

**WM. GREGORY SAWYER, Ph.D.**  
**(BIO)**



Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer, is currently the Vice President and Senior Student Affairs Officer at Sonoma State University. Prior to joining Sonoma State in April 2018, Dr. Sawyer was the founding Vice President for Student Affairs at CSU Channel Islands (CI) for sixteen years (2002-2017), where he established a nationally recognized student affairs division. Under his leadership, Channel Islands' Division of Student Affairs was recognized as one of the nation's *Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs* for five consecutive years.

Dr. Sawyer, or "Doc" as most colleagues and students know him, began his professional career in Student Affairs at the University of North Texas (UNT) as a Residence Hall Director. He later served as UNT's Coordinator of Intercultural Services, Assistant and Associate Dean of Students, and finally as Dean of Students. After five years as the Dean at UNT, he was offered the opportunity to serve as the founding Dean of Students and Senior Student Affairs Officer (SSAO) at the newly chartered Florida Gulf Coast University. After serving as the Dean of Students and Senior Student Affairs Officer for almost seven years, Dr. Sawyer was once again offered the opportunity of a lifetime to be on the ground floor of yet another new state university, California State University Channel Islands. Dr. Sawyer served as the founding Vice President for Student Affairs for sixteen and a half years before retiring in December 2017. Following a brief three-month retirement, Dr. Sawyer joined Sonoma State University as Vice President for Student Affairs in April 2018. Under his leadership, Sonoma State University's Division Of Student Affairs has been recognized as one of the nation's *Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs* for the past two years.

Dr. Sawyer has been recognized by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) as a *Pillar of the Profession* (2016), for *Excellence in Practice* (2016), and for outstanding performance as a vice president (*NASPA Region VI Scott Goodnight Award, 2011*). The American College Personnel Association (ACPA) recognized him as the *Diamond Honoree Awardee* (2015) and presented him the award for *Senior Student Affairs Practitioner of the Year* (2007). Dr. Sawyer was also named the *Most Distinguished Black Citizen* by the Ventura County NAACP, CSU Channel Islands *Outstanding Administrator of the Year* (2005), and he was selected out of 46,000 faculty and staff by the Trustees and Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) system for the *Wang Family Award as the Outstanding Administrator of the Year* (2008). From 2013-2020, Dr. Sawyer served two terms as a Governor (Brown) appointed Commissioner to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Sawyer earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at the University of North Texas (UNT) in Denton, his master's degree in Organizational Communication from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and English from the University of Mount Union in Alliance, OH.

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## EDUCATION

- 1993 **Harvard University**, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Management Development Program (MDP)  
Graduate School of Education
- 1986 **University of North Texas**, Denton, Texas  
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)  
Higher Education Administration: Organizational Communication  
Dissertation: "The Effects of a Computer-Assisted and Managed Learning Program on Test Outcomes in a Basic Communication Course"
- 1978 **Eastern New Mexico University**, Portales, New Mexico  
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)  
Organizational Communication  
Thesis: "Proxemic Reinforcement of Attitudinal Coalitions"
- 1976 **University of Mount Union**, Alliance, Ohio  
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)  
Major: Communication  
Minor: English

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

April 2018 – Present

**Vice President for Student Affairs (*Vice President and Senior Student Affairs Officer*)**  
Sonoma State University (SSU), Rohnert Park, California

As the Vice President of the Division of Student Affairs and Chief Student Affairs Officer, I am responsible to the President for all matters regarding services, programs, facilities, and activities of all enrolled and prospective SSU students. This includes the creation, implementation, and coordination of university policies, programs, and services pertaining to the personal, cultural, and general welfare of the student body outside the classroom. I am also responsible for maintenance, operations, administration, fiscal and budgetary management of the Division of Student Affairs. Responsibilities include:

- Formulate, plan, implement, and coordinate policies and procedures for the Division of Student Affairs
- Create, plan, manage, and oversee the Division's budget
- Advise the President on all matters regarding the welfare of students at SSU
- Hire and train full-time and part-time staff and student workers within the Division

