

Our Antioch University BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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MARVA COSBY



Marva Cosby joined the Antioch University Board of Governors (BoG) in 2017. Before joining the BoG, Marva was a founding member of the Antioch Midwest Board of Trustees and also served as its chair. She is a graduate of the Midwest campus.

1 What has drawn you to serve on the Antioch University Board of Governors (BoG)? What makes you most proud?

When I was searching for a university to pursue my own graduate degree, I discovered Antioch University McGregor, as it was called then. Little did I know that I could receive a quality business education that would satisfy my career needs and also foster my personal development. WOW! An approach focused on the whole person that included an awareness of social issues and character-building. I found the entire experience to be transformative and it helped me to become a much more

engaged leader. I am compelled to help ensure that other adult learners have the opportunity to change their lives through an Antioch University education.

I am proud that Antioch University understands its duty to educate the whole person. Students don't just get degrees – they learn something and that makes me proud to be an alumna.

2 What contributions do you feel you bring to leading Antioch University as a BoG member?

As a new member, my contributions are yet to be written. However, my past service first as a member of the Antioch Yellow Springs Board of Visitors and as a founding Board member and later as Board of Trustees' Chair of Antioch Midwest have helped prepare me. I hope to work collaboratively with colleagues to help identify and support solutions to issues of educational relevance, affordability, and sustainability. Antioch University is supported by knowledgeable, caring and compassionate faculty, and staff who work tirelessly to help transform the lives of our learners. Maintaining the unique and individual campus cultures that foster their fullest engagement is important to the future of Antioch. I value the needs of the local as well as larger communities served by Antioch and believe that our learners play an important part in shaping our world.

3 What has your experience on the BoG been to date? Have you had any surprises you'd like to share?

I am so pleased and encouraged to see such a high level of passion and commitment from the Board of Governors to the Antioch University mission, vision, and values.

4 If we conducted this interview with you five years from now, what would you like to be able to say about:

a. Antioch University?

- Education earned through Antioch University remains relevant. It undergirds a world where science, technology, engineering, and math education require a balance of leaders, educators, and people who are innovative and are called to action for the common good.
- It is the institution of choice for increasing numbers of adult learners who use their education to support their career choices.
- Antioch University has expanded its global footprint while reducing its dependence on brick and mortar buildings.

b. your role?

Marva Cosby and her colleagues did their jobs and left a legacy of:

- Fiscal sustainability through responsible leadership
- Unrivaled academic quality that meets the needs of the learner
- Affordable education

5 What would you like our readers to know about you that they might not know from your brief biography?

People who know me well know a few of my favorites:

- Color: Green (calming effect)
- Fruit: Lemon (sucker for any food with lemon)
- Time of day: Early morning
- Movie: Forest Gump (life uncomplicated)
- Meat: None (I am a Pescatarian)

Marva Cosby is President, