

**Private College and University Presidents  
Taking Office in 2018**  
*Compiled by Roland King*

**Agnes Scott College (GA)**

Leocadia "Lee" Zak

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency (Obama administration), 2010-17

*Extensive background in international economic development and international project finance; served for seven years as the director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Alderson Broaddus University (WV)**

James "Tim" Barry

Took Office: 2015-12-22 (*Initially interim; named as permanent president 11/13/18*)

Previously: President, Mount Marty College, 2002-10

*Former vice president of development for People to People International. Previously was executive director at Newman Catholic Student Center at the University of Iowa. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Allen College (IA)**

Jared Seliger

Took Office: 2018-01-02

Previously: Associate Chancellor, Allen College, 2016-18; Director, Nuclear Medicine Technology Program, Allen College, 2007-16  
*Joined Allen College in 2008 to develop the Nuclear Medicine Technology program. ([President's Bio](#))*

**American College of Financial Services (PA)**

Todd Schoon

Took Office: 2018-05-01 (*Interim*)

Previously: Executive Vice President, Agencies at Northwestern Mutual; former board chair  
*In 2016, came to the College as a loaned executive of Northwestern Mutual. His initial focus was on marketing and distribution. ([President's Bio](#))*

**American Jewish University (CA)**

Jeffrey Herbst

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: President and CEO, Newseum, Washington, DC, 2015-17; President, Colgate University, 2010-15  
*Only the fourth president in the history of American Jewish University (formerly known as the University of Judaism). ([President's Bio](#))*

**Arcadia University (PA)**

Ajay Nair

Took Office: 2018-04-02

Previously: Senior Vice President and Dean of Campus Life, Emory University  
*Among the first U.S. college or university presidents of Indian-American descent. Expert in student affairs issues, and social justice, race, and ethnicity scholar. Pronunciation: uh-JAY NY-er (rhymes with tire). ([President's Bio](#))*

**Arkansas Baptist College (AR)**

Regina Favors

Took Office: 2018-09-04 (*Interim*) Alum

Previously: President and CEO, Pinnacle Business Solutions (a subsidiary of Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield); former board member.  
*Tenure with Blue Cross Blue Shield spanned over 40 years, and had executive oversight for Medicare programs. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Aultman College (OH)**

Jean Paddock

Took Office: 2018-01-02

Previously: Vice President, Academic Affairs, Aultman College, 2012-17

*Has been with Aultman College since 2007.*

[\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Benedictine University (IL)**

Charles Gregory

Took Office: 2018-08-09 *(Interim)*

Previously: Executive Vice President, recent Mesa campus CEO, Benedictine University (retired 2017)

*First came to the University in 1997 as Executive Vice President. Retired in 2017, but continued in his career as a higher education consultant.*

[\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Bentley University (MA)**

Alison Davis-Blake

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Dean, School of Business, University of Michigan, 2011-2016

*National leader in business education who has also led the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Bethel College (KS)**

Jonathan C. Gering

Took Office: 2018-01-29 *Alum*

Previously: Founding Dean, School of Science and Mathematics, Truman State University  
*Also has a foundation in the sciences, the liberal arts and community engagement.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Birmingham-Southern College (AL)**

Bradley J. Caskey

Took Office: 2018-10-01 to 12-02 *(Interim)*

Previously: Provost, Birmingham-Southern College, 2017-18; Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

*Came to BSC after more than three decades at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.*

[\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Birmingham-Southern College (AL)**

Daniel Coleman

Took Office: 2018-12-03

Previously: CEO, KCG Holdings, 2013-17; adjunct professor of finance, adjunct professor of finance, Birmingham-Southern College

*Extensive career in finance. Played a leading role in the evolution of high-frequency trading in global financial markets. Was a member of the BSC Board of Trustees.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Blackburn College (IL)**

Jennifer Braaten

Took Office: 2018-07-01 *(Interim)*

Previously: President, Ferrum College, 2002-17  
*Was also president of Midland Lutheran College.*

[\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Bluffton University (OH)**

Jane Wood

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean, Mount Marty College

*Experience includes tenured faculty member, department chair, academic dean and vice president.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Carroll College (MT)**

John Cech

Took Office: 2018-06-01

Previously: Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System, 2010-18  
*As Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education for the Montana University System, was responsible for academic, research, and student affairs for the state.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Central Christian College of Kansas (KS)**

Leonard Favara

Took Office: 2018-07-01 *(Initially interim; named as permanent president 9/12/18)* *Alum*

Previously: Provost, Central Christian College of Kansas, 2011-18

*Has dedicated much of his life to Central Christian College, serving in many capacities for over 20 years.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Charleston Southern University (SC)**

Dondi E. Costin

Took Office: 2018-06-01

Previously: Chief of Chaplains, United States Air Force, 2015-18

*As Air Force Chief of Chaplains, was the senior pastor for more than 664,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces, and led 2,000 chaplains and chaplain assistants. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Chowan University (NC)**

Kirk E. Peterson

Took Office: 2018-06-01

Previously: Superintendent, Springfield (Ohio) Christian School, 2014-18; President, Urbana University, 2013-14; Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty, Urbana University, 2010-13; faculty member and administrator, Chowan University, 2004-10  
*Also facilitated a successful merger of Urbana University, saving the university from absolute closure. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Claremont Graduate University (CA)**

Len Jessup

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: President, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2015-18; Dean, College of Management, University of Arizona, 2011-14  
*Earlier was vice president of university development at Washington State University. Is a professor and scholar of management information systems. ([President's Bio](#))*

**The College of New Rochelle (NY)**

William W. Latimer

Took Office: 2018-04-15

Previously: Founding Dean, School of Health Sciences, Human Services, and Nursing, Lehman College, City University of New York  
*A noted epidemiologist with over 100 peer-reviewed publications and a 20-year record of continuous NIH-funded research. ([President's Bio](#))*

**College of Idaho (ID)**

Jim Everett

Took Office: 2018-04-02

Previously: CEO, Treasure Valley YMCA, 1987-2016

*Spent 28 years as CEO of the local Treasure Valley Family YMCA. Also is College of Idaho swim coach. ([President's Bio](#))*

**College of Idaho (ID)**

Doug Brigham

Took Office: 2018-04-02 Alum

Previously: President and Owner, TitleOne Corporation, 2008-18

*Had a successful 20-year career in financial and operational leadership. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Cornish College of the Arts (WA)**

Raymond Tymas-Jones

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Associate Vice President for the Arts, University of Utah, 2017-18; dean, College of Fine Arts, University of Utah, 2005-17  
*Also was the chief administrative officer for the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, the Pioneer Theatre Company, the Tanner Dance Program, and UtahPresents Performing Arts Series. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Davis College (NY)**

George Snyder

Took Office: 2018-01-16 (Interim)

Previously: Vice President of Academic Affairs and Strategic Planning, Davis College  
*Chairman of the assessment committee, and co-chaired the regional accreditation self-study. Has 14 years experience as a professional civil engineer. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Delaware College of Art and Design (DE)**

Jean G. Dahlgren

Took Office: 2018-08-01

Previously: Dean of Undergraduate Programs, Sage College of Albany

*Served as coordinator for Sage's graphic and media design program for 13 years and then chaired its Art and Design Department for two years. ([President's Bio](#))*

**DeSales University (PA)**

James J. Greenfield

Took Office: 2018-01-01 *Alum*

Previously: Provincial, Wilmington-Philadelphia Province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales  
*An Oblate priest for 30 years. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Earlham College (IN)**

Avis Stewart

Took Office: 2018-07-01 (*Interim*) *Alum*

Previously: Senior Adviser to the President, major gift officer, Earlham College

*Has served Earlham for more than three decades. Served as Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Community Relations from 2015-17. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Eastern Nazarene College (MA)**

Jack Connell

Took Office: 2018-11-15

Previously: Provost and Dean of the Faculty, Houghton College, 2016-18

*Also served as a senior pastor of the Crosswinds Wesleyan Church, Canandaigua, N.Y., 1995 to 2006 and the Lyncourt Wesleyan Church, Syracuse, N.Y., 1989 to 1994. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Eastern Nazarene College (MA)**

Timothy Wooster

Took Office: 2018-03-24 to 11-14 (*Interim*)  
*Alum*

Previously: Provost and Dean of the College, Eastern Nazarene College, 2004-  
*Teaches chemistry, and Epoch Making Events in Science, part of ENC's core curriculum. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Eastern University (PA)**

Ronald A. Matthews

Took Office: 2018-03-01

Previously: Executive Director, Fine and Performing Arts Division, Eastern University, 1992-2018

*Has also conducted, recorded and performed in France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Switzerland and the Vatican. Has studied piano since the age of four. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Ecclesia College (AR)**

Randall Bell

Took Office: 2018-04-23

Previously: Director, Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education, 1972-2012; retired after 2012  
*After nearly 40 years with the Association for Biblical Higher Education, he retired in 2012. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Edward Waters College (FL)**

