

PATSY J. FULTON-CALKINS, PH.D.
Career Brief

Patsy J. Fulton-Calkins has a long history of service in the community college field. Her initial employment in the community college was as an instructor at Mountain View College, Dallas, Texas. From that position, she moved into administration at El Centro College as Business/Social Science Division Chairperson and then to Vice President of Instruction at Cedar Valley College. Her next position was at El Centro College as Vice President of Instruction. Her last move in DCCCD was to Brookhaven College as President. After serving for five years at Brookhaven, she moved to Oakland Community College as Chancellor. OCC is the largest community college in Michigan. During her time at Michigan, she was able to work with the community to increase the millage rate that OCC was receiving, which provided an additional \$30 million dollars per year to be able to serve students more effectively through adding new programs, equipment, and renovation of buildings. Additionally, she has done consulting work in both strategic planning and fundraising.

Her service activities within the various communities she has lived include the following: Co-Chairperson of Oakland County Business Roundtable, Board of Directors--Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Advisory Board, WJBK-TV2, Board of Directors , United Way of Oakland County, Advisory Board of Directors, Boys and Girls Club, Chairman, Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce, Texas, Rotary Club (where she received the Rotary Fellow Award) and Board of Governors, Brookhaven Country Club. She also served on the Board of Directors of Town North Bank. Dr. Fulton-Calkins was also on the Board of the American Association of Community College and served on the Legislative Committee of that Board.

Selected honors she has received include: Listed in *Michigan Women: First and Founders, Volumes I and II*, identified nationally as a Transformational Leader in Community Colleges, Linda Keithley Award for Women in Public Management, North Central Texas Council of Governments.

She has published, and continues to publish, two books that are national best sellers in their field (selling to community colleges). Additionally, she has researched and published two articles in the last two years—Community College Leadership: An Art to be Practiced and Student learning: Consistently Valued and Assessed.

Throughout the years, she has made numerous presentations both locally and nationally on leadership, women in leadership, organization change, and future directions of the community college.