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Michael Hanes serves as President and CEO of Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. He has more than 35 years of experience as a professor, researcher, and administrator in universities and non-profit organizations.

From 1996 to 2007, Dr. Hanes served as President of Georgia Southwestern State University, where he was responsible for more than \$100 million in campus expansion, new construction, facilities renovations, and historic restorations. He also provided leadership to the institution's first successful major gifts campaign, raising 125 percent of the campaign goal. Dr. Hanes was Dean of the School of Education at West Chester University from 1987 to 1996, and from 1980 to 1987, he served as a tenured full professor in the College of Education at the University of South Carolina, while concurrently maintaining several administrative posts. Prior to 1980, Dr. Hanes served as the Director of Early Education at High/Scope Educational Research Foundation. He began his career in higher education in 1973 at the University of Florida. In the third year of his tenure at the University of Florida, he was the youngest faculty member to be appointed to the prestigious graduate research faculty based on his research achievements.

Dr. Hanes has published five books and over 100 papers, monographs, and technical reports in the areas of language development and acquisition, early intervention programs for parents and young children, program evaluation, and educational change. In addition, he has many years of grant and contract management experience and has administered a range of projects funded by local, state, and federal agencies. Dr. Hanes has also served as a program development and evaluation consultant to public agencies throughout the U.S. and the world.

Dr. Hanes has been recognized for his professional and community contributions, including being named to *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*. He was recognized by the state of Georgia with the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation Stewardship and was the first recipient of the University System of Georgia Cornerstone Award for his leadership in campus planning and redevelopment. Indiana University also selected Dr. Hanes to receive the title of Distinguished Alumnus. He has served on the Early Learning Investment Commission since 2008.

Michael Hanes holds a Doctorate in Educational Psychology, specializing in child development, from Indiana University. He and his wife Madlyn have three children and two grandchildren. Dr. Madlyn Hanes has served Penn State University as an academic and executive administrator since 1988 and is currently Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses.