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Illinois Institute of Technology (Illinois Tech) seeks an innovative, entrepreneurial, and ambitious leader to serve as the next dean of the Stuart School of Business (Stuart). This is an exciting opportunity to lead a business school experiencing exponential growth thanks to the development of innovative new programs, international partnerships, and collaborations across a university that was recently named a 2024 Best College in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal*.

With an ongoing \$1 billion capital campaign and in the final year of a bold strategic plan, Illinois Tech is set up for dramatic growth and development as it continues to pursue its founding mission to provide access to higher education for students from different backgrounds and to make a difference in the world through technology-oriented education. The Stuart School of Business is a key player in this mission and in the future of the university thanks to its creative and innovative approach to business education.

Stuart School of Business is a global leader in bridging technology and business, offering distinctive education that trains students to become outstanding professionals in economics, finance, analytics, marketing, business, public administration, operations, and management. Situated within Chicago, whose business community is known for its spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation, Stuart benefits from and

academic offerings. o "AACSB" -accredited business school at one of the premier technology-focused universities in the nation has led to a near tripling of enrollment across undergraduate and graduate programs since Fall 2022.

The next dean will be tasked with building upon this tremendous momentum, ensuring the recent gains are sustained, nurturing new partnerships, and pursuing opportunities to provide unique and high-quality educational opportunities to make Stuart a destination business school. Reporting to the provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, the dean will support the vision of the school and continue to craft its identity and broaden its impact. They will be an eager fundraiser and enthusiastically tell the story of Stuart to current and potential donors, while al

As of Spring 2024, the Stuart School of Business is home to 123 undergraduate students, 48 PhD students, 100 MBA students, and MPA students. The total enrollment number has grown from 356 in Spring 2022 to 1,201 in Spring 2024 thanks to the establishment of new programs and an increased emphasis on creating enrollment pathways and pipeline programs from educational and industry partners, as well as remote programs. Career readiness and connectedness with the business community is a cornerstone of a Stuart education, and the school boasts a 97 percent placement rate for graduate students and 100 percent for domestic undergraduate students within six months of graduation.

Stuart prides itself on bridging business and technology through all its degree programs to best prepare students to become business leaders. Graduates leave with leading-edge industry skills and credentials, hands-on experience, and an innovative mindset. Students are also supported by the [Stuart Career Management Center](#) (CMC), which offers career exploration and job search services, with a close engagement with a portfolio of companies with which it maintains close ties.

The Stuart School of Business [Board of Advisors](#) includes 28 executives and industry leaders, with separate advisory councils comprising additional industry members for project management, analytics, finance, and the CMC. Board members serve as a valuable resource in the efforts to strengthen the curricula, expand faculty linkages to the business community, enrich the student learning experience, develop financial resources, and assist with the advancement activities of Stuart. The board engages in a variety of key initiatives at Stuart, including the Advisors Mentorship Program, guest speaker presentations, student industry projects, and business internships. The board has been a critical resource for Stuart in student careers.

The school is supported by a high-achieving and hard-working group of professional staff members who maintain a collaborative culture and work together in an integrated fashion to achieve the objectives of the school. Staff members partner with university colleagues to provide services, identify opportunities, enforce policies, and establish procedures. Beginning in Fall 2012, the school transitioned from faculty meetings in favor of community meetings that keep both faculty and staff aware of important school and university initiatives and create a stronger sense of organizational connection.

Stuart faculty comprises 28 full-time distinguished scholars and practitioners, who graduated from notable institutions including Carnegie Mellon University, University of Pennsylvania, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, MIT, UC-Berkeley, Yale, and Harvard, with several additional affiliated full-time faculty members. Faculty engage in dynamic, collaborative research that is both relevant and valuable to the daily work of business and industry professionals, and that advances theoretical understanding. Stuart has a unique faculty culture built on collaboration, interdisciplinary research, and innovative instructional practices and faculty members have significant industry, government, and nonprofit sector experience with a breadth and

depth of knowledge from the business world. They bring practical insights and the latest research to the

Illinois Tech is in the midst of its largest fundraising campaign ever. The dean will continue the recent fundraising success of the school, communicating the school's exciting future and the impact it has on students and the community. They will invest significant time in philanthropic efforts and work effectively with senior leadership, current donors, and highly engaged alumni and supporters. The dean will be the public face of the school, enthusiastically telling its story and articulating the value and uniqueness of a Stuart education. The dean will also be a champion for the school internally. Thanks to its recent enrollment growth, Stuart is now a significant net financial contributor to the university, which operates on a centrally controlled budget. The dean will make the case for investment opportunities that align with the strategic goals of both Illinois Tech and Stuart.

Stuart's remarkable enrollment growth. By continuing to leverage the diverse strengths of the entire campus, the school can offer unique programs that are sought after by students. The deans at Illinois Tech work closely to ensure these partnerships are effective for students and transcend traditional boundaries. Stuart has been an active participant in this work with several cross-college programs that serve as bridges with other colleges and position the school to be the hub for imparting all aspects of business education to students across the university. Similarly, Stuart is not siloed internally by a traditional departmental structure. Instead of separate departments, it is loosely organized around disciplinary pillars, allowing for easy collaboration between programs. The next dean will continue to foster this environment, pursuing mutually beneficial opportunities and encouraging continued collaborations between faculty.

The next dean will nurture a supportive environment of impactful discovery and scholarship, support research activity, secure and facilitate extramural funding, and promote new research programs. This will

