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COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES IN VIRGINIA ELECTS FY 24-25 OFFICERS

Hollins University President Mary Dana Hinton will serve as Chair of the Council.

RICHMOND, VA – October 10, 2024 – The Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia, Inc. (CICV) announced the election of a new slate of officers at its Annual Meeting on September 25, 2024. The 28-member Board of Directors, representing nonprofit Virginia colleges and universities, selected new leadership to guide CICV through the fiscal year that began on October 1. Hollins University President Mary Dana Hinton has been named Chair of the Board. University of Richmond President Kevin Hallock will serve as Vice Chair, and Roanoke College President Frank Shushok will assume the role of Secretary/Treasurer.

“Presidents Hinton, Hallock, and Shushok collectively represent a smart and dynamic voice for higher education in Virginia. With their leadership, our organization is poised for another year of impactful advocacy at the state capitol as we share the value and impact of independent higher education in the Commonwealth. These new officers’ collective vision and experience will be a great guide for collaboration among our members,” said CICV President Christopher K. Peace.



Mary Dana Hinton



Kevin F. Hallock



Frank Shushok

“I am honored to serve as Chair of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia. Our member institutions are crucial in advancing education, equity, and opportunity across the Commonwealth. I look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthen the impact of independent higher education, maintain our affordability, increase access to opportunity, and advocate for the resources and policies that will allow our colleges and universities to thrive,” said Hinton.

In addressing his new role, President Hallock said, “I’m grateful to serve as Vice Chair of CICV, especially at a time when independent higher education offers so much value. Our institutions

provide transformative experiences for students. I'm excited to collaborate with terrific colleagues to ensure we continue offering world-class educational opportunities and contributing meaningfully to Virginia's economy and communities."

Roanoke College President Frank Shushok remarked, "As Secretary/Treasurer of CICV, I am excited to contribute to supporting our member institutions. Independent colleges in Virginia are vital to the state's educational landscape. I look forward to working with my fellow Presidents to ensure these schools remain strong, vibrant, and accessible to students from all walks of life."

About CICV: The Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia, Inc. (CICV) represents 28 nonprofit private colleges and universities in Virginia. Since its founding in 1971, CICV has worked to improve the quality of education, strengthen resources, and highlight the importance of private higher education in the state. A 2024 report by Mangum Economics found that CICV member institutions employed around 30,000 people and contributed \$4.6 billion to Virginia's economy during the 2023 academic year. Spending by these colleges, out-of-state students, and visitors supported about \$2.0 billion in wages and benefits and \$157 million in state and local tax revenue. For every \$43 the state invests in the Tuition Assistance Grant program, the return on state and local taxes is \$78, almost doubling the investment.

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