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A CELEBRATION OF ILLINOIS' AFRICAN AMERICAN COLLEGE PRESIDENTS



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Shawnee Community College



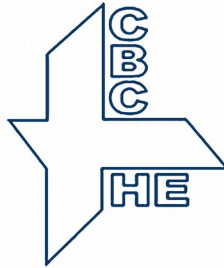
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South Suburban Community College



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Eureka College

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings Colleagues of Illinois!

We are excited to be able to celebrate this joyous occasion with our colleagues, legislators, higher education associations, family and friends.... ICBCHE is proud to be able to claim and honor SEVEN dynamic sisters of the academy.

Since 1982, the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education (ICBCHE) has been an advocate for the increased presence and prominence of Black students, faculty, staff and Administrators on college and university campuses across Illinois. We are PROUD to recognize these Trailblazers of our state but let us be reminded of the work that still needs to be done. Let us support these Leaders and continue to make these institutions a place where our African American population can continue to flourish.... Please take information back to your institution about joining ICBCHE... We NEED You!

Mona Y. Davenport, PhD
Chair, ICBCHE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mona Y. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

PROGRAM

Welcome

Mona Y. Davenport, PhD
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Greeting

Congresswoman Robyn Kelly
D-IL 2nd District

Words of Encouragement

Zerrie Campbell
President Emeritus, Malcolm X College

Recognition of College/University Presidents

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Closing Remarks

Dr Shawn Peoples
Secretary, ICBCHE

Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott, President Chicago State University

Zaldwaynaka (“Z”) Scott was unanimously voted by the Board of Trustees’ to serve as the 12th permanent president of Chicago State University on July 1, 2018. Under President Scott’s leadership, CSU has a renewed focus on growing student enrollment, building the school’s regional and national reputation for scholarship and academic research, improving the resources and opportunities available to the student body, and increasing alumni and community engagement.

President Scott holds a law degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Affectionately known as “Z” by family and friends, “Z” is a highly sought-after speaker and lecturer on topics related to corporate governance, trial advocacy, ethics, and compliance. She has received numerous awards honoring her service from organizations including the American Bar Association, La Rabida Hospital and the Black Women Lawyers’ Association of Chicago.

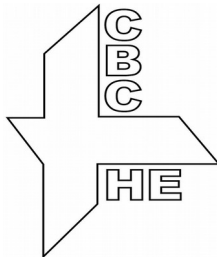
President Scott’s peers rank her among the nation’s top lawyers, resulting in her inclusion in Chambers and Partners USA, U.S. News Best Lawyers, Women in Business Law Guide, The Best Lawyers in America, Leading Lawyers 2015, Top 10 Women in Criminal Defense and Illinois Super Lawyers. As a distinguished business and civic leader, President Scott has played an influential role in the Chicago community for 30 years. Currently, President Scott serves on the Board of Directors for the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital Medical Center Board, where she co-chairs the board’s subcommittee on diversity, and Just the Beginning, an organization devoted to improving the diverse pipeline in the legal field. President Scott is also the former Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Housing Authority, the nation’s third largest housing authority. Ms. Scott is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Dr. Jamel Santa Cruze Wright, President Eureka College

After 163 years, Dr. Jamel Santa Cruze Wright is the first woman, as well as the first African American, to lead Eureka College. President Dr. Wright has nearly two decades of experience in higher education as an administrator and full-time faculty member. A native of St. Louis, Mo., Dr. Wright arrived at Eureka College in 2014 as the College's first chief diversity officer and also served as vice president for strategic and diversity initiatives. Wright is the first in her family to attend college. Wright received her doctorate and a master's degree, both from the University of Kansas, and a bachelor's degree from Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Mo., all in communication studies. Wright is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

With Wright's direction, the college established a partnership with Quest Charter Academy in Peoria, Ill. that will emphasize programming for first-generation college students. Wright worked to create a partnership with The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute which offers students the chance to participate in national leadership and internship programs. As interim president, a position she earned in November 2015, Wright introduced "The Uniquely Eureka Advantage", a program which provides incoming students a four-year tuition freeze, an experiential learning award, and the chance to study abroad.

Wright improved the college's academic and athletic facilities, including enhancements to Vennum-Binkley Hall, the installation of an artificial turf field and lighting system at McKinzie Field, and plans for a renovated Wellness Center at the Reagan Athletic Complex.



Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, President
Moraine Valley Community College

Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins was appointed the fifth president of Moraine Valley Community College on July 1, 2012. Moraine Valley is the second largest community college in Illinois. Dr. Jenkins previously served as vice president, Academic Affairs; dean, Academic Development and Learning Resources; assistant dean, Center for Teaching & Learning/Director of the Library; and public services librarian at Moraine Valley in Palos Hills, Illinois, and director, Library Services and public services librarian at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. Her educational background includes a Ph.D. in Education and Human Resource Studies with a specialization in Community College Leadership from Colorado State University, an MLS/Master of Library Science from State University of New York at Albany, and a B.S. in English Education from Grambling State University.

