

Dr. William M. (Bill) Holda

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William Michael Holda was appointed the 8th President of Kilgore College on July 3, 1996. He also serves as the Chair-Elect of the Texas Association of Community Colleges. Dr. Holda is a native of Lafayette, Indiana. In May of 1971, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and German from Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer Indiana.

As a Rotary International Scholar, Dr. Holda studied at language institutes in Mannheim and Heidelberg, Germany, during the summer of 1971, and was a music student at the Folkwang Hochschule für Musik und Tanz until the fall of 1972. After his return to the United States, he was accepted into the Indiana University School of Music, and began a two-year program in voice pedagogy and choral conducting. During his tenure at Indiana University, he was a graduate fellow and laboratory and teaching assistant to Professor D. Ralph Appelman. He received the Master of Music degree with highest distinction in May of 1975.

Dr. Holda was employed by Kilgore College in August of 1975 as an instructor of voice, ear training, opera workshop, and music theory. In May of 1976, he was named Director of the Fine Arts Division and supervised the Departments of Music, Art, Theater, and Dance until 1981. From 1981 until 1990, he was an instructor of music and philosophy, serving in various capacities at the institution, as well as on numerous state and local committees and task forces. In November, 1982, following four years of study, he was ordained to the Order of Permanent Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

In May of 1990, he was named Dean of Admissions & Registrar at Kilgore College.

During that administrative tenure, he also supervised the offices of guidance and counseling, testing, admissions and recruiting, financial aid, job placement, institutional research, the college library and instructional media center. In the spring of 1992, he entered The Graduate School of East Texas State University, and in August, 1995, was awarded the Doctor of Education degree, with highest distinction, majoring in Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction (Higher Education) and a minor in music.

Dr. Holda was named the eighth President of Kilgore College on July 3, 1996. He has been an active member in the Texas Association of Community Colleges and varied state and national organizations. Dr. Holda has served as President of the Northeast Texas Network (NETNet), the Upper East Texas Regional Higher Education Council, the North Texas Community College Consortium, the Sabine Valley Mental Health Advisory Committee, the Longview 21st Century Committee, as a past member of the Community Advisory Board for Texas Eastman Corporation and as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Holda also served as the co-chair of the City of Longview Downtown Revitalization Task Force, has been a member of the Longview Partnership Board of Directors, the Good Shepherd Medical Center Board of Directors and is former Chairman of the Board of the Longview Partnership/Chamber of Commerce.

In April, 2000, Dr. Holda was awarded the Pen *Newman's Own* First Amendment Award for his defense of academic freedom and freedom of speech related to a performance of *Angels in America*. In October, 2000, Dr. Holda was named the Region IV Pacesetter of the Year for the National Council on Marketing and Public Relations. He was inducted into the international honorary society for two-year colleges, Phi Theta

Kappa, President's *Hall of Honor* in February, 2002. Dr. Holda received the *Texas Library Association – Sirs Mandarin Award for Intellectual Freedom* in April 2002. He was also honored by his alma mater in September, 2002, as the Saint Joseph's College recipient of the distinguished *Alumni Achievement Award*. In April, 2003, the Alumni Association of Texas A&M University-Commerce named him an *Alumni Ambassador*. He received the *Shirley Gordon Outstanding President Award* from Phi Theta Kappa in the Spring of 2005.

He has continued to serve as organist and choirmaster at various churches in the area, and periodically concertizes as tenor soloist in recitals and performances.

Dr. Holda is married to Ms. Scotti Wood, and they are the parents of six children.

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History of Service Areas

- 1993: Senate Education Committee Chair, Bill Ratliff, recognized the benefits of formalizing and codifying community college service areas.
- 1993: Following the 73rd Legislative Session, community colleges are instructed to engage in a process to formalize the service areas.
- Fall 1993 and Spring 1994: Process to formalize service areas occurs.
 - Community College origins considered: formed along the lines of ISD's, along county lines, along city limits.
 - Consideration of natural relationships and migration patterns (two examples: Hallsville ISD and Tatum ISD as it related to Kilgore College and Panola College).
- 1995: 74th Legislature approves SB397 (Ratliff, Craddick) to codify service areas.
 - Texas Education Code, Chapter 130, is subsequently amended to include subchapter J.
 - TEC 130.161 defines services and a service area:
 - *In this subchapter:*
 - *"Services" means the courses and programs described by Sections 130.0011 and 130.003(e).*
 - *"Service area" means:*
 - *the territory within the boundaries of the taxing district of a junior college district; and*
 - *the territory outside the boundaries of the taxing district of a junior college district in which the junior college district provides services.*
 - *Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 971, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.*
 - TEC 130.162-130.211 list the service areas for all 50 community college districts.
 - Since 1995, several changes to service areas have occurred and disputes have been resolved when they occurred. The next presenters will address those topics.