



PRESIDENTS' Round Table

A National Network of African American Community College CEOs

The Presidents' Round Table Announces 2017 Cohort Fellows For Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership

Dr. Warren E. Haynes, of the University of Central Missouri – Lee's Summit selected as a Fellow

Warren E. Haynes, Director of the University of Central Missouri's Lee's Summit (UCM) / Missouri Innovation Campus (MIC) a collaborative and trailblazing partnership established between the University of Central Missouri, Lee's Summit R-7 School District and the private sector, was named one of 14 fellows with the [Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership](#) (Lakin Institute). The [Presidents' Round Table](#) (PRT), a national association dedicated to supporting African-American leaders and students in community colleges, presents the Lakin Institute annually.

Haynes, a resident of Lee's Summit, Missouri is responsible for the on-site MIC administration where diverse educational, corporate training, community engagement, and economic & workforce development activities occur. Previously, he served as Dean of Workforce and Economic Development at Halifax Community College located in Weldon, North Carolina. Haynes has Bachelor of Arts in political science and a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from Morgan State University, a Master of Science in Education (Higher Education Administration) from The City University of New York – Bernard M. Baruch College and an earned Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Baltimore.

"The 2017 Lakin cohort is an outstanding group of leaders who will deeply benefit from this experience," said Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, Dean of the Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership. "With the complex leadership challenges we are experiencing now, and in the future, this group will be able to demonstrate that community colleges are in good hands. The American Council on Education 2017 American College President Study indicates that African-American leaders account for about eight percent of the college presidency. Based on a historical rate of change, racial parity within the college presidency will occur in 2050. This Institute will endeavor to accelerate this timeframe."

Hosted October 15-20, 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland, the Lakin Institute seeks African-American participants whose experience and credentials indicate they are ready to attain the highest academic positions. The program is an opportunity for open dialogue with chancellors, presidents, and CEOs. It covers all aspects of academic leadership. This year's institute is supported by a number of organizations and search consultants to include Issacson Miller, Spelman Johnson and R. H. Perry & Associates.

"The Thomas L. Lakin Institute experience has helped over 100 community college professionals who aspired to executive leadership to reach their goals, including serving as presidents nationwide," said Dr. Marlon Hall, President of Lassen Community College, and Convener of the PRT. "The Presidents' Round Table is committed to growing the talent pipeline for serving our communities with capable and committed leadership."

More than 300 participants have attended the Lakin Institute since its inception in 1994. The Lakin Institute has one of the highest graduate placement rates of any leadership institute in the United States. One of three participants have become a college chancellor, president or CEO. It is named in honor of Dr. Thomas Lakin, a former Chancellor of the Ventura County (CA) Community College District.

About the Presidents' Round Table

The Presidents' Round Table (PRT) is a professional association of African American CEOs and presidents of community colleges. PRT has charted a course for increasing visibility in the higher education arena to support African American leaders and students in community colleges. Founded in 1983 to bring together African-American Community College leaders for the purpose of ensuring their success as campus leaders, today the association focuses on advocacy; mentorships to ensure the

African-American legacy in campus leadership positions; successful matriculations of African-American students; and employment opportunities for African-Americans in community colleges across the nation with special emphasis on grooming future Presidents. PRT is an affiliate organization of the National Council on Black American Affairs and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). For more, visit <http://www.theprt.org>.

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