

LISA JONES, Ph.D.

Bio

Dr. Lisa Jones is the incoming President of Colorado Northwestern Community College, beginning her tenure with the institution in July 2021. She has spent the last 32 years of her career advancing the mission of colleges and universities. Of this, 17 years have been in service to community college students and 23 years as a member of the President's Cabinet, in PBIs and/or HSIs, in both Student and Academic Affairs. Approaching her work with an entrepreneurial mindset, and as a servant leader, she is committed to social justice, partnership building and equity. She also focuses her work to promote access, student engagement and success to provide students with the best opportunity to achieve their goals and to improve their economic opportunities for themselves and their families.

For her continued commitment in support of student access, personal growth and success, Dr. Jones is the recipient of the 2016-17 MACRAO Equity in Education Award, the Michigan ACE Institutional Representative Award in 2016 for her role in mentoring women pursuing doctoral studies and has authored and managed numerous grants which have provided educational opportunities for the most vulnerable in the community.

As a supporter of economic development and community improvement she has served on community Boards and volunteered for City sponsored activities which include her service as Secretary on the Board for the Detroit Urban League, and member of the Detroit, Dearborn, and Best Southwest Chambers. She partnered with the Texas Workforce Commission to support their efforts to pass legislation establishing a Texas Career and Technical Education day. She also partnered with the City of Lancaster in the city's bid and final recognition as an All-America city in 2019 for its work (along with that Dallas College where she served as a Vice President) on the health prevention strategies for members of the community.

Described by colleagues as a strong, focused, and visionary leader, her goal is to lead with clarity, strategically focused on that which is in the best interest of the institution and students. She values shared leadership, authenticity, diversity in voices and involvement, inclusion, a caring culture, and integration of efforts across division lines to achieve the most effective outcomes. Her leadership in predictive and data analytics and continuous quality improvement have served to bridge the work of employees across division and functional lines to achieve enrollment and success goals and to improve institutional accountability.

As a staunch believer in the value of community college education she, her husband Stephen and their four children all began their educational journeys at community colleges.