

Martha A. Smith, Ph.D.  
President  
Anne Arundel Community College

Martha A. Smith, Ph.D., began her tenure as Anne Arundel Community College's fifth president Aug. 1, 1994, focusing on putting Students First. Dr. Smith has been recognized for her leadership, vision and commitment to students and to the community.

Dr. Smith's influence on national education issues is felt through her membership on several national boards. She was named a charter member of The Education Council of the Manufacturing Institute, the education and research arm of the National Association of Manufacturers in June 2008. She is serving a 3-year term on the American Council on Education Board of Directors. Dr. Smith serves on the 20-member board of directors of the League for Innovation in the Community College with over 800 member colleges. She is a charter member of the Educational Testing Service's National Community College Advisory Council. She is a member of the board of directors and on the Executive Committee of the Institute for Community College Development. She was re-appointed in 2007 by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley to serve on the Maryland Education Council and as a Maryland representative on the national Education Commission of the States. She serves as a member of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board. More locally, she was named to the board of the Fort Meade Alliance in spring 2009, joined the board of the Annapolis and Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce in spring 2007 and is on the executive committee of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges.

Honors include receiving the 2006 District Pacesetter of the Year Award from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR); Anne Arundel County Tech Council's 2005 Good Apple Award; Maryland's Top 100 Women by The Daily Record in 1998, 2000 and 2002; one of Anne Arundel County's First Women of Education by the YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County; and the 2001 Community Trustee Award from Leadership Anne Arundel.

She earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Chemistry from Slippery Rock State University, a Master of Education in Educational Psychology from University of Hawaii and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education Administration from University of Northern Colorado. Before becoming AACC president, Dr. Smith was president of Dundalk Community College for seven years.