

Carolyn Meyers

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Dr. Carolyn W. Meyers is the 10th president of Jackson State University and a professor of civil and environmental engineering.

Since Dr. Meyers became president in 2011, Jackson State University expanded its impact with three new campus locations, increased course offerings for evening, weekend and online studies and the implementation of the nation's largest freshman iPad initiative, which provides all first-year students with iPads to aid with their coursework. Dr. Meyers also oversaw the university's nationally acclaimed rebranding campaign and the opening of a campus Veteran's Center and Welcome Center. Dr. Meyers' vision for growth continues with plans to construct an on-campus domed arena and increase enrollment to 15,000 students.

Dr. Meyers brought to Jackson State University more than 30 years of academic and administrative leadership experience in higher education, serving most recently as President of Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia. She served as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where she was a tenured professor of mechanical engineering and Dean of the College of Engineering. Dr. Meyers also was a tenured faculty member at the Georgia Institute of Technology and was the first Associate Dean for Research in its College of Engineering.

Dr. Meyers earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Howard University, a master's degree in mechanical engineering and a doctorate in chemical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and completed post-doctoral work at Harvard University. She is a fellow in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and a board member of the American Council on Education.

Dr. Meyers has published numerous articles and reports and given more than 200 invited presentations and technical papers on education and diversity topics as well as research and technical topics. Her numerous awards and honors include the National Society of Black Engineers' Golden Torch Award and the National Science Foundation's Presidential Young Investigator Award.