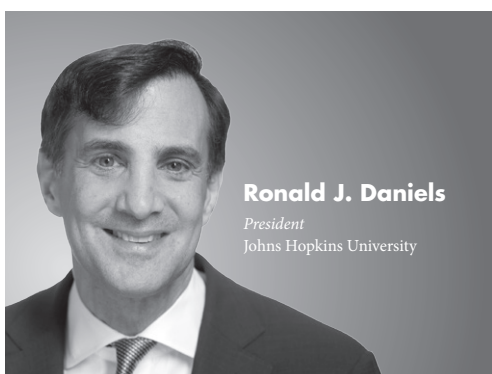


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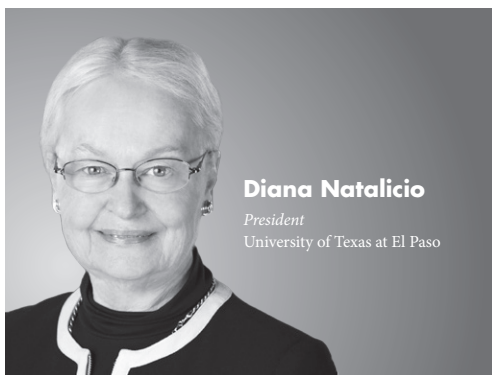
Ronald J. Daniels

President
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Trinity Washington University



Diana Natalicio

President
University of Texas at El Paso



C.L. Max Nikias

President
University of Southern California

CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK is proud to honor four exceptional leaders of American universities with the foundation's 2015 Academic Leadership Award. The award recognizes individuals who, in addition to fulfilling their administrative and managerial roles with dedication and creativity, have demonstrated vision and an outstanding commitment to excellence and equity in undergraduate education, the liberal arts, the development of major interdisciplinary programs, reform of K-12 education, international engagement, and the promotion of strong links between their institutions and their local communities. Each honoree's institution receives a grant of \$500,000 to be used toward the winner's academic initiatives. The Academic Leadership Award was established in 2005, in recognition of Andrew Carnegie's belief that education and knowledge are fundamental tools for strengthening democracy and creating a more vibrant civil society.

PAST RECIPIENTS

Henry S. Bienen
Northwestern University

Robert J. Birgeneau
University of California, Berkeley

Leon Botstein
Bard College

Richard H. Brodhead
Duke University

Nancy Cantor
Syracuse University

Jared L. Cohon
Carnegie Mellon University

Scott S. Cowen
Tulane University

Michael M. Crow
Arizona State University

Matthew Goldstein
The City University of New York

Amy Gutmann
University of Pennsylvania

John L. Hennessy
Stanford University

Freeman A. Hrabowski III
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

William E. Kirwan
University System of Maryland

Eduardo J. Padrón
Miami Dade College

Don M. Randel
University of Chicago

Beverly Daniel Tatum
Spelman College

Los Angeles Times

USC President C. L. Max Nikias gets national award with \$500,000 for campus



USC president C. L. Max Nikias was one of four winners of a Carnegie Corp. award for leadership.
Photo by Mel Melcon

By Larry Gordon

USC President C. L. Max Nikias and three other university presidents around the country have received Carnegie Corp. awards for academic leadership, recognition that comes with \$500,000 grants for each of the schools, officials announced Thursday.

The Carnegie Corp. of New York said it recognized Nikias for, among other things, boosting fundraising that expands financial aid and campus construction, recruiting outstanding faculty, especially in biomedical research, and increasing international exchanges.

The other winners were Ronald J. Daniels of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore; Patricia A. McGuire of Trinity Washington University in Washington, D.C.; and Diana Natalicio of the University of Texas at El Paso.

The \$500,000 for USC will be spent on financial aid for low-income undergraduates in a program that partners USC with neighborhood K-12 schools and support for students who do academic research or artistic projects in Los Angeles and overseas, according to Nikias.

“This award reminds us that our work can make a lasting difference, and inspires us to remain focused on the responsibilities of a global research university,” Nikias said in a statement.

Established in 1911 by industrialist Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie organization has an endowment worth more than \$3 billion and supports higher education and other causes.

The Academic Leadership Award, which was started in 2005 and is given every two years, recognizes university presidents who display “a commitment to excellence and equity in undergraduate education” and fulfill their roles with “dedication and creativity,” according to the Carnegie Corp.