Timothy L. Hall is the 12th president of Mercy College. Under his leadership, first-time, full-time freshmen retention improved nearly 10 percent, the College has been recognized by the White House as a "Bright Spot in Hispanic Education," and launched an ambitious program to further enhance student success through innovative practices like cohort scheduling, course redesign and guided pathways to success. Recently, under Hall's leadership, Mercy college has announced major renovation plans for its Manhattan campus, including residential dormitories available by the fall of 2020. Additionally, the college announced in March of 2019 that it was taking responsibility for the continued education of nearly 3000 students from the College of New Rochelle which is expected to close by the end of the summer of 2019. Hall previously served for seven years as president of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. Before that, he was for many years at law school professor at the University of Mississippi and associate vice chancellor for academic affairs from 2002 to 2007. Hall received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from the University of Houston, followed by two years of graduate work in the religious studies at Rice University, before receiving his juris doctorate from the University of Texas Law School.