

# **Sharon L. Blackman, ED.D.**

Dr. Sharon Blackman has 40 years of experience in higher education administration, program development, counseling and teaching. She has served as president of Brookhaven College, Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD), and Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus. Prior to accepting the position at OCC, Blackman filled a number of administrative positions at Richland College. She also has held several positions at Youngstown State University, Earlham College (Ind.) and Tennessee State University.

Dr. Blackman currently serves as the Strategic Learning Consultant in the Talent Central Division for the DCCCD. This role includes the talent development of employees, specifically faculty. She has a long history with the DCCCD serving in many administrative capacities, most recently as Provost of the Educational Affairs Division for the District.

Dr. Blackman holds a doctorate in higher education administration from Baylor University and earned both her master's degree in education/guidance and counseling and bachelor's degree in health and physical education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She is a certified specialist in developmental education and has participated in the Kellogg Institute for Developmental Educators.

Dr. Blackman is a presenter at state and national conferences, and she has been involved in a number of professional and community organizations. She has received numerous awards and has been recognized for her commitment to higher education. Most recently, she was the recipient of the 2016 Paul A. Elsner International Excellence in Leadership Award sponsored by The Chair Academy for Leadership Development. She enjoys jazz music, dancing, cooking, and reading.