A. Zachery Faison

Took Office: 2018-06-01

Previously: General Counsel and Vice President of External Affairs, Tuskegee University  
*At age 37 in 2018, his EWC appointment makes him the nation's youngest sitting president and CEO of an HBCU. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Elon University (NC)**

Connie Ledoux Book

Took Office: 2018-03-01

Previously: Provost, The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, 2015-18; Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Elon University, 2010-15

*Earlier serving 16 years as an Elon faculty member and senior administrator.*

*Journalism/communications background. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Endicott College (MA)**

Kathleen H. Barnes

Took Office: 2018-05-20 (*Interim*) Alum  
Previously: Senior Vice President, 2016-18; Vice President Student Success, 2014-16; Dean Academic Resources, 2006-18, all Endicott College  
*Appointed after death of president on 5/12/18.*  
([President's Bio](#))

**Ferrum College (VA)**

David Johns

Took Office: 2018-01-01  
Previously: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Union College  
*A popular speaker. Has been involved with the Quaker Theological Discussion Group, serving as an editor of the journal, Quaker Religious Thought.* ([President's Bio](#))

**Florida Memorial University (FL)**

Jaffus Hardrick

Took Office: 2018-07-18 (*Interim*)  
Previously: Vice Provost for Student Access & Success, and Vice President for Human Resources, Florida Memorial University  
*Recognized as a strategic thinker, thought leader, problem solver, consensus builder, motivator, and fund and friend raiser.*  
([President's Bio](#))

**Franklin & Marshall College (PA)**

Barbara K. Altman

Took Office: 2018-08-01  
Previously: Provost, Bucknell University, 2015-18  
*A native of Canada. Scholar of French medieval language and literature.* ([President's Bio](#))

**Goddard College (VT)**

Bernard Bull

Took Office: 2018-11-01  
Previously: Vice Provost for Curriculum and Innovation, Concordia University, Wisconsin  
*An active voice in K-12 and higher education landscape on alternative and experimental education.* ([President's Bio](#))

**Goddard College (VT)**

Steven James

Took Office: 2018-07-01 to 10-31 (*Interim*)  
Previously: Faculty, Goddard College, 1993-2018  
*President Emeritus of American Psychological Association's Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues.* ([President's Bio](#))

**Hampshire College (MA)**

Miriam E. "Mim" Nelson

Took Office: 2018-07-01  
Previously: Director, Sustainability Institute, University of New Hampshire, 2016-18; Associate Dean, College of Civic Life, Tufts University  
*Health and nutrition scholar, scientist, university professor, higher education administrator, and government policy adviser. Authored the New York Times bestselling ten-book series Strong Women.* ([President's Bio](#))

**Hartford Seminary (CT)**

Joel N. Lohr

Took Office: 2018-07-15  
Previously: Dean of Religious Life, University of the Pacific  
*A native of Canada. An award-winning author, scholar, and leader in interreligious relations and higher education.* ([President's Bio](#))

**Harvard University (MA)**

Lawrence S. Bacow

Took Office: 2018-07-01 Alum  
Previously: President, Tufts University, 2001-11; board member  
*Expert in environmental policy. Was Leader-in-Residence, Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Center for Public Leadership. Past chancellor and chair of the faculty, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.*  
([President's Bio](#))

**Hebrew College (MA)**

Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

Took Office: 2018-01-01 (*Initially interim; named as permanent president 7/1/18*)

Previously: Dean, Rabbinical School, Hebrew College, 2006

*Named to Newsweek's list of Top 50 Influential Rabbis in America, 2011 to 2013. In 2015, named one of the 50 most influential Jews in the world by The Jerusalem Post. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (NY)**

David Ellenson

Took Office: 2018-05-14 (*Interim*)

Previously: Chancellor Emeritus, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion; President, 2001-13, Chancellor, 2014

*Internationally recognized for publications and research in Jewish religious thought, ethics, and modern Jewish history, ([President's Bio](#))*

**Heritage Christian University (AL)**

Kirk Brothers

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Professor of Bible, Freed-Hardeman University, 2010-18

*Spent 23 years in local ministry work. Each year, teaches a course at the Bible School of the Americas in Panama. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Hilbert College (NY)**

Michael Sajda

Took Office: 2018-09-01 (*Interim*)

Previously: President of St. Francis High School, Atholton, N.Y.; Hilbert College board chair  
*Will return to the role of Hilbert board chair upon the appointment of the college's next president. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY)**

Patrick A. McGuire

Took Office: 2018-04-13 (*Interim*)

