



Buffalo, New York

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Canisius College, a Catholic, Jesuit university seeks a strategic, visionary and accomplished academic leader to serve as its next vice president for academic affairs.

Founded in 1870 by the Jesuits, Canisius is the premier private university in Western New York. A masters-level, comprehensive university, Canisius is consistently ranked among the top colleges in the Northeast. Its undergraduate, graduate and professional programs are distinguished by close student-faculty engagement and experiential learning opportunities that transform the mind and spirit. Canisius promotes the Jesuit principles of excellence, service and leadership through a broad range of learning experiences and a distinct core curriculum that is grounded in the liberal arts. Canisius is located in a historic, residential neighborhood in Buffalo, New York. Buffalo is experiencing a renaissance and Canisius is ideally positioned to take advantage of the region's rich and diverse cultural, geographic and economic assets to fulfill its educational mission with learning and research opportunities beyond the classroom.

The VPAA will help lead the college into an exciting new era through the development of a fresh academic vision that meets the needs of students, excites faculty and inspires innovation. The vice president for academic affairs reports to the president and serves as a key member of his senior leadership team. The VPAA is responsible for all academic programs, including traditional and online offerings. The VPAA collaborates closely with other senior leaders and plays an integral role in the planning and implementation of institution-wide initiatives. He or she will work with faculty and administration to align resources to support existing programs and develop new strategies for the future. The selected candidate will also advance a true culture of assessment that utilizes data to drive operational and program improvements, and promote a genuine commitment to collaboration and shared governance. A track record of leading change and the proven ability to advance initiatives from inception through implementation in a complex organization will be critical to the VPAA's success.

The new VPAA will be a senior academic leader with vision, creativity, exceptional fiscal and communication skills, and possess a strong commitment to faculty development and student success. S/he will have successfully earned tenure and possess an earned terminal degree with an exemplary record of teaching, scholarship, and service commensurate with appointment at the rank of full professor. Above all, the VPAA will demonstrate the personal qualities that exemplify Canisius' Jesuit values and mission along with the integrity, dedication, judgment and decisiveness needed to lead the college forward.

Nominations and applications are invited. Review of credentials is underway and will continue until the position is filled. Interested individuals should provide a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names of five references who will not be contacted without permission. All materials should be sent via email to the Witt/Kieffer consultant supporting this search, Jane Courson, at CanisiusCollegeVPAA@wittkieffer.com by October 30, 2014.

The college is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer committed to recruiting, supporting, and fostering a diverse community of outstanding faculty, staff and students.

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