Dr. Jenkins serves on the boards of: the League for Innovation in the Community College, Community Colleges for International Development (CCID), Moraine Area Career Systems CEO Council, Chicago Regional College Program, and the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Presidents' Council. In 2016, she was elected to the American Association of Community College's (AACC) Board of Directors and also serves on the AACC's Commission on Global Education. In 2016, she was elected to serve a two-year term as an Associate Member Regional Representative of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). She is a member of the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) President's Steering Committee. She serves on the Cook County Workforce Investment Board and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Conservation and Policy Council. She previously served on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Next Century Conservation Plan as well as a state-wide Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force.

Additionally, Dr. Jenkins is a member of the Presidents' Round Table, National Council on Black American Affairs; Chicagoland Alliance for Degree Completion; Council for Advancement & Support of Education (CASE); Rotary Club of Moraine Valley; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Chicago Alumnae Chapter. The Palos Orland Branch American Association of University Women (AAUW) in 2014 named Dr. Jenkins a gift honoree in recognition of her support of equity for women and girls through leadership, advocacy, education, and as a positive role model. Dr. Jenkins was selected as a recipient of the 2014 Egretta Award by the African-American Women's Business and Career Communications (AWBC Magazine).

Dr. Gloria Gibson, President
Northeastern Illinois University

Dr. Gloria J. Gibson was appointed president by Northeastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees on March 15, 2018. Her three-year term began on June 1, 2018. Prior to coming to Northeastern, Gibson served as provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at Morgan State University.

A native of East St. Louis, Illinois, Gibson's academic career began with both a master's and bachelor's degree in music education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She then earned a Ph.D. in Folklore with a concentration in ethnomusicology from Indiana University at Bloomington.

At Indiana University, starting in 1995, she served as an associate professor in a variety of departments, including Afro-American Studies, Communications and Culture, and Folklore and Ethnomusicology. She also served as IU's director of the Archives of Traditional Music as well as associate vice chancellor for the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

In 2004, she went to Arkansas State University, where she was the dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. In 2009, she accepted the role of executive vice president and provost at the University of Northern Iowa, where she was also a professor (with tenure) in the Department of Communication Studies.

More recently, she moved to Baltimore in 2015 to serve as senior vice president and provost at Morgan State University, which is one of the largest federally designated Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and the largest HBCU in Maryland. At Morgan State, Gibson led the development and approval of several online programs, established the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, provided leadership in the university's pursuit of re-accreditation, and built strong relationships with shared governance bodies, among other things.

Gibson has two adult sons, Antonio and Kristopher, and close relatives living in the Metro-East Illinois area.

Kimberly Hollingsworth, President Olive-Harvey College

An East St. Louis native Kimberly Hollingsworth, began her 24th year in higher education this academic year being appointed President of Olive-Harvey College, One of the City Colleges of Chicago. Ms. Hollingsworth started her career in education immediately following College when she began working as the Cook County Recruitment Coordinator for Eastern Illinois University, her alma mater, where she earned her undergraduate and graduate degree in Business and Education respectively. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Subsequent roles she has served in leading preparing her for the Presidency include: Assistant Director of Transfer Student Recruitment position at DePaul University where she automated and improved transfer services. Director of the Transfer Center at Harold Washington College where she directed the center and managed the Special Populations and Higher Education Cooperative Act Grants, while teaching as an adjunct Business faculty. Assistant Dean of Student Services at Richard J. Daley College where she lead the Advising and Student Development team before assuming the role of Dean of Continuing Education at Malcolm X College. Over the period of 11 years Ms. Hollingsworth served Malcolm X College in the capacity of Dean of Continuing Education, Dean of Students Dean of Instruction and served in that capacity for three years before being appointed to the position of Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, before being appointed Vice President, leading over 126 full time faculty as part of the largest academic Department within the City Colleges.

Located on Chicago's far South Side Olive-Harvey College serves thousands of students annually in their pursuit of a certificate, degree, high school equivalency, or to learn English as a second language. Ms. Hollingsworth welcomes the charge of leading Olive-Harvey College. During 2019 Ms. Hollingsworth looks forward to completing the current construction of a 103,000 square foot transportation, distribution, and logistics (TDL) center as well as leading her team as they prepare for their 2020 HLC Reaffirmation visit.

