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### **84 INDEPENDENT COLLEGES IN PENNSYLVANIA RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESERVING STUDENTS**

**HARRISBURG, August 2016** — The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) today announced that it has received \$218,400 to distribute to low-income and first-generation students at private nonprofit 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 \$2,600 in scholarship funding to 84 independent colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. Each college then disperses the aid to the student of their choosing.

“With the aid of these scholarships, hundreds of students have benefitted 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. “We hope to carry this tradition 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.

“Helping to make college affordable for students from underserved populations is a truly critical need in our society, and it is rewarding to know that The UPS Foundation is addressing this important issue head-on,” said Richard Ekman, president of CIC. “The independent colleges and universities in this country have a remarkable track record in educating and graduating low-income and first-generation students, so it is natural that The UPS Foundation would want to work through CIC and its member institutions in this special scholarship program.”

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“The UPS Foundation is committed to support effective programs—like the UPS Scholarship Program through CIC—that provide diverse populations with advancement opportunities,” said Eduardo Martinez, president of the UPS Foundation. “The UPS Scholarship Program has made a college education possible for more than 19,000 low-income and first generation students and has had a transformative impact on individual lives, on families, and on communities across this country.”

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](http://www.aicup.org).

The Council of Independent Colleges is an association of 765 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](http://www.cic.edu).

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