



Biographical Sketch of Everett B. Ward, Ph.D. *11th President, Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh N.C.*

Dr. Everett B. Ward became the 11th president of Saint Augustine's University on April 10, 2015. He is the 3rd Saint Augustine's University alumnus to serve as its president, in its 151-year history.

As president, Ward has championed academic excellence and encouraged innovation in scholarship and teaching. He has launched initiatives to build interdisciplinary strength around global challenges, while supporting expanded opportunities for experiential learning.

Through his leadership, the University has focused on three broad objectives; Returning the institution to financial stability, Strengthening the faith of students, employees and alumni in the viability of the institution and, engaging the community and corporate stakeholders for mutually beneficial partnerships and collaborations.

Transparency, shared governance and administrative collaboration are the cornerstones of his administration and contributes to his success.

Prior to having the honor to serve his alma mater as its president, Dr. Ward served as the director of the Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU)/Minority Institutions of Higher Education (MIHE) Program for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). In this role, Dr. Ward worked with university presidents, faculty and staff in the areas of transportation curriculum and research development and student career development. He also served on the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) HBCU/MIHE Workgroup.

As a dedicated servant-leader in the community, Dr. Ward serves on several national, regional and statewide boards to advance opportunities for citizens throughout the nation. He is a former member of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) where he served as vice chairman of the DNC Black Caucus. In 1989, Dr. Ward made history by becoming the first African-American to serve as executive director of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

Dr. Ward has served on and chaired two university advisory boards. From 2009-2011, Dr. Ward was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saint Augustine's University, his family's beloved alma mater. A true Saint Augustine's University Falcon, Dr. Ward was born on the campus at St. Agnes Hospital.

Dr. Ward is a frequent speaker in areas of higher education, leadership development, and political/civic engagement. As a public leader, Dr. Ward was invited by the Taiwanese government to study the political, educational and cultural institutions of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Dr. Ward is also an accomplished author, serving as a contributor to the 2013 publication, Lead the

Way: Principles and Practices in Community and Civil Engagement. His research focus includes African-American history and civic engagement.

Dr. Ward serves as vice chairman of the Association of Episcopal Colleges and Universities (AECU), a member of the Executive Committee of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities NCICU), Board Director member for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and the Central Intercollegiate Athletics Association (CIAA).

In July 2016, Dr. Ward was elected as the 35th General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. where he is also a life member. He also holds membership in Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (The Boule) and the 100 Black Men, Inc. Dr. Ward is a lifelong member of Davie Street Presbyterian Church, USA where he is a Ruling Elder.

Dr. Ward earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Augustine's College. He also earned a Master of Arts degree from North Carolina State University (NCSU), and his PhD from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical (A&T) State University. As a result of his academic achievements, Dr. Ward was a North Carolina A&T State University Wardham Scholar and a member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and the Golden Key International Honour Society.

As a proud "son" of the University, Dr. Ward is reminded daily of the importance of his role as the President of Saint Augustine's University, through his favorite quote by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that prominently hangs on his office wall which says, ***"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right."***