PEGGY BRADFORD, J.D., Ed.D., President
Shawnee Community College

Dr. Peggy Bradford is the current President of Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Illinois. She previously served as the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs (Interim)/Chief Academic Officer of Westchester Community College, SUNY. Previously held positions range from Vice President of Legal and Human Services (Resources) to Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Bradford was a full-time faculty member in Criminal Justice and also served as adjunct faculty, dean and associate dean.

Dr. Bradford received her Doctor of Education in Leadership and Policy with a focus on Higher Education Administration – Community College Leadership from Northern Illinois University. Additionally, she holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa, College of Law, a Master of Science Degree and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Southern Illinois University, and an Associate of Arts Degree from Shawnee College. Dr. Bradford was appointed to the State of Illinois Remedial Education Board, elected to the Faculty Senate, Chaired Labor and Employment Committee of Kane County Bar Association, selected as a Fulbright Scholar – Ghana, Africa and Oxford round table panelist Oxford England, served on the Ohio Department of Education Regional Advisory Council, Council of Undergraduate Research Social Sciences, and was a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys continuing education committee.

Her community outreach with past and present affiliations include Girl Scout Board of Directors, YWCA, United Way, National Association of College and University Attorneys, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Baltimore Regional Workforce Development Board, Excelencia in Education, Rotary, Sistah to Sistah Incorporated (a non-profit focused on increasing participation of underrepresented women in STEAM). She is also a licensed attorney and site consultant for the Lumina Foundation. As an exemplary innovator and transformative servant leader, she focuses on student success, teaching and learning, community engagement, industry workforce needs, and strategic planning. Dr. Bradford was nominated for Dr. Carol S. Russett American Council on Education Award 2016, received the Administrator of Excellence and Leadership Award from Elgin Community College, Administrator of Excellence Award Baltimore City Community College, Chair Academy, League of Innovation, and Native American Fellowship from Aurora University. She has presented locally, nationally, and internationally. She has published court opinions and articles in NISOD on community college issues

Dr. Lynette Stokes, President
South Suburban Community College

Dr. Lynette Stokes was appointed President by the Board of Trustees of South Suburban College on April 12, 2018 after serving as Vice President of Academic Services at South Suburban College since June 2013. Dr. Stokes spent 11 years at the City Colleges of Chicago improving the quality of education by promoting pedagogical and andragogical techniques and strategies that support academic excellence for all students. Having worked in public service for over 18 years, Dr. Lynette Stokes has served as an advocate of youth in the child welfare system, taught elementary education, and worked for equal rights organizations. Dr. Stokes is well acquainted with the foster care system as she lived in seven different foster homes as a child.

Fulfilling her desire to make a positive impact on the education of adult learners, in 2004 Dr. Stokes earned her doctorate degree in Educational Leadership and Organizational Change at Roosevelt University. This academic credential, coupled with the skills she gained while working at Operation PUSH, Community Mental Health Council and Ada S. McKinley Community Services, provided the foundation to propel her career into higher education as Dean of Adult Education and Dean of Instruction at City Colleges of Chicago.

Dr. Stokes has served as a presenter for several professional development events in Higher Education and Child Welfare. Dr. Stokes is the 2005 recipient of Roosevelt University's Most Outstanding Dissertation of the Year, the 2009 recipient of the Kathy Osterman Award for Outstanding Supervisor given to public service employees in the City of Chicago and the 2014 recipient of the Chicago Defender's Women of Excellence Award. Dr. Stokes sits on the Board for the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District, the Junior Achievement of Chicago, Southern Region and the Board of Governors for Unity Christian Academy in South Holland. She is also the President of the Chief Academic Officers' Group for the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC).

Dr. Stokes describes her life purpose as: "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education Mission

The ICBCHE contributes to the resolution of many of the problems that adversely affect the educational status of Black people through consolidated and coordinated efforts. Its overall goal is the enhancement of education and employment opportunities for Black people in Illinois. To achieve this goal, the following objectives have been identified:

Establish a network to gather and share information about the role and status of Black people in all aspects of Illinois education.

Retain Black faculty, staff, and students in the educational system.

Improve the climate for Black faculty, staff, and students on predominantly white campuses.

Identify issues and concerns, formulate and share recommendations, and implement strategies for change.

Monitor and evaluate institutional and system-wide efforts to accomplish goals and assess their effectiveness.

Conduct conferences and workshops for educational training and the development of strategies to enhance the status of Black people in higher education.

Develop statewide task forces to create and implement strategies that increase and enhance black participation in teacher education programs and legislative activities.

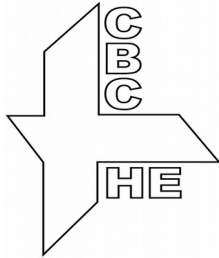
Membership Fees

Professional	\$65
Emeritus	\$50
Student	\$35
Institution	\$300

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