



PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Annette Parker 2015 Lansing Community College Distinguished Alumnae

LANSING, MI – The Lansing Community College Alumni Association has selected Dr. Annette Parker as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2015. Dr. Parker is President of South Central College; A Minnesota State Community and Technical College in North Mankato and Faribault, Minnesota.

Dr. Parker received her A.A.S. in Industrial Drafting from Lansing Community College in 1990, B.S. in Technical Education from Ferris State University in 1999, M.S. in Career and Technical Education from Ferris State University in 2001 and Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Western Kentucky University in 2012. In addition, Dr. Parker worked in the Technical Careers Division at Lansing Community College as a faculty member from 1990-2002 and Department Chair from 2002-2007.

Dr. Parker has displayed successful leadership at local, state, national and international levels. Following are a few highlights:

- Under Dr. Parker's leadership, South Central College led a consortium of 12 colleges and a Center of Excellence in winning a \$15 million Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant that is benefitting more than 3,000 students and hundreds of manufacturing companies throughout Minnesota.
- She has served on President Obama's Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (AMP) Steering Committee 2.0 and co-chaired AMP's "Demand-Driven Workforce Development" work team. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/09/26/president-obama-launches-advanced-manufacturing-partnership-steering-com>.
- She previously served at the Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) System as system executive director of the National Center of Excellence in Advanced Automotive Manufacturing and as system director of Workforce Education.
- Selected to serve as an expert for the United States State Department team commissioned by Senator Hillary R. Clinton to consult the Government of India in the future development of community colleges in India.
- Prior to KCTCS, she served from 2002-2007 as department chair, Manufacturing Engineering Technologies (MTEC) at LCC, where she fostered innovation and entrepreneurship for new curriculum and industry partnership with the design and implementation of the LCC

West Campus that led to multiple industry partnerships with over \$40 million dollars of industry support.

- She previously received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Ferris State University's College of Education and Human Services in 2014

This is the 25th anniversary of the Distinguished Alumni Award which was established to honor outstanding alumni who achieve a high level of professional accomplishments and made significant personal contributions through their involvement in community service.