



## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

### BUCKNELL PRESIDENT DR. BRIAN C. MITCHELL

Brian C. Mitchell began his tenure as the 16th president of Bucknell University in July 2004. He is also a full member of the Board of Trustees. Prior to Bucknell, he served as president of Washington & Jefferson College since 1998. From 1995-98, Mitchell was president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP), in Harrisburg, Pa., which represents private colleges and universities in the Commonwealth.

President Mitchell is quoted widely and has written extensively in media such as National Public Radio, the Associated Press, the *New York Times*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, among others.

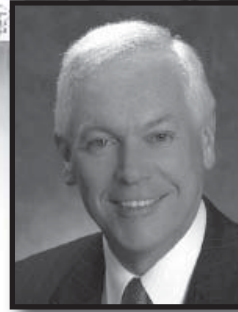
His extensive knowledge of the issues affecting private higher education is amplified by his demonstrated leadership in working within and outside the university community. He understands and deeply values liberal arts education and has committed his career to ensuring that students receive an outstanding education at schools of Bucknell's type.

In his first year at Bucknell, President Mitchell focused on connecting with students, faculty and staff and learning more about Bucknell's unique

educational environment. In the spring of 2005, President Mitchell launched a broadly participatory strategic planning process designed to enhance Bucknell's already strong reputation. The process, which engaged the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni in discussions about Bucknell's future, resulted in five strategic themes presented during his Inaugural Address.

The five strategic themes in *The Plan for Bucknell* will direct the University's efforts in the coming years. They are: Strengthen the Academic Core, Deepen the Residential Learning Experience, Enhance Diversity, Build Bridges, and Secure Our Financial Future. These strategies are focused on the University's new vision: "To provide students with the premier undergraduate experience in American higher education." The Board of Trustees, students and faculty unanimously approved *The Plan* in spring 2006.

President Mitchell received his Ph.D from the University of Rochester. He has received numerous grants and academic awards. They include grants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the U.S. Department of the Interior.



A specialist in 19th-century urban, ethnic and labor history, President Mitchell is author of *The Paddy Camps: The Irish of Lowell, 1821-1861* (University of Illinois Press, 1988), a critically acclaimed work that will be released again in paperback in the fall of 2005.

He has extensive teaching experience at colleges and universities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Virginia, and was a program officer in the Division of State Programs of the National Endowment for the Humanities before becoming president of the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (CICU) in 1991.

President Mitchell serves as immediate past chair of the Pennsylvania Selection Committee for the Rhodes Scholarships. He is a commissioner of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and as Secretary-Treasurer and a board member of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania.

A past chair of the National Association of Independent College and University State Executives, he also has served on the boards of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, and National History Day.

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