



Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities

News highlights

AIKCU members award thousands of degrees during spring commencements

Beginning the last weekend in April (Lindsey Wilson College and Asbury University) and finishing the first weekend in June (Spalding University), AIKCU members celebrated spring commencement ceremonies. While we don't have a total number of degree recipients yet, we anticipate this class will be larger than the record class of 2021-22, when AIKCU members awarded more than 14,000 total degrees.

Spalding University School of Nursing secures record investments

The Spalding University School of Nursing is the recipient of \$2.4 million from the Department of Labor and a \$900,000 investment from the Legacy Foundation of Kentucky. These investments will support the growth of a diverse nursing workforce. More in [The Lane Report](#).

NAICU President visits Kentucky to provide Washington update to AIKCU Board



Photo (l-r): AIKCU President Mason Dyer, NAICU President Barbara Mistick, Midway President John Marsden, Campbellsville University President Joe Hopkins

Dr. Barbara Mistick, president of the National Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (NAICU), recently traveled to Kentucky for an AIKCU board meeting on the beautiful campus of Midway University.

President Mistick provided AIKCU presidents an overview of the current Washington DC political environment as it relates to higher education. Mistick also outlined the numerous and complex regulatory issues NAICU is currently helping its member colleges navigate.

Midway University President John Marsden named AIKCU Board chair

At that same May AIKCU Board meeting, the AIKCU board voted **Midway University President John Marsden** as its new chair. Dr. Marsden succeeds retiring **Berea College President Lyle Roelofs**.

