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AICUP CELEBRATES FORMER GROVE CITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

*AICUP Awards Dr. Richard Jewell the Francis J. Michelini Award for Outstanding
Service to Higher Education*

HARRISBURG, APRIL 13, 2016 -- The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) presented Dr. Richard Jewell with the Francis J. Michelini Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education during an awards ceremony at AICUP's annual meeting of its 89 member college and university presidents on Monday night.

In a statement released to the press, AICUP President Don Francis thanked Dr. Jewell for his years of dedicated service to independent higher education.

"Individuals like Dr. Jewell who devote seemingly endless energy to advancing colleges and universities and the students they serve, are truly the backbone of the independent higher education system," said Francis. "The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania greatly thanks Dr. Jewell for his service to our schools and to the communities we serve."

Dr. Jewell served as president of Grove City College for 11 years and also served as the Government Relations Liaison on the AICUP Board of Directors. According to Francis, "Dick Jewell was perhaps the most important non-elected official whose advocacy helped secure the Ready to Succeed Scholarship Program for middle-income students that will continue to benefit thousands of students in the coming years."

The Francis J. Michelini Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education is presented to individuals who have used their talent to strengthen independent higher education's ability to serve students and communities. The award has been given to 23 recipients since its inception in 1992. Named for Francis J. Michelini, former president of Wilkes University and AICUP, the award celebrates the contributions of individuals who have served as leaders within the independent higher education sector.

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.

NOTE: Photo attached.

Caption: Dr. Richard Jewell, center, stands with AICUP President Don Francis, left, and Francis Michelini, right, after receiving the Francis J. Michelini Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education at the Hilton Harrisburg.

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