

R. THOMAS FLYNN
President Emeritus
Monroe Community College
Rochester, N.Y.

Thomas Flynn was Monroe Community College's fourth President and longest serving college officer. As such, he led a multi-campus college that enrolled approximately 36,000 students at the time of his retirement in September 2009.

Prior to his presidential appointment in November 1999, Mr. Flynn served as vice president, Student/Administrative Services and chief financial officer (1994-99) and vice president, Student Affairs (1974-94), bringing his MCC tenure to 34 years.

In 2004, Monroe Community College honored President Flynn with the dedication of the new "R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center."

Prior to Monroe Community College, Mr. Flynn served as Dean of Students at Ocean County College (1969-1974) and Associate Dean of Students at Rutgers University (1965-1969)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Mr. Flynn's current and past membership on numerous state and national committees and boards include: past chair of the Board of Directors, League for Innovation in the Community College; Walt Disney World College Program Advisory Board; Board of Directors for the Institute for Community College Development (ICCD); National Advisory Council of the American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC); Board of Directors, Community College National Center for Community Engagement (CCNCCE); the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Task Force on Homeland Security; and the AACC Commission on Economic and Workforce Development. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the National Council on Student Development (NCSD) and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and he continues to serve as a consultant to two-year and four-year colleges/universities in areas of institutional management and student development programs and services.

Additionally, Mr. Flynn served for more than 25 years as an adjunct professor in the Educational Foundation Department at Buffalo State College.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

A community leader, Mr. Flynn's current and past board services include the Finger Lakes Partnership's Governing Board WIRED (Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development); The Center for Governmental Research Inc.; Member, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency Community Health System 2020 Commission; High Technology of Rochester; the Monroe County Development Corporation; Connect Rochester; Empire Zone; the Stewardship Council for "Rochester 2010 - The Renaissance" and the Monroe County Executive's Economic Development Strategy

Team; and he is a past president of Rochester Area Colleges, Inc., a consortium of 19 area colleges and universities.

SELECTED HONORS/AWARDS

- Selected “President of the Year” (2004) – American Student Association of Community colleges(ASACC)
- Selected “Diamond Honoree”(2004) – American College Personnel Association(ACPA)
- Received “Distinguished Service Award”(2002) – National Council On Student Development
- Received “Special recognition Award”(1999) – Buffalo State College for Contributions to Higher education and as Adjunct Professor since 1980
- Received “Fred Turner Award”(1999) – outstanding service to National Student Personnel Association

Mr. Flynn holds a bachelor's degree from MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois and a master's degree from the University of Montana. He also pursued doctoral studies at Rutgers University. Additionally, Mr. Flynn has an honorary doctorate of letters from Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, New York.