

Richard M. Rhodes, Ph.D.

Dr. Richard M. Rhodes became President of El Paso Community College on December 1, 2001. A native of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Dr. Rhodes received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Master of Arts in Educational Management and Development (Higher Education) from New Mexico State University. He earned his Ph.D. in the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Rhodes is a CPA, certified in both Texas and New Mexico

Dr. Rhodes serves on numerous boards in the El Paso community including the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce; El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; FEMAP Foundation; United Way; Boy Scouts of America, Yucca Council; Upper Rio Grande Workforce Development Board; the University of Texas at El Paso Centennial Commission; Del Sol Hospital Board of Trustees, and is a founding member of the Paso del Norte Group. In addition to his local commitments, Dr. Rhodes serves as the Chair of the Texas Association of Community Colleges and Past-chair of the Texas Association of Community College Trustees and Administrators. Dr. Rhodes also serves on the Formula Funding Advisory Committee for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Governor's Commission for a College Ready Texas, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Education Reform Foundation, the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, the American Association of Community Colleges President's Academy and the Carnegie Foundation.

Dr. Rhodes has received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin, the Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year Award from the U. S. Small Business Administration, the "Vision of Excellence" award from the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Citizen of the Year Award from the Military Order of the World Wars - El Paso Chapter; the Distinguished Service Award from the Rotary Club of El Paso; and is a member of the El Paso Business Hall of Fame.



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- ❖ Encourages Collaboration – Higher Education/Public Education
- ❖ Data/Information Exchange
- ❖ College Readiness Testing – Intervention
- ❖ Program Growth
 - Dual Credit
 - Early College High School
- ❖ Multiple Delivery Modes
- ❖ Cost Efficiencies