- Create a broad spectrum of student employment opportunities both on and off campus
- Oversee student outcomes and assessment research (i.e. the Comprehensive Program Review) within the Division
- Confer, counsel, and advise students, faculty, staff, administration, parents, and other constituencies regarding the activities, programs, and services for the SSU student body
- Develop a strategic plan for the Division in concert with Academic Affairs and other divisional units within the University
- Responsible for the implementation of the Division policies, objectives and strategies. Responsible for the oversight of the following departments and programs in Student Affairs: Residential Education and Campus Housing, Campus Recreation, Disability Student Services, New Student Orientation, Judicial Affairs, University Outreach, Career Development Services, Student Life, Dean of Students, Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP), Student Academic Support, the Dream Center, the Student Center, Associated Students Incorporated (ASI), Student Health Services, Military and Veteran Programs, Counseling and Psychological Services, Assessment and Strategic Operations, the Children's School, TriO Programs (i.e. Academic Talent Search (2), Upward Bound (7), Student Support Services (2), Student Engagement, Confidential Advocacy, and Staff Training and Development
- Serve as member of the President's Cabinet
- Serve as member of the President's Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC)
- Serve as a Board Member for the Sonoma State Enterprise (SSE)
- Responsible for the formulation and interpretation of policies pertaining to specific student concerns in all areas of the University, especially the concerns of the welfare of the student body and Division personnel
- Responsible for programs and services as well as on-going improvement of the student learning environment outside of the classroom at SSU
- Responsible for ensuring co-curricular programs and services are regularly assessed based on defined needs and measurable learning outcomes
- Oversee personnel, budget, operations and the overall welfare of the Division of Student Affairs

January 2002 – December 2017 (retired)

***Vice President for Student Affairs (Founding Vice President and Senior Student Affairs Officer)***  
California State University Channel Islands (CI), Camarillo, California

As the Founding Vice President of the Division of Student Affairs and Chief Student Affairs Officer, I was responsible to the President for all matters regarding services, programs, facilities, and activities of all enrolled and prospective CI. This included the creation, implementation, and coordination of university policies, programs, and services pertaining to the personal, cultural, and general welfare of the student body outside the classroom. I was also responsible for maintenance, operations, administration, fiscal and budgetary management of the Division of Student Affairs. Responsibilities included:

- Formulated, planned, implemented, and coordinated policies and procedures for the Division of Student Affairs
- Created, planned, managed, and oversaw the Division's budget
- Advised the President on all matters regarding the welfare of students at CI
- Hired and trained full-time and part-time staff and student workers within the Division
- Created a broad spectrum of student employment opportunities both on and off campus
- Oversaw student outcomes and assessment research (i.e. the Comprehensive Program Review) within the Division

- Conferred with, counseled, and advised students, faculty, staff, administration, parents, and other constituencies regarding the activities, programs, and services for the CI student body
- Developed a strategic plan for the Division in concert with Academic Affairs and other divisional units within the University
- Implemented the Division policies, objectives and strategies. Responsible for the oversight of the following departments and programs in Student Affairs: Housing and Residential Education, Campus Recreation, Disability Resource Programs, New Student Orientation, Judicial Affairs, University Outreach, Career Development Services, Student Life, Dean of Students, Financial Aid and Scholarships, Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP), Admissions and Recruitment, Records and Registration, Student Support Services (SSS), the Boating Instruction and Safety Center, University Student Union, Associated Student Incorporated (ASI), Student Health Services, Veteran Student Affairs, Counseling Services and the Multicultural Women's and Gender Student Center.
- Served as member of the President's Cabinet
- Served as member of the President's Planning and Policy Council
- Served as member of the University Strategic Budget Committee
- Served as member of the University Master Planning Committee
- Responsible for the formulation and interpretation of policies pertaining to specific student concerns in all areas of the University, especially the concerns of the welfare of the student body and Division personnel
- Responsible for programs and services as well as on-going improvement of the student learning environment outside of the classroom at CI
- Responsible for ensuring co-curricular programs and services are regularly assessed based on defined needs and measurable learning outcomes
- Oversaw personnel, budget, operations and the overall welfare of the Division

