



**Marvalene Hughes, Ph.D.**  
**President, Dillard University**

Marvalene Hughes, Ph.D., serves as the eighth and first woman president appointed to lead Dillard University in New Orleans, a historically black, four-year, comprehensive university established in 1869. Dr. Hughes began her tenure as President of Dillard University on July 1, 2005. Her leadership has been most profound, as she guides the University through transformation towards new heights, following the effects of the nation's most devastating natural and human disaster, precipitated by Hurricane Katrina. With unwavering determination, she has guided Dillard University and facilitated the rebuilding of the campus, which sustained more than \$400 million in flood, fire and wind damage. She is leading the University through the substantial rebuilding, reconstruction and remodeling of its historic 55-acre campus, while continuing to lead the myriad and complex functions required of a university president.

Prior to beginning her tenure at Dillard University, Dr. Hughes served as President of California State University Stanislaus for 11 years, where she is credited with increasing enrollment by 40%, fundraising by 416%, capital construction by 41%, and achieved many national rankings for the first time in the history California State University at Stanislaus. In addition, she has served in a number of high-level, administrative positions at major research institutions (Vice President and Professor at the University of Minnesota; Vice President and Professor at the University of Toledo; Associate Vice President at Arizona State University; and as a senior-level administrator and Professor at San Diego State University). Additionally, she has been an active leader in major national organizations, including the American Council on Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, the Association of American State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), where she chaired the collective of African American Presidents of all state colleges and universities and AASCU's organization of all women university presidents in the United States; and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), where she chaired that organization's group of Vice Presidents. She was also elected as the National President of the American College Personnel Association and the President of the National Association of Counseling Center Directors. In 2006, she served as co-author of the AASCU/NASULGC national document on diversity.

In 1995, Dr. Hughes initiated international partnerships with the Arab American University in Jenin (Palestinian Territory) in 1995, the Ethiopian-African American University (Addis Ababa) in 1997, Hanseo University in South Korea in 1997, Evora University in Portugal in 1999, The University of the Azores in 2001, Tamkang University in Taiwan in 2002, Université de Cergy-Pontoise in France in 2004, Communication University of China in Beijing and Universidad Regiomontana in Monterrey, Mexico in 2005. In these partnerships, she served as the founding, American President who guided the universities through global partnerships. In June 2006, Dr. Hughes accepted an invitation from the Division of Higher Education and Research of the Council of Europe to participate, as a speaker on "Higher Education and Democratic Culture: Citizenship, Human Rights and Civic Responsibility in Strasbourg, France. In 2005, she was selected as one of the Top 10 Black Women in Higher Education in America (Black Voices, April 2005). Dr. Hughes has conducted research, and authored or co-authored numerous chapters and articles related to education, managing organizations, human behavior and diversity. She has served on editorial boards of major journals, and has made hundreds of presentations to national and international audiences, as well as keynote addresses throughout the United States, Austria, South Africa, Costa Rica, Russia, Lithuania, China, Bermuda, Jordan, the Emirates and Ethiopia. In 2010, Dr. Hughes received the 2010 ACE Council of Fellows/Fidelity Investments Mentor's Award from the American

Council on Education, which represents over 3,700 university presidents. The award was presented at the ACE annual plenary session as its highest award of the year.

Dr. Hughes earned her Ph.D. in Administration and Counseling from Florida State University, after studying at Tuskegee University, New York University and Columbia University. She has pursued post-doctoral study at three Harvard University Summer Institutes and one institute at Oxford University, England. She is also the recipient of a number of honorary degrees, including the Doctor of Humane Letters from Brown University, the Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and the Doctor of Humane Letters from Tuskegee University. Her career reveals a deep commitment to academic excellence, community service and partnerships with public and private sectors to advance higher education and social progress.