

# Cleary University hires Alan Drimmer as next president

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Alan Drimmer will be Cleary University's next president beginning July 1.

The private business arts university announced Drimmer's hire on Monday, just over a year after the university's 10th president, Jayson Boyers, was appointed president of Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania.

Provost Emily Barnes has been serving as interim president since Boyers' departure.

“I am deeply honored to work with Interim President Emily Barnes and her dedicated and entrepreneurial faculty and staff, as well as with the broader community in Livingston County and the region to help students transform their lives through education,” Drimmer said in a press release from the university. “I’m most excited to help the University advance the Cleary Mind initiative, which threads critical workplace competencies in the classroom and across the entire student experience.”

Enrollment has been growing at Cleary, which is a trend the board of trustees wants to continue. Drimmer will be tasked with expanding enrollment and building brand awareness among traditional and non-traditional students.

Drimmer is leaving his current role as provost at National Defense University in Washington D.C. He also previously served as chief academic officer and senior vice president at the University of Maryland Global Campus and as provost at the University of Phoenix. He was president at Western International University in Tempe, Arizona and American InterContinental University in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Beyond working in higher education, Drimmer is a senior adviser at Boston Consulting Group and worked as a management consultant at McKinsey & Co.

Drimmer holds bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in political science from the University of Chicago, as well as a master of business administration from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

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