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84 INDEPENDENT COLLEGES IN PENNSYLVANIA RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESERVING STUDENTS

HARRISBURG, August 2015 — The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) today announced that it has received \$205,800 to distribute to deserving students at private colleges and universities in the Commonwealth. The scholarships were made possible by a grant from the UPS Educational Endowment Fund administered by the Council of Independent Colleges in Washington, DC.

Through the program, AICUP is able to provide \$2,450 in scholarship funding to 84 independent colleges and universities in the Commonwealth. Each school then disperses the aid to the student of their choosing.

“The grant from the UPS Educational Endowment Fund has allowed hundreds of students to benefit from the opportunities afforded at Pennsylvania’s independent colleges and universities, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities is thrilled to participate in this fantastic program,” said AICUP President Don Francis. “It is a tradition that we hope to carry forward in the years to come.”

Nationally, the CIC and the UPS Foundation teamed up to provide nearly \$1.5 million in student scholarships this year, a portion of which was then dispersed to schools and students in Pennsylvania by the AICUP Foundation.

“Through this national scholarship program, CIC and UPS are delighted this year to make it possible for 585 talented young men and women to attend the private college or university of their choice,” said Richard Ekman, president of CIC. “By directly assisting students with significant financial need, CIC and UPS are helping a new generation of students achieve their dreams of a college education.”

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“UPS is pleased to continue that spirit of giving by partnering with CIC to support thousands of students working to become the leaders of tomorrow by obtaining an education from our nation’s independent colleges,” said Eduardo Martinez, president of the UPS Foundation. “We are also proud that the UPS Foundation and UPS employees directed more than \$104 million in philanthropy and in-kind services, including more than 1.8 million hours of volunteer service, to local communities around the world in 2014.”

The Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP), the only statewide organization that serves exclusively the interests of private higher education within the Commonwealth, exists to complement and support the work of campus leaders. With a membership of 89 private colleges and universities within Pennsylvania, the Association provides a variety of services and programs tailored specifically to the needs and situation of independent higher education. A list of AICUP’s member colleges and universities is included on its website at www.aicup.org.

The Council of Independent Colleges is an association of 744 nonprofit independent colleges and universities and higher education affiliates and organizations that has worked since 1956 to support college and university leadership, advance institutional excellence, and enhance public understanding of private higher education’s contributions to society. CIC is the major national organization that focuses on providing services to leaders of independent colleges and universities as well as conferences, seminars, and other programs that help institutions to improve educational quality, administrative and financial performance, and institutional visibility. CIC also provides support to state fundraising associations that organize programs and generate contributions for private colleges and universities. The Council is headquartered at One Dupont Circle in Washington, DC. For more information, visit www.cic.edu.

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