Previously: Faculty member, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 1968-2013 (retired)

*Has served Hobart and William Smith in a variety of leadership roles for more than 40 years, ([President's Bio](#))*

**Hodges University (FL)**

John D. Meyer

Took Office: 2018-01-15 *Alum*

Previously: Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, Hodges University

*His life in higher education didn't start until after he spent about 20 years working on cars. Is a certified master automobile technician, has been an auto repair shop and a towing business owner. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Howard Payne University (TX)**

Paul W. Armes

Took Office: 2018-06-01 (*Interim*)

Previously: President, Wayland Baptist University, 2001-16

*For 25 years, served as pastor of local Baptist churches. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Illinois College of Optometry (IL)**

Mark Colip

Took Office: 2018-08-06 *Alum*

Previously: Vice President for Student, Alumni and College Development, Illinois College of Optometry, 2009-18

*Part of the college's senior administration for the past 15 years. ([President's Bio](#))*

**John Carroll University (OH)**

Michael Johnson

Took Office: 2018-07-01 *Alum*

Previously: Provost, Babson College

*Was previously professor of business and marketing at the University of Michigan.*

*Research focuses on the development of customer information systems. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Johnson & Wales University (RI)**

Mim I. Runey

Took Office: 2018-10-01

Previously: President, Johnson & Wales University Providence campus, 2011-18  
*Had been at Johnson & Wales for 29 years in 2018. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Johnson C. Smith University (NC)**

Clarence "Clay" Armbrister

Took Office: 2018-01-01

Previously: President, Girard College (K-12 boarding school), Philadelphia, 2012-18; Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Temple University  
*Earlier was Philadelphia City Treasurer, then managing director of the Philadelphia School District. Was an investment banker at PaineWebber before joining Temple University. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Johnson College (PA)**

Katie Leonard

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Senior Vice President of College Advancement, Johnson College  
*Earlier held multiple positions in York, Pa., working with government officials and non-profit organizations and as executive director of Downtown Inc., York's Main Street Program. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Johnson University (TN)**

L. Thomas "Tommy" Smith

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost, Johnson University 2014-17  
*Keeps an active speaking schedule including revivals, workshops, retreats, and seminars, and has conducted short-term mission trips to Haiti, Honduras, China and Ukraine. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Judson College (AL)**

Scott Bullard

Took Office: 2018-03-02 (*Interim*)

Previously: Senior Vice President and Academic Dean, Judson College, 2015-18  
*Earned a Master of Divinity from Duke University, then worked as a development officer for the non-profit entity Stop Hunger Now. ([President's Bio](#))*

**The Juilliard School (NY)**

Damian Woetzel

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Director, Aspen Institute Arts Program. 2011-18  
*Retired in 2008 from a 20-year career as a principal dancer with New York City Ballet and as a dancer on the international stage. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Keuka College (NY)**

Amy Storey

Took Office: 2018-07-01 (*Interim*)

Previously: Vice President for Advancement and External Affairs, Keuka College, 2014-18  
*Earlier was regional director of development for the University of Rochester, 2007-13. Also served as director of development in the School of Management at Binghamton University. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Keystone College (PA)**

Tracy Brundage

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Keystone College, 2017-18; Vice President of Workforce Development, Pennsylvania College of Technology, 2014-17  
*Earlier was director of continuing education at Penn State University – York, and director of workforce development and continuing education at Harrisburg Area Community College. ([President's Bio](#))*

**The King's University (TX)**

John Chasteen

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Minister, Victory Church, Oklahoma City, 2011-18

*Has served in pastoral ministry since 2011.*

[\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Labouré College (MA)**

Jack P. Calareso

Took Office: 2018-01-08

Previously: President, St. Joseph's College (N.Y.), 2014-17

*Has also served as president of Anna Maria College, Ohio Dominican University, and Briar Cliff University.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Labouré College (MA)**

Debra M. Townsley

Took Office: 2018-10-01

Previously: Interim President, Wheeling Jesuit University, 2017; President, William Peace University, 2010-15; President, Nichols College, 1998-2010

*Began her education with an associate degree from a community college. Succeeds Jack P. Calareso, who concluded his presidency unexpectedly due to health issues.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Lesley University (MA)**

Richard Hansen

Took Office: 2018-09-01 *(Interim)*

Previously: Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lesley University, 2017 – 18

*Earlier served as provost at Wentworth Institute of Technology, 2015-17, and brings an academic background in student life and development.*

