



Roslyn Clark Artis, J.D., Ed.D.

President and CEO

Benedict College

Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis has earned for the second time in history, the distinct honor of serving as the first-female President of a collegiate institution in the United States.

On June 30, 2017, Dr. Artis was unanimously appointed by the Board of Trustees as the 14th President of Benedict College. She is the first-female President in the 147-year history of the college which was founded by a woman, Mrs. Bathsheba Benedict, in 1870.

Intentional, professional and thoroughly committed to the proliferation and transformation of colleges and universities that serve underrepresented men and women of color, Dr. Artis brings to Benedict College a depth of knowledge in higher education and enthusiasm for students' success that is unmatched in today's higher education arena.

Dr. Artis comes to Benedict College from Florida Memorial University in Miami where she served for four years as the 13th President and the first female President in that University's 138-year history.

Dr. Artis provided immeasurable leadership and direction to the Florida Memorial University family during her tenure. Among her many achievements were the significant technology enhancements on campus, new facility construction, innovative partnerships, as well as increased national exposure and resource development for the institution in the areas of STEM, Cybersecurity, and Social Justice.

Dr. Artis is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, where she earned a Doctorate in Higher Education Leadership and Policy. She also holds a Juris doctorate from West Virginia University College of Law, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from sister HBCU, West Virginia State University. The consummate professional, Dr. Artis also holds a Certificate of Fundraising Management from Indiana University and a Certificate of Mastery in Prior Learning Assessment from DePaul University.

Prior to embarking on a career in academia, Dr. Artis enjoyed a robust civil litigation practice. A strong community activist, Dr. Artis is past Chair of the WV Board of Law Examiners and a past president of the Mountain State Bar Association – the oldest minority bar association in the country. Currently, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, Honey Shine, Inc. and the Beacon Council - Academic Leaders Council.

Nationally, Dr. Artis is a member of the Presidents' Advisory Board for Title III Administrators and the Educational Testing Service Presidents' Advisory Council. She is a member of the national board of directors for the United Negro College Fund, and in 2017, she was appointed to the board of directors of the Council of Independent Colleges, where she will serve alongside other presidents of independent colleges and leaders in higher education.

Dr. Artis continues in her service as an educational advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security. She has served as Chair of the Education Committee for the Department of Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council (HSAAC) to which she was appointed by former U.S. Secretary Jeh Johnson under the administration of President Barack Obama.

A prolific speaker, critical thinker and fierce advocate for educational access, Dr. Artis has been recognized for her work locally and nationally and is frequently engaged as a mentor, lecturer, and catalyst for strategic transformation. Her passion for education, youth development, and service to the community is manifested through her work with numerous organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Links, Inc. and Jack & Jill of America.