1995 – 2002

**Dean of Student Services (*Founding Dean and Senior Student Affairs Officer*)**

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), Fort Myers, Florida

As the Founding Dean of Student Services and Chief Student Affairs Officer, I was responsible to the Provost and President on all matters pertaining to programs and co-curricular services for enrolled and prospective students. These responsibilities include the formulation, coordination, and implementation of university policies, programs and services pertaining to the personal, cultural, and general welfare of the student body. Responsibilities included:

- Formulated, implemented, and coordinated policies relating to personal, cultural and general welfare of the student body
- Planned, managed, and supervised the Division budget
- Coordinated the development of effective student involvement and provided special liaison to students in matters relating to concerns of the student body with Administration
- Advised the Provost and President on all matters pertaining to welfare of students and student programs and services
- Hired and trained staff and student workers in the Division of Student Services
- Created a broad spectrum of student engagement both on and off campus
- Directed student outcomes and assessment research
- Counseled and advised students, staff, administration, parents, and others regarding the activities, programs
- Conferred with faculty on all matters regarding student success and enrichment programs
- Developed a strategic plan in collaboration with the University Strategic Plan

- Implemented Divisional policies, objectives and strategies for the following areas of Student Services: Housing and Residence Life, Counseling and Student Health Services, Recreation and Leisure Services, Career Development, New Student Orientation, Campus Life, Judicial Affairs, Testing, the Office of Multi Access Services, International Services, Disability Accommodations, and Multicultural Programs and Services
- Served as a member of various administrative and community committees
- Served as a member of the Senior Leadership Team (President's cabinet)
- Served as a member of the Dean's Council
- Served as a member of the President's Advisory Committee
- Integrated student services into everyday campus life as a co-curricular program
- Maintained dialogue and interaction with University groups (students and faculty) and various civic, educational, professional, and interested community members on matters of general student welfare and other University concerns
- Performed related duties as required or deemed appropriate for the accomplishment of the responsibilities and functions of the office of the Dean of Students and the Division as directed by the President and Provost
- Responsible for the formulation and interpretation of policies pertaining to specific student concerns in all areas of the University, especially the concerns of the student body and personnel in the Division
- Responsible for directing University-wide student programs with regard to the student's self-awareness, leadership, involvement and participation in campus life, as well as the continued improvement of the learning environment and social climate at FGCU
- Responsible for ensuring that all programs are designed to enhance self-development of students in preparing them for life and living after the university experience
- Oversaw all personnel matters for the Division
- Created a campus that is supportive of faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds

1990 – 1995

### **Dean of Students**

University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, Texas

As the Dean of Students, I was responsible to the Vice President for Student Affairs on matters pertaining to student leadership, clubs and campus life organizations, and student conduct. This included, but was not limited to, the formulation, coordination, and implementation of division policies, programs and services for the student body. I was responsible for the supervision of the Associate and Assistant Dean of Students, the Coordinator of Intercultural Affairs, the Director of Student Activities and the Director of Student Employment. I was charged with the oversight of the Student Code of Conduct committee, responsible for the management and direction of the Office of Intercultural Services, Greek Affairs, Student Employment, student clubs and organizations, and the Student Government Association. Responsibilities included:

- Planned, organized, and administered a comprehensive program of campus and Greek life, student activities, student employment, and multicultural/intercultural student affairs
- Coordinated a comprehensive plan to ensure inclusion of the financial aid program into the overall enrollment services plan
- Hired, trained, supervised, and coordinated assignments of all full-time and part-time Dean of Students staff
- Supervised the management of administrative processes including budget, payroll, personnel, and purchasing
- Coordinated the dissemination of information and laws concerning the comprehensive student services program to the Vice President of Student Affairs and other administration

