

1. Educational Leadership: Donald Guy Generals, Ed.D. - President, Community College of Philadelphia



Dr. Donald Guy Generals became the sixth President of Community College of Philadelphia on July 1, 2014. As the chief executive officer, he guides Philadelphia's only public institution of higher learning, which serves more than 30,000 credit and non-credit students from diverse social, cultural and educational backgrounds. Previously, Dr. Generals served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mercer County Community College in West Windsor, New Jersey from 2008 to 2014. Before joining Mercer's cabinet, he held positions as Provost at the Katharine Gibbs Schools in New York City; Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at SUNY Rockland Community College in Suffern, N.Y., and Dean of Student and Cultural Affairs at Passaic County Community College in Paterson, N.J. Dr. Generals has twenty years of teaching experience.

During Dr. Generals' tenure at Community College of Philadelphia, he implemented a school-wide transformation by instituting the Guided Pathways model of program and curriculum development. The resulting effect has been an increase in the three-year graduation rate and increases in retention. He developed the College's efforts in workforce development by adding a division for workforce and economic innovation and, he is currently overseeing the construction of a 70,000 square foot advanced technology center.

Dr. Generals serves on numerous boards in Philadelphia including the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Economy League of Greater Philadelphia, Philadelphia Works, the Urban Affairs Coalition, the Free Library of Philadelphia, and the Mayor's Reconciliation Steering Committee. He served on numerous professional organizations, including the American Association of Community Colleges (Board member since 2022); the New Jersey Academic Affairs Affinity Group (chair); the National Alliance of Community and Technical Colleges (Board member since 2010); The Global Community College Leadership Network (Current Vice Chair) the College Board, Middle States Regional Council; and the Paterson Board of Education (Commissioner). Dr. Generals writes and speaks on a range of educational issues. His book, Booker T. Washington, *The Architect of Progressive Education*, was published in 2013.

Dr. Generals earned his Ed.D. in Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education at Rutgers University after earning both his M.A. in Urban Education/Community Service and his B.A. in Political Science at William Paterson College. Additionally, he's earned certificates in administrative leadership and educational management at Cornell and Harvard Universities.