

Dr. Barbara M. Veazey

Dr. Barbara Veazey is President of West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC). She was appointed president/CEO of Paducah Community College (PCC) and West Kentucky Technical College (WKTC) in 2002 and became the first president of WKCTC when the two colleges consolidated in 2003.

Dr. Veazey began her career in education as a nursing instructor, chair of the nursing program and later the dean of academic affairs. When Dr. Veazey became president in 2002, her goal was to work with faculty, staff, students and the community to develop and build a truly premier comprehensive community and technical college. Today enrollment exceeds 7,400 students and the college offers more than 400 associate degree, diploma, and certificate options in 48 academic programs.



Outreach has been a hallmark of Dr. Veazey's tenure as president with the opening of the Mary Ellen Thompson Health Education Center at Elmwood Court, the Weaks Community Center in Murray, Ky, and the Workforce Solutions Center in the Kentucky Industrial Park in Kevil.

The \$18.5 million dollar Emerging Technology Center, including the Fred Paxton Engineering Research Center opened in January 2010. The opening of this facility created a full partnership between economic development and the college to serve both existing and prospective businesses.

The Skilled Craft Training Center in Mayfield, KY opened in fall 2010. The 60,000 sq. ft. facility is a showplace that serves distant counties with new and highly technical programs.

The Paducah School of Art opened in the fall of 2008 in downtown Paducah as a partner with the City of Paducah to assist in the growth of Paducah as an arts' destination. Enrollment has more than doubled since 2008 and plans are currently underway to renovate and build facilities in the Lowertown district.



In December 2011, West Kentucky Community & Technical College was named one of the Top 5 Community Colleges in the nation. Dr. Veazey and the college's goal of preeminence was achieved.

In January 2012, Dr. Veazey was presented with the prestigious Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce Summit Award, which is not given every year. Dr. Veazey was honored for significant volunteer and financial contribution to the community and excellent leadership skills.

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