

Dr. G. Devin Stephenson

President

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

An Alabama native, Dr. Stephenson has extensive experience in community college executive administration having served in President/CEO positions in Alabama, Missouri and Kentucky. He is currently the President/CEO of Northwest Florida State College, in Niceville, Florida. He serves as a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Board of Trustees, is a visiting committee chair with the Commission and was recently appointed as chair of the SACSCOC Compliance and Reports Committee.

Additionally, he serves as a member of the Florida College System Council of Presidents and State Regional Education Board's Executive Council. Stephenson is a noted speaker on leadership, organizational change, and professional/personal development. In 2022, he was awarded the Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. He is also member of the Board of Directors of the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Committees of the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County and Florida's Great Northwest.

Stephenson led the development of the College's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan that is characterized by an aggressive agenda to place the College at the forefront of regional transformation in the areas of economic, community and workforce development. Within the Plan's framework are objectives/goals designed to advance the College's new culture of accountability and highlights NWF State College's excellence in academic programming, fine/performing arts and athletics.

During Stephenson's tenure at Northwest Florida State, the College Foundation's corpus has advanced to over \$62 million and grant acquisitions have surpassed \$38 million during the past three academic years.

Stephenson is a fierce advocate for the College in the Florida Legislature and has experienced much success in bringing home state appropriations for new construction, renovation, and general operations. He championed the passage of Florida HB75 allowing all 28 Florida College System institutions to waive fees for active-duty military and provide access to higher education.

He earned an Associate in Science from Walker Junior College, followed by a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Birmingham-Southern College and both master's and doctoral degrees in the Administration of Higher Education from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Stephenson and his wife, Judy, are the proud parents of two adult children, Jon and JuliAnne.

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