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### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL CANDIDATES TO THE PRESIDENCY**

On behalf of the Presidential Search Committee, I am delighted to announce the four finalists. Brief biographical sketches on candidates follow. The finalists' materials will be distributed in advance of their visits to our three locations. The candidates are listed in alphabetical order. The Search Committee is pleased with the quality of this finalist field.

#### **Dr. David Johns**



Dr. Johns is President of Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia, a post he has held since 2018. Prior to assuming the Ferrum Presidency, Dr. Johns served from 2013 to 2017 as Union College's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College. He has been a faculty member at Earlham, and Wilmington College.

Dr. Johns holds a Ph.D. in Theology (with honors) from Duquesne University, a Master of Library Science from Kent State, and a Master of Arts in Theology (with honors) from The Earlham School of Religion. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Malone University.

Dr. Johns will visit Albizu from May 10-12, 2022.

**Dr. Ángel A. Toledo-López**



Dr. Toledo-López is the Chancellor of the Cupey Campus of Ana G. Méndez University in San Juan. He served in the Vice Chancellor/Acting Chancellor role from 2019 to 2020, when he was appointed Chancellor. From 2017 to 2019 he was Vice Chancellor, Universidad del Este at Ana G. Méndez University. Prior to 2017, he served Ana G. Méndez University as a faculty member and in administrative roles.

Dr. Toledo-López earned a Ph.D. in Political Science and a Master of Arts in American Politics from Penn State. He also holds a J.D. *magna cum laude*, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science *summa cum laude* from The University of Puerto Rico.

Dr. Toledo-López will visit Albizu from May 17-19, 2022.

**Dr. Iliá Y. Matos**



Dr. Matos served as the Vice Chancellor, Institutional Relations, at Ana G. Méndez University from 2020-2021. From 2019 to 2020 she was Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs. She was Chief Academic Officer from 2017 to 2019. From 2013-2017, she was a Senior Vice President at Southern Technical Institute, first in Academic Affairs and then in Institutional Quality and Accreditation. She has been an adjunct faculty member at Miami Dade Community College, DeVry University and Broward College.

Dr. Matos holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Lynn University in Boca Raton. She earned a Master of Arts in Communications from Fairfield University and a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications from Geneva College.

Dr. Matos will visit Albizu from May 23-25, 2022.

**Dr. Nelson Soto**



Dr. Soto is the Provost & Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs at Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, a post he has held since 2013. From 2010-2013 he served as Associate Vice Provost & Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction at Harrison College. He has been Administrative and Associate Faculty at Union, Indiana University, Purdue, Missouri, and The University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Soto earned a Ph.D. in Policy Studies from Indiana University, a Master of Education, and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Soto will visit Albizu from May 10-12, 2022.

This is an exciting time as we enter a critical phase in our presidential search. We will keep you posted on future developments and appreciate your continued interest in and support of this vital process.

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