

Stan Ikenberry was the one of longest serving presidents in the history of the University of Illinois. Shortly after arrival in 1979 he led the consolidation of the University's Medical Center and Chicago Circle campuses to form the current University of Illinois at Chicago, now the largest and most comprehensive research university campus in metropolitan Chicago. In Urbana Champaign Dr. Ikenberry led several major academic initiatives, including the creation of the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications. He led the University's first major capital campaign and launched a second campaign in the late '80s to raise in excess of a billion dollars. The quality and diversity of the Illinois student body increased significantly during his tenure with his creation of the President's Scholars Program.

Dr. Ikenberry left the University presidency in 1995 and assumed the presidency of the American Council on Education the following year. ACE is the largest and most comprehensive association of American colleges and universities and coordinates public policy and other issues and programs in collaboration with other higher education associations. During his tenure he led the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, strengthened the collaboration among the diverse range of higher education interests, and revitalized ACE.

Earlier in his career Dr. Ikenberry served in various academic and administrative roles. He worked with Paul Dressel in Michigan State's Office of Institutional Research, served as Dean of a College of Human Resources and Education at West Virginia University, joined the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Penn State, and later served as Senior Vice President of that institution prior to coming to Illinois.

Stan Ikenberry returned to the University of Illinois in his current capacity as professor in September, 2001. Along with George Kuh he serves as co-principal investigator of the National Coalition for Learning Outcome Assessment. He maintains an office in the College of Education on the Urbana Champaign campus and also holds an appointment with the University's Institute of Government and Public Affairs.

Dr. Ikenberry has served as chair of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the boards of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, the Association of American Universities and the American Council on Education. He holds sixteen honorary degrees and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He received his B.A. degree from Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. His M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in the field of higher education were awarded by Michigan State University.