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**GUPTON-JONES COLLEGE OF FUNERAL SERVICE
WELCOMES HOPE IGLEHART AS PRESIDENT**

BROADVIEW, IL, May 24, 2019 – Pierce Mortuary Colleges is pleased to announce the hiring of Hope Iglehart as President of Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, Decatur, Georgia.

Iglehart has extensive experience in both higher education and funeral service. Over her eighteen years in the academic arena, she has served in numerous roles in Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, most recently as Campus Academic Dean at Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service (GJCFS), where she also was Student Support Coordinator, Instructor and Program Chair. Prior to joining GJCFS, Iglehart held various positions at Athens Technical College and the University of Georgia, including learning specialist, academic advisement, registration and recruitment, and faculty.

Iglehart is a fourth-generation licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer as well as a Certified Crematory Operator and Cremation Arranger. She holds a Master of Business Administration from Piedmont College, a Bachelor of Arts in English from Bennett College for Women, and an Associate of Science from Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service.

“Hope Iglehart brings a solid foundation of experience and deep passion to education and funeral service,” said Jill Karn, Chief Operating Officer of Pierce Mortuary Colleges. “She has already made a lasting impact on students in her prior roles at the College and I am confident that she will take the leadership reins with that same commitment to students and faculty.”

Iglehart is a member of many civic organizations including The Links, Incorporated; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association. Among her many distinctions, she is especially proud of the Humanitarian Award bestowed by Church Women United.

“I am honored to be named as President of this excellent college that has such a proud heritage of preparing funeral professionals to serve families with compassion and professionalism,” Iglehart said.

For more information on Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, visit www.gupton-jones.edu.

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