[\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Limestone College (SC)**

Darrell Franklin Parker

Took Office: 2018-01-03

Previously: Dean, College of Business; and Acting Dean, College of Fine and Performing Arts, Western Carolina University

*Earlier was professor of economics at Winthrop University, and served as director of the Winthrop Economic Development Center, which he founded.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Linfield College (OR)**

Miles K. Davis

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Dean, School of Business, Shenandoah University

*The first college president to come out of [The PhD Project](#), a network that helps members of underrepresented communities attain doctorates and become leaders in higher education.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Louisburg College (NC)**

Gary M. Brown

Took Office: 2018-01-01

Previously: Chief Operating Officer, Mercyhurst North East, 2014-17

*For over 15 years, led a private two-year, residential campus at Mercyhurst North East (Pa.).* [\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Loyola University New Orleans (LA)**

Tania Tetlow

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, Tulane University

*First woman and the first layperson to lead Loyola. The youngest woman president to lead one of the 28 U.S. Jesuit colleges and universities.* [\(President's Bio\)](#)



**Mars Hill University (NC)**

John "Tony" Floyd

Took Office: 2018-06-01

Previously: Executive Vice President, Coker College, 2015-18

*Following a 23-year career in private law practice, joined Coker College in 2012 as vice president of administration and legal counsel. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Marymount California University (CA)**

Brian Marcotte

Took Office: 2018-02-06

Previously: CEO, Titan Oil Recovery Inc., 2006-18; board member

*Appointed when the former president was suddenly removed without explanation in early February 2018. Entire career had been in oil industry. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Marymount University (VA)**

Irma Becerra

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Provost and Chief Academic Officer, St. Thomas University, 2014-18

*Cuban-born American whose parents immigrated to the U.S. when she was an infant. First female to earn a Ph.D. in engineering from Florida International University. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Mercy College of Health Sciences (IA)**

Douglas J. Fiore

Took Office: 2018-06-10

Previously: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Park University, 2016-18

*Recognized for his consulting work in developing culture, collaborations, partnerships and faculty recruitment and retention. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Methodist College (IL)**

James R. Dire

Took Office: 2018-07-30

Previously: Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Hawai'i Kaua'i Campus, 2010-18

*Held teaching positions at the U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Served as nuclear engineer in the U.S. Navy. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Methodist University (NC)**

Delmas S. Crisp

Took Office: 2018-06-01 (*Interim*)

Previously: Provost, 2017-18; Executive Vice President, Methodist University

*Also briefly served as interim president following the retirement of President Elton Hendricks in 2010. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Metropolitan College of New York (NY)**

Joanne Passaro

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Carroll University (Wis.), 2007-18

*Returned to college as an adult after working for several years. Was the first nontraditional student to receive a full scholarship at Duke University. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MN)**

Karen Wirth

Took Office: 2018-09-15 (*Interim*)

Previously: 1st

*Earlier was the dean and chair of fine arts at the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul. An accomplished artist whose work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Mississippi College (MS)**

Blake Thompson

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Vice President and Secretary, Ohio State University Board of Trustees

*Recently began serving as president of Our Ohio Renewal, a nonprofit founded by Hillbilly Elegy author J.D. Vance dedicated to addressing social challenges facing Ohio families. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Missouri Baptist University (MO)**

Keith L. Ross

Took Office: 2018-01-10 *Alum*

Previously: Senior Vice President for University Advancement, Missouri Baptist University  
*Began his tenure at MBU in 1992. Earlier was chief enrollment officer. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Montserrat College of Art (MA)**

Kurt T. Steinberg

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Acting President, 2014-15; Executive Vice President, 2011-18, Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
*Earlier was associate vice chancellor/CFO at the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. An authority in collegiate operations, higher education finance, and urban planning. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Moody Bible Institute (IL)**

Greg Thornton

Took Office: 2018-01-10 *(Interim) Alum*

Previously: Senior Vice President of Media, Moody Bible Institute, 2011-18

*In 2011, became senior vice president of media at Moody Global Ministries, overseeing Moody Publishers and Moody Radio. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Morehouse College (GA)**

David A. Thomas

Took Office: 2018-01-01

Previously: Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School; former Dean, School of Business, Georgetown University

*Prior to Georgetown, served for two decades as a professor and administrator at Harvard University. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Mount Aloysius College (PA)**

John W. Mills

Took Office: 2018-07-01 *(Interim)*

Previously: Interim Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, Mount Aloysius College, 2017-18; President, Paul Smith's College, 2004-14

*Career includes positions at Dartmouth Medical School, Harvard Medical School, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Mount Saint Mary College (NY)**

