

Lloyd A. Holmes, Ph.D.

Dr. Lloyd Holmes is a nationally known administrator with over 20 years' experience across higher education. Dr. Holmes joined North Shore Community College, a multi-campus institution, in 2008 as Dean of Students, after having served in the same role at Coastal Carolina University and as Associate Dean of Students and in other positions at The University of Mississippi. In his role as Dean of Students, Dr. Holmes oversees the operations of Student Life/Activities, Recreation and Wellness, and Health Services, is directly responsible for the College Judicial System and various areas of institutional compliance, and has worked as the liaison between the College and Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc., the provider of Head Start child development on campus. In his current role, Dr. Holmes serves on and/or chairs crucial committees for the multi-campus institution, including the Enrollment Management Team, Students-at-Risk Committee, Student Development Committee, and the mid-term accreditation standard review team. Dr. Holmes serves as a leader in campus diversity efforts through his service with the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI), an international organization that seeks to reduce prejudice and eliminate intergroup conflict. Dr. Holmes has been a leader in assessment efforts for student services at North Shore as well as during his tenure at Coastal Carolina University and The University of Mississippi.

While at North Shore, Dr. Holmes has been recognized for his commitment to student success and has worked tirelessly to promote "development of the whole student." In 2013, Dr. Holmes was recognized with the North Shore Community College Governance Award for his dedication to student development. His research related to students' perception of institutional climate has led to the development of a number of programs that serve to increase student engagement and retention. From the development of leadership development programs and volunteer opportunities for students, to building strong collaborations within the College and with individuals and organizations in the community, Dr. Holmes has worked to create partnerships that impact the success of students. In addition to collaborating with academic affairs through a number of venues and committees, Dr. Holmes has also taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Dr. Holmes has had extensive experience in the student services area. He has worked in student housing, orientation, student financial services, multicultural student services, student programming/activities, counseling services, and educational programming. He has worked closely with student media, including newspapers and literary magazines, collaborated with campus and community public safety officials, and managed multiple crisis intervention teams. Dr. Holmes also has extensive involvement in the community, having served on non-profit boards such as Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, and Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.

Dr. Holmes holds an Associate of Arts degree from Itawamba Community College, where he graduated as a member of Phi Theta Kappa. His other degrees are from The University of Mississippi, including a Bachelor of Accountancy, Master of Education (Higher Education – Student Personnel Services), and a Doctor of Philosophy (Educational Leadership). While at The University of Mississippi, Dr. Holmes was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. His dissertation research was on "African American Freshman Students' Perceptions of Community at Four Predominantly White Public Universities in the Southern Universities Group."