

Paula D. Cunningham

Paula D. Cunningham was appointed president of Lansing Community College in 2000. Prior to becoming president she served the college as vice president of the Planning and College Relations Division; executive director of marketing, community, and board relations; director of professional development; assistant personnel director; and a faculty member in the Careers Division.

Throughout her career, Cunningham has been actively involved with various community organizations. She was appointed by Governor John Engler to the Council on Technical Excellence and by Governor Jennifer Granholm to the Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors. She currently serves on the boards of directors of the Economic Development Corporation, MBI Corporation, MI Works Career Connection, Capitol National Bank and Ingham Regional Medical Center. She is also a member of the Tax Increment Finance Authority, Capitol Area United Way, Rotary Club of Lansing, Michigan Workforce Policy Reinvention Project, and United Negro College Fund.

Cunningham's dedication to education and community has been recognized by several organizations. Among her most recent honors are the Excellence in Education Award from SBC Ameritech (2003), the Vocational Excellence Award from the Rotary Club of East Lansing (2002), and the Honorary Achiever of the Year Award from the YMCA (2000). In 1999, the *Lansing State Journal* voted her one of Lansing's Outstanding Women. She has also been awarded the Master Teacher Award by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

Cunningham holds a BS in journalism and a MS in labor/industrial relations from Michigan State University.