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The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities  
Announces  
New Members to Its Executive Committee

**October 17, 2019**—During its annual membership meeting at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel in Sacramento, California, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) elected President [Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J.](#), University of San Francisco; President [Joseph Jones](#), Fresno Pacific University; President [Mary B. Marcy](#), Dominican University of California; President [Michele Nealon](#), Chicago School of Professional Psychology; and President [G. Gabrielle Starr](#), Pomona College to its Executive Committee. President [Ann McElaney-Johnson](#), Mount Saint Mary’s University, was elected to the position of second vice-chair.

“These are highly regarded leaders in higher education, who will bring significant experience to the AICCU Executive Committee,” said AICCU Executive Committee Chair and Biola University President [Barry H. Corey](#). “These new members also bring a deep commitment to higher education and a keen understanding of issues around college access, affordability, and success.”

The AICCU Executive Committee serves as the association’s governing board and is responsible for overseeing the association’s agenda on higher education policy, actively encouraging support for the association’s priorities and initiatives, and overseeing the operations of AICCU. President Corey continues to serve as chair, and President [David J. Fike](#), Golden Gate University, continues as first vice-chair.

“This is a critical time in our state as we strive to serve the widest spectrum of our population by providing effective, affordable, and high-quality education. AICCU campuses are vital contributors to California’s educational, economic, creative and intellectual resources,” said AICCU President Kristen Soares. “I look forward to working with a strong Executive Committee and the AICCU team to collectively ensure that all California students, no matter their background, can achieve their full potential and their higher education goals by increasing college access and breaking down barriers.”

AICCU’s Executive Committee is [comprised](#) of 18 presidents of member institutions, and senior administrative leaders. The Executive Committee also includes four non-president positions.

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**About AICCU**

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is comprised of 85 independent, nonprofit colleges and universities, which make up the Independent California Colleges and Universities (ICCU) sector. The ICCU sector plays a pivotal role in the development of the state's model higher education offerings and in making California a symbol of innovation across the globe. Within California, ICCU institutions award over 20 percent of all undergraduate degrees and over 50 percent of graduate degrees, making them the largest preparers of California's advanced workforce.