

Sheila Patterson

Class of 2022

- Sheila Patterson is a lifelong Jackson County resident and graduate of Lumen Christi High School.
- She earned both a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (1993) and a Master of Business Administration, Emphasis in Management (2001), from Spring Arbor University.
- While serving on the Jackson College Board of Trustees in 2022, she completed her Jackson College Associate in General Studies.
- Has worked for Consumers Energy since 2002 in various professional roles and currently serves as Supervisor of Corporate Facilities, Zone 31.
- She played a key role on the Jackson College Board of Trustees from 2007-2026. Her tenure was defined by a belief in the power of “purpose, partnership, and perspective,” helping to guide the College through transformative years of growth and modernization. A high point of her tenure was when Jackson College was accepted as a board member organization to the League for Innovation in the Community College in December 2019.
- During her time on the Board of Trustees, campuses underwent major transformations through numerous construction and renovation projects. She also helped guide major campus improvements, new academic programs, and initiatives focused on student success.
- She received the 2013 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Medal of Service Award from Jackson College and the 2016 Spring Arbor University Professional Excellence Alumni Award.
- In 2024, she was recognized at the 4th Annual Black Excellence Community Awards Banquet & Gala with a “We See You” Award for her work and commitment to the Jackson community.
- She has contributed to numerous community organizations - serving on the Jackson Community Foundation Board, where she was a member of the Executive and Grant Committees and chaired the Development Committee. She currently serves on the City of Jackson Civil Service Commission since 2006 and is an active member of JaxNaz Church.
- In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and her dogs, and loves to travel. She has recently become engaged to fiancé Dean Martin.

Guiding Mantra- *“If you can’t fly, then run; if you can’t run, then walk; if you can’t walk, then crawl – but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”* Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.