work for non-profits, and in leading a Pennsylvania private college that effectively serves its students and region.”

Foley was a scholarship student at Dartmouth College and Yale Law School and is the first generation in his family to have the opportunity for higher education.

Dr. Francis announced his retirement in spring 2017. At that time the association placed a nationwide search to fill the position.

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