

Jean Goodnow, Ph.D.

Dr. Jean Goodnow is President of Delta College located in University Center, Michigan. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Higher Education Administration, a Master of Arts Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from the University of Iowa. In addition, she has completed post-graduate study at Harvard University.

Before joining Delta College, Dr. Goodnow served as the President of Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, Illinois where she earned a reputation for innovation in technology, career programs, and community involvement.

Dr. Goodnow is a member of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Business and Educational Partnership, the Board of Directors of Midland Tomorrow, the Great Lakes Bay Alliance, Mid-Michigan Health Corporate Board, the Tri-County Economics Club, the Saginaw Valley Torch Club, and an Honorary Member of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors. She also serves on the Legacy Center for Student Success Board and the Saginaw Future Inc. Board.

She is a past-member of the American Association of Community Colleges Presidents' Academy and in 2005 was elected to the Board of the American Association of Community Colleges. In 2006, Dr. Goodnow was elected to the executive committee for the Continuous Quality Improvement Network. She has served as the treasurer for the Michigan Community College Association.

Dr. Goodnow received the Second Nature's 1st Annual Climate Leadership Award for Outstanding Individual Climate Leadership in 2010 and The Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award. She has also received the Shirley Gordon Phi Theta Kappa National Award and the Community College Alliance Leadership Award. Dr. Goodnow is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences on topics ranging from leadership, student success, civility and sustainability.

