

## **Biography of Dr. E.E. Caston**

Dr. E. E. Caston began serving as the interim President of Delta State University on July 1, 2022. Caston is a native of Baton Rouge, LA. He came to Delta State in the Fall of 1962 where he played football for the Statesmen. He graduated from Delta State with a Bachelor of Science degree in English with a minor in education in 1966, and a Master of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1968. Caston completed his Doctorate of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1974.

Caston has enjoyed a lifelong career in education, beginning at the K-12 level. During his time in K-12, he served the Cleveland, MS and Hattiesburg, MS school districts in a variety of roles including teacher, coach, counselor, and lastly, Assistant Superintendent for Hattiesburg. He began his career in higher education as an adjunct faculty member at William Carey University and as an Assistant Professor of Counseling Psychology and Counselor Education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

In 1983, Caston returned to his alma mater of Delta State to serve as the Director of Field Experiences, Coordinator of Teacher Education, and Professor of Education. Caston served as Chair of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction from 1986 to 1988, prior to being named Dean of the College of Education in 1989. After 15 years as Dean of the College of Education, Caston retired from Delta State University; however, he continued to serve the university as an adjunct faculty member. From 2004 to 2011, he served as President of Delta Educational Services Group and as Grant Director of the Early Learning Mentoring Program and the Healthy Campus/Community Initiative.

In 2011, Caston returned to higher education to serve as an Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the Mississippi University for Women. In 2013 and 2015, Caston served as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, respectively, for Delta State.

During his notable career, Dr. Caston was recognized for his many contributions to education by being awarded as a Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; the Freddie Black Memorial Award; an Outstanding Young Men of America award; and, an Outstanding Young Educator award. Caston has affiliations with several professional organizations: Mississippi Association of School Administrators; American Association of School Administrators; Mississippi Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; Association of Mississippi Teacher Educators; and, Mississippi Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

As a devoted alumnus of Delta State University, Dr. Caston was selected as the 2012 Distinguished Statesmen Award winner and the 2017 Dr. Henry Outlaw Faculty and Staff Service Award winner. Caston is a committed citizen of Cleveland and Bolivar County. He has served on the Bolivar County Chapter of the American Cancer Society; the Delta Arts Alliance; a member

of the Cleveland Rotary Club; and, he served as a member of the Cleveland Magnet School Advisory Committee.

Caston is married to his wife Marlene, and they have five children and 15 grandchildren. He is of the Catholic faith, and his hobbies include outdoor activities, sports, and traveling.