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President

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE



An Alabama native, Dr. Stephenson has extensive experience in community college executive administration having served in President/CEO positions in Alabama, Missouri and Kentucky. He is currently the President of Northwest Florida State College, in Niceville, Florida. He serves as a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Board of Trustees and is a visiting committee chair with the Commission. Additionally, he serves as a Board Member of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities and a member of the Florida College System Council of Presidents' Steering Committee. Stephenson is a noted speaker on leadership, organizational change and professional/personal development. He served as a member of the Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 2018-2020. He is a current member of the Board of Directors of the Fort

Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Committees of the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County and Florida's Great Northwest.

Stephenson led the development of the College's 2017-2020 and 2020-2023 Strategic Plan that is characterized by an aggressive agenda to place the College at the forefront of regional transformation. He recently led the College through its successful decennial reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Dr. Stephenson has led NWF State College to Silver Status in the Florida College System Performance Funding and to a Top 150 recognition in the 2019 Aspen Institute's Community College Excellence Recognition Program. Additionally, in concert with the local legislative delegation, Dr. Stephenson championed the passage of Florida HB75 allowing all 28 Florida College System institutions to waive fees for active duty military and provide access to higher education. He also established a grants development initiative that has led to a record number of external grant awards totaling approximately \$23 million from 2017-2020.

He earned an Associate in Science from Walker Junior College, followed by a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Birmingham-Southern College and both master's and doctoral degrees in the Administration of Higher Education from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Stephenson and his wife, Judy, are the proud parents of two adult children, Jon and JuliAnne.

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