PARTICIPANTS

Current trustees at all Jesuit colleges and universities are eligible to attend the AJCU Trustee Forum, following an invitation by their college or university president. Presidents are welcome to accompany their trustees to the Forum, if they wish.

DURATION AND LOCATION

Trustee Forum weekends are held in the spring and fall of each academic year. Forum weekends begin on Friday afternoons and conclude on Sunday afternoons. Past sites include the Wingspread Retreat Center in Wisconsin; future sites include the Arizona Biltmore Inn in Scottsdale.

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AJCU TRUSTEE FORUM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNANCE

“Today, more than ever, the universities need your mission governance. And this capacity for mission governance is not conferred automatically on every trustee. It must be cultivated through encounters like this AJCU Trustee Forum.”

~ Jesuit Superior General, Rev. Arturo Sosa, SJ.

Nominations due June 15, 2021
Program: October 15 - 17, 2021
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PERSONAL & INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the Trustee Forum, participants will:

- Better understand their role in leading the schools' academic and spiritual mission
- Advance in their ability to articulate the institutions' Jesuit, Catholic identity for others
- Grow in their capacity to address concrete institutional challenges in light of the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) and other mission priorities of the Society of Jesus

PARTICIPANTS SAY...

“This kind of opportunity to network and discuss is invaluable—both for trustees to get to know each other, but also for the leadership of AJCU to get to know the real people who work hard and contribute much time and treasure to keep our colleges and universities strong and viable in such challenging times.”

ONGOING BENEFITS

Individual

- Increased confidence and preparation for addressing mission issues in every dimension of a board’s work
- Post-Forum videos and podcasts on topics facing today's trustees in Jesuit higher education
- A national network of fellow trustees to consult or engage in common projects

College/University

- Take-home tools for board education, retreats and active discussion on mission issues
- Energized trustee leaders who can help to lead mission integration at the board level
- A visible example of Ignatian formation that builds board credibility on campus