



WOMEN'S NETWORK IOWA

2021 Virtual Conference Program Friday April 16, 2021

Friday April 16:
8:00-8:15AM

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8:15-9:30AM

“Pandemic Effect on Women’s Financial Wellness,”
Nicolette Dixon, TIAA Director, Client Engagement and National Advocacy

Finances of colleges and universities have been disrupted by the pandemic, and so has the financial wellness of individuals, couples, and families. Despite these Coronavirus era challenges, it is still possible to reach financial goals and manage risk during these uncertain times. We will explore the recent trends impacting financial wellness for women, what steps we can take now and in the future and finally how we, as leaders, can support other women and our broader communities.

9:30-9:45AM

Break

9:45-11:00AM

“Getting Ready for an Executive Search,” Andrea Warren Hamos, PhD
Vice President for Leadership Development and Senior Consultant,
Academic Search

How do you determine if a senior leadership position is right for you? And how do you prepare materials that present you effectively for the role of assistant/associate dean or dean or assistant/associate vice president or president? How is being an internal candidate different? And

what role does a search firm/search consultant play? What issues or questions do women, in particular, face in searches at this level? Join us to address these and other questions you may have as you consider the next steps in your leadership.

11:00-11:15AM Break

11:15AM-12:30PM ***2021 IOWAWHE Distinguished Higher Education Leadership Award Presentation and Keynote address by award recipient, Sr. Joan Lescinski, CSJ, PhD. President, St. Ambrose University***



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2021 Virtual Conference Presenter Biographies



Nicolette Dixon, Director, Client Engagement and National Advocacy, TIAA
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Nicolette Dixon is director of the Client Engagement & National Advocacy team at TIAA (TIAA.org), a Fortune 100 financial services organization. The Client Engagement & National Advocacy team is responsible for expanding relationships with industry associations while also focusing on client engagement. Nicolette is directly responsible for coordinating TIAA's partnership with higher education and healthcare human resources professional associations. Nicolette has been with TIAA for 21 years and has more than 27 years of professional experience, including 21 years in the financial services industry. Previously, she was a Senior Relationship Manager in TIAA's Client Relationships area where she lead service teams and orchestrated careful delivery of TIAA's consultative services, products and solutions, plan investment expertise, communications, and operational and technology support. Before that, she was a Manager of Implementation and a Consultant at TIAA. Nicolette holds a B.A. from Metropolitan State College and an M.A. from the University of Denver. She holds FINRA Series 6 and 63 registrations, in addition to maintaining licenses in life and health insurance in Colorado.



Andrea Hamos, Vice President for Leadership Development and Senior Consultant

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Dr. Hamos is Vice President for Leadership Development and Senior Consultant at Academic Search. Since joining Academic Search in 2013, Dr. Hamos has completed over 60 searches for dean, vice presidents, presidents and other senior leaders across institutions of all types.

Prior to her appointment at Academic Search, Dr. Hamos served as Associate Director, and subsequently Interim Director, of the American Council on Education's (ACE) Emerging Leaders Group and the ACE Fellows Program. At ACE, Dr. Hamos also served as a co-chair of ACE's Annual Meeting, work that included the development of programs for presidents and chancellors, new presidents, and presidential spouses and partners. She remains active as a workshop facilitator for leadership development programs sponsored by the American Academic Leadership Institute, ACE, and individual colleges and universities.

Dr. Hamos brings to her work in executive search and leadership development her experiences as a faculty member and department chair at the College of the Holy Cross, Boston College, and Assumption College, all in Massachusetts, and as associate dean and interim dean of the college at Randolph-Macon College in Virginia. She has also taught at Richmond-The American International University in London. Dr. Hamos has spoken at regional, national, and international conferences on her disciplinary research, on her work in academic administration, and on leadership development. She received her academic training at the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned the B.A. in Spanish and French cum laude and the Ph.D. in Spanish literature. She also earned the M.A. in Spanish from The Ohio State University, and studied at the Sorbonne (Paris) and the University of Salamanca (Spain).



Sr. Joan Lescinski, CSJ, PhD. President, St. Ambrose University

Sister Joan Lescinski, CSJ, PhD, became the 13th President and Professor of English of St. Ambrose University in August 2007. In the Quad Cities she is currently a member of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Putnam Museum Board of Trustees. In March 2011

she received the Athena Award for leadership given by the Women's Connection of the Quad Cities.

From 1998 to 2007, Lescinski served as president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC), at that time the oldest Catholic liberal arts women's college in the country. During

those years she led the college to record gains in enrollment, facilitated the development of institutional strategic and master plans, and introduced several undergraduate and two new graduate academic programs.

Among the positions Lescinski held prior to assuming the SMWC presidency were vice president for academic affairs and dean at Fontbonne University, St. Louis, Mo., from 1993 to 1998; associate dean of academic affairs at Avila University, Kansas City, Mo., from 1991 to 1993; and a professor of English at the College of St. Rose, Albany, NY from 1972 to 1991.

A native of Albany, N.Y., Lescinski earned a doctorate in English literature from Brown University in 1981. She received her master's and bachelor's degrees in English literature from the College of Saint Rose in 1974 and 1970. Lescinski holds certificates in Fund Raising Management and Educational Management from Indiana and Harvard Universities, respectively. She has been a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, Mo., since 1965.

Lescinski is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Council of Independent Colleges Presidents' Association, the Midwest Modern Language Association, and the Association for Religion and Intellectual Life. She has presented and published numerous papers and articles; has been an invited participant at the Oxford Roundtable and engaged in several consultations sponsored by the PEW Charitable Trusts; and currently serves on the board of trustees of the College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, and the board of directors for a senior living complex, Shaker Pointe, in Latham, New York. She was elected in June 2011 to be a trustee for the Board of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and she serves on the Tax Committee of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). She was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in January 2015.

Among her personal pursuits Sister Lescinski enjoys organic gardening and art appreciation. She is currently pursuing a private pilot's license and has flown with the Navy's Blue Angels and the aerial demonstration team, The Red Barons.