

In this presentation, Dr. Washington will reflect on his accomplished career as a community college leader. He will share lessons in leadership through his journey to creating safe, respectful, and responsive campuses. Dr. Washington will also discuss the impact community colleges have on the local community and the economic development of the regions they serve.

## Leadership Reflection: Impacting Change through Community Colleges

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Dr. Washington began his tenure as the third president of Kalamazoo Valley Community College in 2018. In this capacity, he presides over this four-campus public institution, which includes student-run restaurants, state-of-the-art training facilities, and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. He leads with experience and passion for serving students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Dr. Washington previously served as President of New River Community and Technical College in West Virginia, Vice President and CEO of the Lancaster Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College in Pennsylvania, and Vice President of Student Services at Kellogg Community College in Michigan. He is a scholar and leader providing learning through speaking opportunities throughout the country on issues related to leadership, higher education, workforce development, diversity, and serving others.

Having served on the Board of Directors for the American Association for Community Colleges (AACC), Dr. Washington currently sits on AACC's Commission on Economic and Workforce Development as well as the Board of Directors for the President's Roundtable, Fontana Chamber Arts, Kalamazoo Institute of the Art, Gilmore International Piano Festival, Kalamazoo Community Foundation, and Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership.

Dr. Washington holds a doctorate in educational studies (with specialization in educational leadership and higher education) from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a master's degree in education from Winona State University, and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ohio Wesleyan University. Dr. Washington and his wife of twenty-eight years, Tonja, have three children.

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