

Schools superintendent joins AIC trustees board

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SPRINGFIELD – The trustees of American International College have been joined by the top educator in the city public schools: Superintendent Alan J. Ingram.

Ingram, who became superintendent of the 26,000-student school system less than two years ago, has agreed to add a spot on the AIC board of trustees to his workload.

“Alan Ingram is a wonderful addition to the AIC family and will provide wonderful oversight and leadership on our board, especially as we move towards increasing our core competency in the world of (kindergarten to 12th grade) education, of educating the K-12 teacher,” said AIC President Vincent M. Maniaci. “And we’re just really excited and delighted to have him

share with us our mission of making education more reachable for kids in the community and to help them transform their lives.”

“It’s a way to make a difference, and a way to give back to the community in which I live,” Ingram said of serving on the board.

“I was led to AIC because of their commitment,” Ingram also said. “I was very impressed by the college’s record of helping students from all walks of life fulfill their educational dreams and realize their full potential. At the core, I believe in higher education and its power in transforming lives and strengthening our nation.”

Ingram joined the board July 1, at the start of the fiscal year. It was the one-year anniversary of his becoming superintendent.

“I actually suggested him and the board enthusiastically

endorsed that suggestion,” Maniaci said. The president then asked the superintendent to join the board, and Ingram agreed.

Maniaci said AIC already recruits a lot of students from the Springfield public schools, but he thinks whether Ingram adds to the count or not the superintendent will be a good sounding board for new college programs. Maniaci called Ingram a “straight up, straight-shooting guy.”

Before becoming superintendent, Ingram was the chief accountability officer for the Oklahoma City Public Schools. He was also executive director of federal programs for that system.

Ingram also served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 20 years, becoming a master sergeant.

Maniaci has been AIC president since July 1, 2005. Undergraduate enrollment was about 1,200 and there were just under 400 graduate students when Maniaci became president. AIC now has almost 1,750 undergraduates and more than 1,600 graduate students.



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