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COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

Fall 2019 Weekend Seminar II

Volunteer State Community College Library
Rochelle Center

AGENDA

Friday, November 15, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.	Welcome	Drs. Richard Rhoda, & Jill Channing
6:10 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	A System Approach: How TBR Works with Colleges and External Partners to Promote Student Success	Dr. Amy Moreland, TBR Director of Policy Dr. Sean Chism, TBR Director of Advising and First-Year Initiatives Dr. Bethany King Wilkes, TBR Program Director of SAILS and Directory of Early Postsecondary Opportunities Krysten Velloff, TBR Assistant Vice Chancellor for Government Relation



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Saturday, November 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Case Study and Gap Analysis Discussions Students

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Challenges in Tennessee Higher Education
from a President's Perspective Dr. Shanna Jackson, President,
Nashville State Community
College

Dr. Janet Smith, President,
Columbia State community
College

Dr. Arrita Summers, President,
TCAT - Dickson



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Dr. Arrita Summers

Dr. Arrita Summers was appointed President of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Dickson in 2014. Summers earned her educational doctorate degree in 2013, educational specialist degree in 2011, and a master of educational administration and supervision in 2007, all from Tennessee State University. She holds a bachelor's degree in management and organizational development from Bethel College, an associate of applied science from Volunteer State Community College, and a certificate of instructor training from the Tennessee Technology Center in Paris.

Before being appointed president of TCAT – Dickson, Summers served as the assistant director of TCAT – Nashville before being selected to lead the college in Crump in 2012. Her experience as director included serving as chief administrative officer of the college and holding responsibility for all aspects of the campus administration, including academics, employment, and accreditation standards.

As president of TCAT – Dickson, Summers has returned to the place she began her career. She initially joined the college as a Cosmetology faculty member in 1994 and eventually held administrative positions with increasing responsibility. She was selected as the recruiting coordinator and then the extension campus coordinator until she moved on to the TCAT – Nashville in 2010.

Dr. Shanna Jackson

Dr. Jackson is the fifth president of Nashville State. She previously served as associate vice president at the Williamson campus of Columbia State Community College, which is headquartered in Franklin Tennessee. Jackson provided leadership from concept to construction for the \$42 million campus that opened in 2016. Her responsibilities included maintaining oversight for facilities, programming, services and community engagement. Jackson also served Columbia State as the Dean of Extended Services leading four campuses, academic programs and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. From 2007 to 2009, Dr. Jackson was executive assistant to the president at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tennessee.

For Jackson, higher education has been a labor of love and a pathway she decided to pursue in 2004 while “teaching and meeting students who had barriers outside of the classroom that were preventing them from being successful – and wanting to really make a difference in their lives and to contribute in a significant way. And when I started my community college journey at Volunteer State Community College, it really was one of those life-changing moments where you realize the power that community colleges have to transform lives.” Her goals include closing equity gaps among students.

Jackson began her career in manufacturing working for The Pillsbury Company. Her 20 years of higher education experience also includes leadership positions with Volunteer State Community College and South College. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a MBA from Florida A&M University and Ed. D. from Tennessee State University.

Active in numerous organizations, Jackson currently served on the boards of TMA, Leadership Franklin, Mercy Community Healthcare Advisory Board, Wilson County Industrial Board and Williamson, Inc. She is the former Chair for Women in Business for Williamson, Inc. and a Regional Planning Commissioner for the City of Mount Juliet. Jackson is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Societas Docta, Inc. and Women in Higher Education in Tennessee (WHET). She is a past President of WHET and continues to serve on the Executive Board.



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Dr. Janet Smith

Smith, the fourth president of Columbia State, returned to her native Tennessee following a distinguished career which has taken her to North Carolina, Tennessee, New York, Kentucky, and Arkansas.

Dr. Smith grew up in Houston County, near Erin, Tennessee. She attended Austin Peay State University where she earned a Bachelor's degree with a major in health and physical education and a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction. Following Austin Peay, she earned a Doctorate in higher education from George Peabody College for Teachers, Vanderbilt University. She has participated in post-graduate studies at North Carolina State University, Indiana University, Mississippi State University, and Harvard.

Prior to joining Columbia State, Dr. Smith was President of Rich Mountain Community College in Mena, Arkansas. Throughout her career, she has held academic administrative positions at Hopkinsville Community College in Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg, Tennessee; and Isothermal Community College, Spindale, North Carolina. She has been honored by many for her leadership in community colleges including the Governor of Arkansas and the Kentucky Legislature. Under her leadership, Columbia State has received many recognitions and honors. They include: named an ASPEN Top 150 Community College; recipient of the Community College of Appalachia Innovation Award; designated an AACC Diversity Finalist; recipient of the Workforce Innovation Award from the Council on Workforce Innovation; and chosen as a Bellwether Finalist.

Dr. Smith is very active in the communities that Columbia State serves – she has presented at area, state and national conferences; clubs; organizations and events. She currently serves on the following Boards: Maury County Industrial Development Board, South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance, Maury Alliance, the United Way, the Tennessee Economic Council for Women, Williamson County Chamber and Executive Committee, and the Family Support Board for the Southern Region. Nationally she serves on the board of Higher Education Research and Development Institute and the board of COMBASE (a national organization emphasizing Community Based Education).

Previous service includes Maury Alliance Executive Council and Chamber Council Chair, Maury Advisory Board to First Farmers Bank, Maury County Leadership Alumni Association, Nashville Symphony Advisory Council, Williamson County-Franklin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the American Association of Community College Commission on Workforce. Smith is a graduate of Leadership Maury and Leadership Middle Tennessee. In addition, Smith has served as President of the Tennessee College Association.