

Dear Cleary Staff and Faculty,

On behalf of the board of trustees it is my pleasure to introduce to you Dr. Alan Drimmer, Cleary University's new President. Dr. Drimmer is scheduled to formally begin on July 1, 2021.

I wish to thank everyone for your patience as the announcement took longer than I had originally planned. However, we are pleased to finally share this positive outcome after a very long and extensive search with constant setbacks by the pandemic.

Prior to joining Cleary University, Dr. Drimmer served as Provost at National Defense University, Chief Academic Officer and Senior Vice President at the University of Maryland Global Campus and the University of Phoenix, and President at Western International University and American InterContinental University. Over the years, he has been active with institutional accreditors including the Higher Learning Commission, the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools and the Middle States Commission for Higher Education. Drimmer is a Senior Advisor in the Boston Consulting Group's education practice, and early in his career served as a management consultant at McKinsey & Company. He has experience in corporate training and workforce development, having led the Learning and Development Roundtable at the Corporate Executive Board, a consortium of Chief Learning Officers at Fortune 500 companies.

Dr. Drimmer holds B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science from the University of Chicago, as well as an M.B.A. from the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania where he was a Gruss Scholar. He was a National Security Fellow at Harvard University's Center for International Affairs and won a prestigious Derek Bok Undergraduate Teaching Award at Harvard College.

In closing we wish to thank Academic Search, the formal search company who presented the search committee with many great candidates. David Barfield the search committee chair and all the members of the search committee who gave up much of their time in the quest for the best possible candidates to be considered. Dr. Emily Barnes who remained steadfast and committed to the University as Interim President and Provost for an extended time and during a challenging and unprecedented pandemic. And to all the staff and faculty who remained focused moving the university forward during this very challenging year.

The board of trustees are very much looking forward to the opportunities and progress of Cleary University under the leadership, experience and guidance Dr. Alan Drimmer brings to his role.

Warm Regards,  
Glynis McBain, Chair  
Cleary Board of Trustees