Jason N. Adsit

Took Office: 2018-06-01

Previously: Dean, School of Arts, Sciences and Education, D'Youville University, 2013-18

*Earlier served as director of the Teaching and Learning Center at SUNY Buffalo and assistant dean for institutional research and assessment at Johns Hopkins University. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Nashotah House Theological Seminary (WI)**

Garwood Anderson

Took Office: 2018-01-01 *(Initially interim; named as permanent president 7/19/18)*

Previously: Interim Dean (January 2018), Acting Dean (August 2017), faculty member (2012-17), Academic Dean (2009-12), Nashotah House Theological Seminary

*Was on the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary, 2002-07. ([President's Bio](#))*

**New England College of Optometry (MA)**

Howard Purcell

Took Office: 2018-07-02 *Alum*

Previously: Senior Vice President of Customer Development for Essilor of America (eyeglass lens company); former board member  
*Was part of Essilor for 10 years, earlier spent 13 years with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care. Began his optometric career in a group practice for 11 years. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Northland College (WI)**

Marvin J. Suomi

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: President, CEO, and Chairman, Kajima International  
*For 37 years led the fourth largest construction-related services company in the world. Council of Independent Colleges named him the Philanthropist of the Year in 2007. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Oklahoma City University (OK)**

Martha Burger

Took Office: 2018-07-01 *Alum*

Previously: Senior Vice President of Human and Corporate Resources, Chesapeake Energy Corp., 2000-13; former board member ([detailed bio](#)).  
*No higher ed experience beyond board service. Former energy industry executive. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Ottawa University (KS)**

Reggies Wenyika

Took Office: 2018-07-16

Previously: President, Southwestern Christian University, 2014-18  
*A native of Zimbabwe, moved to the U.S. in 2000 and to work in higher education. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Otterbein University (OH)**

John Comerford

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: President, Blackburn College, 2013-18  
*Previously at Westminster College (Mo.) 2005-13 as vice president for student life and vice president for institutional advancement. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (WA)**

Robert Sutton

Took Office: 2018-07-01 to 10/07 (*Interim*)

Previously: Chief Academic Officer, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences  
*Prior to coming to PNWU, served as vice president for academic affairs for Genesys Regional Medical Center (Mich.). ([President's Bio](#))*

**Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (WA)**

Michael J. Lawler

Took Office: 2018-10-08

Previously: Dean, School of Health Sciences, University of South Dakota, 2010-18  
*Earlier was at the University of California, Davis, with its Center for Human Services, Center for Public Policy Research, and UC Davis Extension. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Peirce College (PA)**

Mary Ellen Caro

Took Office: 2018-04-16

Previously: Vice President of Enrollment Management and Learner Services, Thomas Edison State University, 2004-18  
*Held numerous senior executive roles during her 14 years at Thomas Edison, including founding dean of the School of Business and Management. Earlier built a 25-year career at AT&T. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (PA)**

Michael Molla

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Maryland Institute College of Art, 2003-12

*Has served at MICA for a total of 26 years, and has led the college in the areas of student affairs, operations and strategic initiatives.*

[\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Pratt Institute (NY)**

Frances Bronet

Took Office: 2018-01-02

Previously: Senior Vice President and Provost, Illinois Institute of Technology

*Previously was acting provost at the University of Oregon; earlier, dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts (now the College of Design), 2005-14. [\(President's Bio\)](#)*

**Providence College (RI)**

Kenneth Sicard

Took Office: 2018-07-01 *(Interim to 12/31/18, while president was on sabbatical)*

Previously: Executive Vice President and Treasurer, Providence College

*Accomplished cook. His dinners, auctioned off by the college as a fundraiser, have gone for as high as \$20,000. [\(President's Bio\)](#)*

**Quinnipiac University (CT)**

Judy D. Olian

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Dean, UCLA School of Management, 2006-18

*Earlier, was dean of Penn State University's Smeal College of Business and senior associate dean at the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. [\(President's Bio\)](#)*

**Reed College (OR)**

Hugh Porter

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Vice President for College Relations, Reed College

*Came to Reed in 1998 from Yale University, where he held a senior position in the development office. Is an accomplished cellist.*

[\(President's Bio\)](#)

**Roger Williams University (RI)**

Andrew Workman

Took Office: 2018-07-09 *(Interim)*

Previously: Provost and Senior Vice President, Roger Williams University, 2012-18

*An accomplished researcher of U.S. history and policy during the President Franklin D. Roosevelt era. [\(President's Bio\)](#)*

**Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (IN)**

Robert A. Coons

Took Office: 2018-11-15

Previously: Senior Vice President, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 2013-18

*Member of the Rose-Hulman leadership team for nearly 30 years. Also served as interim president 2012-13. [\(President's Bio\)](#)*

**Saint Leo University (FL)**

Jeffrey D. Senese

Took Office: 2018-05-01 *(Initially interim; named as permanent president 7/26/18)*

Previously: Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, St. Leo University, 1/16-4/30/18; Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Cardinal Stritch University, 2014-18

*Has extensive international work experiences in Asia, Europe, and South Africa. [\(President's Bio\)](#)*

**Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (MN)**

James P. Burns

Took Office: 2018-07-09

Previously: Dean, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College, 2010-18

*Earlier was co-chairman and associate professor of the Graduate School of Psychology at the University of St. Thomas (Minn.). ([President's Bio](#))*

**Saint Mary's College (IN)**

NancyNekvasil

Took Office: 2018-10-05 (*Interim*)

Previously: Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Saint Mary's College, 2017-18

*Has been a member of the Saint Mary's faculty for nearly 34 years. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Saint Michael's College (VT)**

Lorraine Sterritt

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: President, Salem College (N.C.)

*A native of Ireland. Earlier was a member of the faculty of arts and sciences at Harvard College, and served as a dean for administration.*

*([President's Bio](#))*

**St. Thomas University (FL)**

David A. Armstrong

Took Office: 2018-08-01

Previously: President, Thomas More College, 2013-18

*Served for a decade in various leadership roles at Notre Dame College (Ohio). ([President's Bio](#))*

**Salem College (NC)**

Sandra J. Doran

Took Office: 2018-05-01 (*Interim*)

Previously: National Program Director, New England Board of Higher Education, 2017-18; Chief Executive Officer at Castle Point Learning Systems, 2014-17

*Earlier was chief of staff, vice president, and general counsel at Lesley University (Mass.)*

*([President's Bio](#))*

**Silver Lake College (WI)**

Robert B. Callahan

Took Office: 2018-01-30

Previously: Vice President for Administrative, Enrollment and Student Services, Mount Mercy University (Iowa)

*Has more than 24 years of higher education experience. Silver Lake is America's first Catholic Work College. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Simpson University (CA)**

Norman Hall

Took Office: 2018-06-01

Previously: Vice President for International and Alumni Affairs & Major Gift Officer, Greenville University

*Heavy experience in student affairs and residence life.*

*(<https://simpsonunews.com/2018/05/01/simps-on-university-board-of-trustees-announces-new-president/President's Bio>)*

**Southwest Baptist University (MO)**

Eric A. Turner

Took Office: 2018-09-01

Previously: President, Black River Technical College (Ark.), 2014-18; Dean of Adult Education, Williams Baptist College., 2012-14

*Earlier, was vice president of institutional advancement at Williams Baptist College.*

*([President's Bio](#))*

**Spring Hill College (AL)**

E. Joseph Lee

Took Office: 2018-08-01 (*Interim*) Alum

Previously: From The Registry, a national firm providing interim leadership in higher education.

*Earlier was president at Saint Joseph's College (Maine) and Thomas More College (Ky.).*

*([President's Bio](#))*

**Teachers College, Columbia University (NY)**

Thomas Bailey

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Professor of Economics and Education, Teachers College

*Has served on the College's faculty for the past 27 years. Leading authority on American community colleges. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Thomas More College (KY)**

Kathleen Jagger

Took Office: 2018-07-16 (*Interim*)

Previously: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Thomas More College

*Has published in the areas of microbial diseases, improving science education and incorporating ethics into undergraduate biology curricula.*

*([President's Bio](#))*

**Tuskegee University (AL)**

Lily D. McNair

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wagner College, 2011-18

*A clinical psychologist by training. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Union College (NY)**

David Harris

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Provost, Turfts University, 2012-18

*A sociologist. His scholarship has focused on race and ethnicity, social stratification and public policy. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Union Institute and University (OH)**

Karen Schuster Webb

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Senior Advisor to the Interim Chancellor, 2016-18; Midwest Campus

President, 2014-16, Antioch University System  
*Selected in 2016 as one of the Top 25 Women in Higher Education and Beyond by Diverse Issues In Higher Education. ([President's Bio](#))*

**University of Southern California (CA)**

Wanda M. Austin

Took Office: 2018-08-07 (*Interim*) Alum

Previously: President and CEO, Aerospace Corporation, 2008-16; board member

*Is internationally recognized for her work in aeronautics and systems engineering.*