- Coordinated student services and activities with other offices locally and statewide
- Provided conflict resolution counseling for students
- Chief Judicial Officer for the University. Annually trained and developed three Judicial Hearings officers (Assistant and Associate Deans). Conducted university-wide training for the Student Code of Conduct committee members

1987 – 1990

**Associate Dean of Students**

University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, Texas

Responsible for the supervision of the Assistant Dean of Students and the Coordinator of Intercultural Services, Student Conduct, counseled and advised students; responsible for the management and direction of the Office of Intercultural Services, Greek Affairs, Student Employment, student clubs and organizations, and Student Government

1988 – 1986

**Assistant Dean of Students**

University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, Texas

Responsible for the Student Code of Conduct, Intercultural Services, Greek Affairs, Commuter Student Services, Leadership Development, and the “CommuniversiTY” outreach program.

1985 – 1986

**Coordinator of Intercultural Services**

University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, Texas

Served as liaison between business/industry recruiters and college students; developed retention and study skills model as well as recruitment strategies; served as advisor for the Progressive Black Student Organization (P.B.S.O.); advisor for the Mexican-American Student Organization (M.A.S.O.); and responsible for programming and leadership development for underserved students.

1983 – 1985

**Resident Hall Director**

University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, Texas

Supervised, trained, and advised resident assistants, desk clerks, and custodial staff in front line administrative duties; maintained student conduct and programming efforts for 200 male residents.

1983

**Assistant Coordinator of Conference and Facility Services**

University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, Texas

Scheduled conferences for business/industry and non-profit organizations at the UNT; developed room schedules, meal plans, and activity development.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2003 – 2017

**California State University Channel Islands (CI)**, Camarillo, California

- Communication 101: Public Speaking
- Communication 301: Advanced Public Speaking
- Communication 336: Multicultural Communication and Literature
- Psychology 432: Psychology of Leadership

1996 –2001

**Florida Gulf Coast University (FCCU)**, Fort Myers, Florida

- Speech Communication 3600: Introduction to Speech Communication
- Speech Communication 3602: Advanced Public Speaking
- Speech Communication 3721: Interracial/Intercultural Communication

1996

**Edison Community College**, Fort Myers, Florida

- Communication 101: Public Speaking

1987 – 1995

**University of North Texas (UNT)**, Denton, Texas

- Communication 1010: Introduction to Communication
- Communication 2020: Interpersonal Communication
- Communication 2040: Public Speaking
- Communication 3120: Nonverbal Communication
- Communication 3920: Organizational Communication
- Communication 5220: Organizational Communication (graduate level course)
- Communication 5525: Communication and Change (graduate level course)
- Communication 5625: Communication Consulting (graduate level course)

1987 – 1990

**North Lake College**, Irving, Texas

- Speech Communication 1311: Introduction to Speech Communication
- Speech Communication 1321: Business and Professional Speaking

1982

**Tarrant County Junior College (TCJC) Northeast Campus**, Hurst, Texas

- Speech Communication 1321: Business and Professional Communication

1980 – 1982

**University of North Texas (UNT)**, Denton, Texas

- Communication 1010: Introduction to Communication
- Communication 2020: Public Speaking



*As the Graduate Student Director, I was responsible for the analysis and development of various test instruments for midterm and final examinations which were distributed to approximately 1000 undergraduate Comm. 101 students per semester. I also supervised six graduate Teaching Assistants.*

1978 – 1980

**Amarillo College**, Amarillo, Texas

- Speech Communication 1315: Public Speaking
- Speech Communication 1318: Interpersonal Communication
- Speech Communication 1321: Business and Professional Communication
- Speech Communication 2341: Oral Interpretation
- Speech Communication 1342: Voice and Articulation

*As the only full-time faculty member (in Speech Communication at Amarillo College (AC)), I not only taught every course in the SPCH curriculum, I was also responsible for developing and updating the curriculum for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation. I was also AC's **Forensics and Debate** coach for two years.*

