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MacMurray president named chair-elect of ACE Fellows Program

JACKSONVILLE, Ill. – MacMurray College President **Colleen Hester** was elected Monday, March 8, 2010, chair-elect of the American Council on Education’s Council of Fellows Executive Board of the ACE’s Fellows Program at ACE’s annual meeting in Phoenix, Ariz.

President Hester now assumes the chair-elect duties in a seamless leadership team, which includes Past Chair President Jeff Docking, of Adrian College of Michigan; and Chair President Fernando Leon Garcia, President of the CETYS University System of Mexico.



“It is a privilege to be selected by one’s peers and to work with talented, passionate leaders in higher education to intentionally strengthen American colleges and universities through leadership development,” President Hester said. “This ensures quality preparation for well-prepared future leaders and professionals, critical in the context of our global economy.”

The ACE Fellow Program is the nation’s premier leadership development program for higher education. Dr. Hester herself was an ACE Fellow in 2001-2002, when she worked with mentors President Alice Hayes of the University of San Diego and Dr. Frank Lazarus, the former President of the University of Dallas.

Dr. Hester was inaugurated the 15th president of MacMurray College in November 2007. Previous to that, she was vice president of strategic planning, institutional research and evaluation at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. She has served on numerous national boards, and she is currently a commissioner on ACE’s Commission for Effective Leadership in Washington, D.C.

Since 1965, more than 1,500 college and university administrators and emerging leaders have been ACE Fellows, according to the council, and more than 300 have served as chief executive officers at more than 350 institutions of higher education. Each fellow learns on-the-job at another institution by being immersed in the decision-making process, working closely with that institution's president.

The American Council on Education represents presidents and chancellors of the nation's accredited colleges and universities and is the main advocacy and career organization for higher education in the country.

On the Web:

ACE Web site: www.acenet.edu

ACE's Fellows Program: http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Fellows_Program1

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About MacMurray College—Founded in 1846, MacMurray College is a private, four-year liberal arts coeducational institution, located in historic Jacksonville, Illinois. MacMurray's open, informal environment stresses academic excellence, career building through hands-on experience and personal attention to the well-rounded development of all students. MacMurray is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.