



Daniel Joseph Phelan, Ph.D., MBA

A Brief Biography...

Dr. Daniel J. Phelan has been President & CEO of Jackson College, Michigan since early 2001. Continuous innovation, impactful and intentional governance, quality, service and vision for an improved future of student success have continued to define Phelan's contribution to the community college movement. He led the redefinition of Jackson College's culture with the creation of a Total Commitment to Student Success (TCS2). He is a regular national presenter and author of numerous professional articles, monographs, and essays and books, the most recent of which is *The Community College Board 2.0: Covenant Governance* was published in 2021.

In term of service to the Academy, he is Chairman of the Board for the Center for Community College Student Engagement (CCCSE); he is the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (PTK); and he is on the Board of Directors for the League for Innovation in the Community Colleges. He also serves as a peer-evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission. He is certified in board governance practice, and in Policy Governance in particular.

Additionally, he is the Past-Chairman of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and continues to serve on the AACC Advocacy Advisory Group (AAG). He is Past-Board Chairman of the Higher Education Research and Development Institute (HERDI); Past-Board Chairman of the Jackson County Enterprise Group (a regional economic development organization); Past-Board Chairman of the Alliance for Innovation and Transformation (AFIT), and Past-Board Chairman of the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA). He also served on the American Association of Community College's (AACC) 21st-Century Commission on the Future of Community Colleges, co-chairing a team charged with redefining the community college role and mission.

Locally, Dr. Phelan is deeply committed to Jackson and the surrounding communities, working to advance human and talent development in the region. He has been a strong collaborator in the area, seeking to leverage the strengths of multiple organizations to improve quality of life, student outcomes, and the workforce pipeline in the area. He serves as the Chairman of the Board for Henry Ford Jackson Hospital; Board member of the Enterprise Group; Board member of the Jackson College Foundation, and Board member of the Henry Ford Health System Board of Directors in Detroit.

Phelan's discipline is business administration and higher education administration. He holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Iowa State University, an M.B.A. from St. Ambrose University (IA), and both a B.A. in Business Administration and an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts from Mount St. Clare College (IA). He has been honored for

his work in higher education and community service including the Continuous Quality Improvement Network's (CQIN) Legacy Award, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) CEO of the Year Award for the Central Region, the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society's Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction, and the Iowa State University Alumni Award. Dr. Phelan is married to Dr. Adriana Phelan, and they have four children: Katie, Michelle, Maggie and Isabella, and an Australian Labradoodle named Oreo.