1977 – 1978

**Eastern New Mexico University**, Portales, New Mexico

- Communication 101: Interpersonal Communication
- Communication 102: Public Speaking

*Graduate Assistant coach for the **Forensics and Debate Teams**.*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 **President's Award**, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Oxnard, California
- 2018 **Lifetime Achievement Award**, National Tutoring Association (NTA)
- 2017 **Distinguished Service to the Profession Award**, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)
- 2016 **Presidential Medallion Award** - the highest honor bestowed by California State University Channel Islands' President, Dr. Richard R. Rush, for *Sustained Academic and Administrative Excellence*
- 2016 **Pillar of the Profession**, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)
- 2016 **Excellence in Practice Award**, American College Personnel Association (ACPA)
- 2015 **Diamond Honoree Award** which recognizes extraordinary contributions to the field of student affairs, the highest honor offered by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA)
- 2011 **Scott Goodnight Award** for outstanding performance as a Vice President/Dean of Student Affairs National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)
- 2008 **The Wang Family Excellence Award** for outstanding staff/administrator of the California University System, California State University (CSU)
- 2007 **Senior Student Affairs Practitioner of the Year Award**, American College Personnel Association (ACPA)
- 2005 **Maximus Award** for outstanding administrator of the year, California State University Channel Islands, presented by the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI)
- 2005 **Notable African-Americans in Ventura County**, Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC)

- 2005 ***Most Distinguished Black Citizen Award***, Ventura County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- 2004 ***Barrier Breaker Award*** as “*The First African-American Dean of Students*,” University of North Texas (UNT)
- 2001 ***The Twenty Award*** as one of the Top 20 Leaders (1 of Top 5 Administrators, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)
- 2001 ***Advisor of the Year***, Golden Key International Honor Society, Southeast Region
- 2001 ***Outstanding Professor, Guide and Mentor***, Communication Department, FGCU
- 2001 ***The Great Communicator Award***, University Honors Program, FGCU
- 2001 ***The TITAN Award of Excellence*** for outstanding contributions as the Founding Dean of Student Services, FGCU
- 2001 ***Outstanding Alumni Award*** presented by Howe Military School, Howe, Indiana

## PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Western Regional Conference Planning Committee, (NASPA Regions V & VI), November 2020
- Student Affairs Council (SAC) of the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs for the California State University (CSU) System, 2002-Present
- Chair, Personnel, Evaluation and Nomination (PEN) Committee, California Student Aid Commission 2018-2020
- Student Impact Committee, California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) Subcommittee, 2015-19, Vice Chair
- African American Male Summit, NASPA, (2014-2020), Faculty & Co-Director
- Community Advocacy Council, 2014-2015 – Board Member (Ventura County)
- California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), 2013-Present – Commissioner
- Student Affairs Council (SAC) of the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs for the California State University (CSU) System, 2014-2016 – Past Chair
- The Richard F. Stevens Institute for Chief Student Affairs Officers (CSAOs), Faculty, (NASPA), 2013
- Student Affairs Council (SAC) of the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs for the California State University (CSU) System, 2012-2014 – Co-Chair
- Student Affairs Council (SAC) of the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs for the California State University (CSU) System, 2010-2012 – Co-Chair-Elect
- Student Affairs Council (SAC) of the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs for the California State University (CSU) System, 2002-Present – Member
- James E. Scott Academy, NASPA, 2010-2014 – Board Member
- National Executive Council, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, 2004-2005 – Board Member
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Think Tank, Ventura County NAACP, 2003-2007 – Member
- Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) Scholarship Board, 2002-2007 – Member
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Campus Planning Committee 2002-2005
- Golden Key International Honour Society, 2000-2002 – Southwest Academic Coordinator
- Served on over seventy-five faculty, staff and administrative search committees at two start-up Universities: Florida Gulf Coast University and CSU Channel Islands, including search committees for the President (1), Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (3), Athletic Director (2), CIO (3), Vice President for Advancement (4) and Vice President for Finance and Administration (1)
- 100 Black Men of Southwest Florida, 2000 - Parliamentarian
- 100 Black Men of Southwest Florida, 1999 – Past President
- 100 Black Men of Southwest Florida, 1996-1998 – Founding Member and Chartering President
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Campus-wide Committee (SACS), 1994-1995 – Member

