

B. Joseph White

University of Illinois President B. Joseph White took office as the University of Illinois' 16th president on Jan. 31, 2005.

White, 58, is familiar with both public higher education and the Midwest. He spent nearly three decades affiliated with the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he received his doctorate in business administration in 1975. He also served there as interim president, dean of the business school and faculty member. Before coming to the University of Illinois, White was the Wilbur K. Pierpont Collegiate Professor, professor of business administration and research professor in the Life Sciences Institute at U-M.

White is a native of Detroit who was reared in Kalamazoo. He earned his bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, in international economics from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1969 and an MBA, with distinction, from Harvard University in 1971 and doctorate in business administration in 1975 from the University of Michigan. He first joined the U-M faculty as assistant professor of organizational behavior and industrial relations in 1975; was associate professor from 1978-80; associate dean in the U-M Business School 1987-90, interim dean 1990-91; president of the U-M William Davidson Institute 1993-2001; dean of the Business School 1991-2001, and interim president in 2002. The William Davidson Institute is a center of expertise on economic and business development in emerging market economies.

White also has private-sector experience, including six years at Cummins Engine Co., Inc., 1981-87, first as vice president for management development and then as vice president for personnel and public affairs. White is an independent director or trustee of several companies, including Equity Residential, headquartered in Chicago; Gordon Food Service; and Kelly Services. He is a director of the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. He has chaired the boards of several large healthcare organizations, including the University of Michigan Health System, St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor and the Catherine McAuley Health System. He is currently a member of the American Council on Education's Board of Directors.

White has written, taught and lectured extensively on leadership, management and organizational matters. His book, *The Nature of Leadership: Reptiles, Mammals, and the Challenge of Becoming a Great Leader*, has just been published. He and his wife, Mary White, are the parents of two grown children and have two grandchildren.

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