

Introduction of Dr. Linda Bowman



Dr. Linda S. Bowman has served as the President of the Community College of Aurora since 2000. She also served concurrently as Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs for the Colorado Community College System from 2005 to 2009, where her responsibilities included all programs and student services for the state's community colleges and statewide secondary and post-secondary Career and Technical Education. In addition to her duties as President of the Community College of Aurora, she served as Interim President of Arapahoe Community College from 2009 to 2010, and since 2010, as Vice President for Executive Leadership Training and Development for the Colorado Community College System.

Prior to her appointment to the Community College of Aurora presidency, Dr. Bowman served as Interim President of Lamar Community College in rural southeastern Colorado, Vice President of Academic Affairs for Red Rocks Community College in metropolitan Denver, Colorado, and president of Parks Junior College, a private two-year institution with three Colorado locations.

Dr. Bowman holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Colorado, Masters degrees in Public Administration (University of Colorado) and in English (University of New Orleans), and a Bachelors degree in English and Spanish (University of South Alabama).

As community college president and as Community College System vice president, Dr. Bowman has been active in statewide policy. She chaired the committee that recommended a successful legislative effort for concurrent credit, wherein prepared high school students can enter college early, while still completing their high school diplomas. She worked with legislators statewide to enact legislation that creates successful two plus two articulation between community colleges and four-year colleges and universities. She also worked to ensure the successful definitions of post-secondary and workforce ready now being enacted statewide, across sectors, to create seamless pathways for students. As private college president, she was recognized for excellence in student persistence and graduation rates, business office operations, and new campus development.

Examples of her community service include the Aurora Rotary Club, the boards of the Adams County Education Consortium, the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Center, former Lowry Air Force Base Redevelopment Authority, GetSmartSchools, Aurora Public Schools Superintendent's Vista 2010 and 2015 Councils, Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence, and Colorado Community Colleges Education Foundation, as well as a member of Governor John Hickenlooper's Colorado Ambassadors to Japan. She served on the Colorado Commission on Higher Education Strategic Planning Mission and Governance Subcommittee. She also served on Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.'s P-20 Council, Systems Transformation and Preparation/Transitions Committees and on Congressman Bob Beauprez's Education Advisory Council. She is the former Chair of the Boards of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, the Northwest Metro Chamber of Commerce, and the Jefferson County Coalition of Chambers.

Dr. Bowman was named "Woman of the Year" by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Woman of Distinction by the Mile High Girl Scouts, President of the Year by the State Student Advisory Council, Honorary Co-Commander for Buckley Air Force Base, and an International Presidential Honoree by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.