- Texas Association of College & University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA), 1992-1993 – Past President
- TACUSPA, 1991-1992 - President
- TACUSPA, 1990-1991 - President-Elect
- TACUSPA, 1989-1990 - Vice President

## PUBLICATIONS

Sawyer, W. G., Monje-Paulson, L., & Jones, G. L. (Fall 2020). Act Better, Do Better, Be Better. *Leadership Exchange*, 11(4), 22.

Sawyer, Wm. Gregory, et al. (Winter 2014). Fire Sparks Quick Response at California State University Channel Islands. *Leadership Exchange* 11(4), 22.

Sawyer, Wm. Gregory. (Spring 2013). Partnerships Keep Students at the Center. *Leadership Exchange*, 2(1), 20.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 How To Get to Here from There: A Panel Discussion with Five Black Male College Presidents (Facilitator), African American Male Summit, NASPA, Los Angeles, California
- 2018 *Innovative Pathways: Creating America's Newest University and Student Affairs Division (from a grain of sand)*, NASPA Western Regional Conference, Sacramento, California
- 2017 *Leadership as the Number 2*, NASPA Regional Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2017 *Preparing to Lead in a Diverse but no soInclusive Environment*, African American Male Summit, NASPA, San Antonio, Texas
- 2016 *Navigating and Balancing Your Blackness as a Senior Student Affairs Officer*, African American Male Summit, NASPA, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2015 *Budgets and Evidence in Student Affairs*, African American Male Summit, Faculty NASPA, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2014 *Institutional Politics and Working Effectively with Administration*, Oxnard, California
- 2014 *NASPA: Sponsor Effect*, Panelist, Anaheim, California
- 2014 *Understanding the Context of Budgets and Finance in Student Affairs*, African American Male Summit, NASPA, Baltimore, Maryland
- 2014 *The Impact of Race and Poverty on Education*, Panelist, Thousand Oaks, California
- 2013 Keynote Speaker, Conejo Recreation & Park District 8 Annual Conference, Santa Maria, California
- 2013 WISDOM Session Panelist at NASPA Western Regional Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2013 *Multivariable Organizational Environments*, presented at NASPA, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Stevens Institute, Dana Point, California
- 2013 Keynote Speaker, Black Male Symposium, Winston-Salem University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- 2012 Keynote Speaker, *The Michael Tillford Conference on Diversity and Multiculturalism*, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
- 2010 *It's about Understanding; Not Tolerating*, presented at the Prejudice Awareness Summit, American Jewish University, Los Angeles, California
- 2008 *Communicating Effectively to Your Customer*, presented at BMW Design Works, Thousand Oaks, California
- 2008 *Leading at the Edge*, Bank of America Achievement Awards, Santa Barbara, California
- 2008 Conference Keynote Speaker, National Tutors Association, Dallas, Texas
- 2007 Keynote Speaker, Junior Achievement of Southern California Latino Initiative, Oxnard, California

- 2007 Keynote Speaker, Upward Bound Commencement, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
- 2007 Keynote Speaker, CHESS-CSSA Student Government Association, Sacramento, California
- 2005 “The Center for Multicultural Learning and Engagement: The Integration of Academic and Student Affairs programs at CSU Channel Islands,” a paper presented to The Oxford Round Table, Oxford, England
- 2004 Commencement Speaker, Howe Military School, Howe, Indiana
- 2004 Conference Keynote Speaker, National Tutors Association, Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee
- 2003 Keynote Speaker, Annual NAACP Awards Dinner, Oxnard, California

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**PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), Fort Myers, Florida

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**Dean of Students**  
University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, Texas

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University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, Texas

1988 – 1986

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University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, Texas