

Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D.

Dr. Kenneth L. Ender was selected by the Board of Trustees of William Rainey Harper College in Palatine, Illinois, to serve as the fifth President of Harper College effective July 1, 2009. Harper College is a comprehensive community college dedicated to building community through student success, providing excellent education at an affordable cost, promoting personal growth, enriching the local community and meeting the challenges of a global society.

Dr. Ender is working to increase Harper's focus on student success. As a new *Achieving the Dream* College, Harper is moving forward on several fronts. The College held a Week of Engagement activities focused on involving the community in discussions on the roles of higher education and workforce and community needs. This symposium resulted in a white paper that will feed a community-based strategic planning session in March 2010. His goal is for Harper College to become the model of a 21st century community college.

Since his arrival at Harper, Dr. Ender was asked to serve as a Member of the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) Commission on Research, Technology and Emerging Trends.

Prior to arriving at Harper College, Dr. Ender had served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Cumberland County College in Vineland, New Jersey for eleven years. In total, the College serves three urban cities, 10 townships and one borough. He successfully positioned the College as a vibrant institution that enhances the community's quality of life.

In September 2008, Dr. Ender won the Northeast Region President/CEO Award issued annually by the Association of Community College Trustees. The award is given to a community college President/CEO who has initiated and developed innovative programs, served on technical or special committees and promoted positive partnerships on campus and throughout the community. Dr. Ender was chosen as the recipient of the 8th Annual Community College Alliance Leadership Award, given by Franklin University in Ohio. He was also selected as the National President Pacesetter of the Year by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations and received the prestigious Hesed Acts of Loving Kindness Award from Temple Beth Hillel in Vineland, New Jersey.

He served on the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Board, and the Executive and Facilities Committees, as well as the Academic Affairs Council of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. Dr. Ender was immediate past chair of the New Jersey Community College Presidents and served on the Cumberland County Workforce Board. He was a member of the boards of Cumberland County Economic Development, the Cumberland County Intermunicipality Empowerment Zone, South Jersey Healthcare and the Greater Vineland, Millville and Bridgeton Chambers of Commerce.

Over the past 30 years, Dr. Ender has held a variety of positions in higher education, including Vice President for Academic Affairs at Richland Community College, Interim District Dean at Cuyahoga Community College, Associate Vice President for Administrative Services at Cleveland State University, Director of Student Activities at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Director of Student Advising at University of Georgia. He also has teaching experience and has written numerous publications.

In addition to his Ph.D. in Urban Services Leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University, Dr. Ender holds a Masters in Education from University of Georgia, and bachelor's degree in Business Management, also from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Ender enjoys golf, tennis, surf fishing and has completed 15 marathons. He lives in Inverness, Illinois with his wife Cathy and dog Sammy.