



Daniel Joseph Phelan, Ph.D. A Brief Biography...

Dr. Daniel J. Phelan has been President & CEO of Jackson College (MI) since early 2001. He is Chairman of the Board for the Center for Community College Student Engagement (CCCSE), is on the Board of Directors for the League for Innovation in the Community Colleges, the Board of Directors for the American Council on Education (ACE), and is on the Board of Directors for the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (PTK).

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 - formerly CQIN), 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.

Continuous innovation, impactful 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 which have appeared in various books and publications including *New Directions in the Community College*, the *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, the *Journal of Applied Research in the Community College* and the *Community College Journal*. His first book, *Unrelenting Change, Innovation, and Risk: Forging the Next Generation of Community Colleges* was published in 2016, and his second book, *The Community College Board 2.0: Covenant Governance* was published in 2021 - both books were published by Rowman and Littlefield.

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 a both an 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.