# **Presidents of Minority Serving Institutions**

The American Council on Education (ACE) produced the latest iteration of the American College President Study (ACPS) with generous sponsorship from the TIAA Institute. *The American College President: 2023 Edition* is the ninth iteration of ACPS, and the data it presents provide a comprehensive view of the demographics, challenges, and experiences of college presidents, including information about presidents of minority serving institutions (MSIs). The presidents of MSIs play a critical role in fostering an environment supportive to the academic success of millions of students of color.

### Leadership at U.S. MSIs

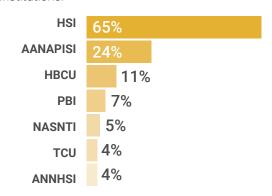
Among the 1,075 college and university presidents who responded to the ACPS survey, **285 led an MSI**.



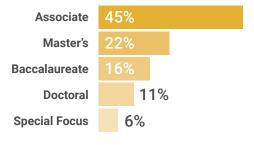
Percentage of respondents who led an MSI

### **MSI Respondents, by Designation**

The majority of presidents at MSIs led Hispanic-Serving Institutions.



### Types of institutions led by MSI presidents



Note: The institution types referenced in the figure by acronyms are Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs), Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NASNTIs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions (ANNHSIs).

## **MSI President Demographics**

MSIs are a source of diversity in the American college presidency.

### **Time in Current Presidency**

On average, presidents of MSIs have served in their current presidency for **5.6 years**, compared with **6.8 years** among all presidents.

### Presidents of color at MSIs compared with non-MSIs

MSIs (n=252) 46%
Non-MSIs (n=710) 20%

Among women presidents, one in three led an MSI, compared with about one in four men.

Women (n=372) 33%
Men (n=600) 22%

#### Pathways to the presidency

Similarly to non-MSIs, around half of presidents came from faculty. One-third of MSI presidents were career administrators, a higher percentage than among their non-MSI colleagues (25 percent).

47%

33%



Came from a faculty background

Came from an administrative background

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