*([President's Bio](#))*

**University of Scranton (PA)**

Scott R. Pilarz

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: President, Georgetown Preparatory School (Washington, D.C.); President,

Marquette University, 2011-13; former president, University of Scranton, 2003-11

*Second presidency at same institution. Served as president 2003-11. ([President's Bio](#))*

**University of Rochester (NY)**

Richard Feldman

Took Office: 2018-03-01 (*Interim*)

Previously: Dean, College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering, University of Rochester, 2006-17

*Joined the University in 1975 as a professor of philosophy, and chaired the philosophy department for 13 years before becoming dean.*

*([President's Bio](#))*

**University of Mount Olive (NC)**

David L. Poole

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Vice President for Online and Professional Studies, California Baptist University, 2010-18

*For eight years his focus has been the establishment and oversight of California Baptist University's online, hybrid, and education center programs. ([President's Bio](#))*

**University of Jamestown (ND)**

Polly L. Peterson

Took Office: 2018-03-01 Alum

Previously: Executive Vice President, University of Jamestown

*The first female president in the University's 134-year history. ([President's Bio](#))*

**University of Evansville (IN)**

Christopher M. Pietruszkiewicz

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Dean, College of Law, Stetson University, 2012-18

*Earlier served as a trial attorney in the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, 1997-2001. Pronounced "petra-skev-ich." ([President's Bio](#))*

**University of Dallas (TX)**

John G. Plotts

Took Office: 2018-05-14 (*Interim*)

Previously: Executive Vice President for enrollment and student affairs,, University of Dallas

*Earlier was vice president for enrollment and accreditation at Parker University (Texas). ([President's Bio](#))*

**University of Charleston (WV)**

Martin S. Roth

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Dean, Business School, University of Hartford

*Earlier was executive director of the International MBA Program and chief innovation & assessment officer at the University of South Carolina's School of Business. ([President's Bio](#))*

**University of Bridgeport (CT)**

Laura Skandera Trombley

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: President Emerita, Pitzer College; president, 2002-15

*A preeminent Mark Twain scholar. Also was president of The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens (Calif.). ([President's Bio](#))*

**Villa Maria College (NY)**

Matthew Giordano

Took Office: 2018-07-01 (*Interim*)

Previously: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Villa Maria College

*Joined Villa Maria faculty in 2005. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Westminster College (UT)**

Bethami Dobkin

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Provost, Saint Mary's College of California, 2008-18

*Earlier was professor of communication studies at the University of San Diego. Recognized for her research and teaching on media and conflict. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Wheeling Jesuit University (WV)**

Michael P. Mihalyo

Took Office: 2018-08-15

Previously: Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Rockford University, 2017-18; President, Appalachian College Association; President, Davis & Elkins College, 2013-15  
*Has more than 20 years of experience in higher education. An accomplished musician, he earlier had an active career in chamber and church music. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Whittier College (CA)**

Linda Oubré

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Dean, College of Business, San Francisco State University, 2012-18

*Extensive corporate experience, was president and CEO of a new venture investment and consulting firm, and has held leadership roles in various other companies. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Wilberforce University (OH)**

Elfred Anthony Pinkard

Took Office: 2018-03-01

Previously: Executive Vice President and Provost, Wilberforce University

*Co-founded the Higher Education Leadership Foundation, a pipeline of leaders to serve at HBCUs. Is the fifth president of Wilberforce in the past six years.. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Wiley College (TX)**

Herman J. Felton

Took Office: 2018-06-01

Previously: President, Wilberforce University, 2016-18

*Earlier was senior vice president, chief operating officer and vice president of institutional advancement for Livingstone College.*

*([President's Bio](#))*

**Williams Baptist University (AR)**

Stan Norman

Took Office: 2018-04-02

Previously: Provost and Executive Vice President, Oklahoma Baptist University

*Has more than 20 years of experience in Baptist higher education. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Williams College (MA)**

Protik "Tiku" Majumder

Took Office: 2018-01-01 to 06-30 (*Interim*)

Previously: Professor of Natural Philosophy, Williams College

*Teaches throughout the undergraduate curriculum. Has supervised more than 30 undergraduate thesis students. ([President's Bio](#))*

**Williams College (MA)**

Maud S. Mandel

Took Office: 2018-07-01

Previously: Dean of the College, Brown University, 2014-18

*Spent most of her career at Brown University. (The Dean of the College is Brown's senior undergraduate academic officer.) ([President's Bio](#))*

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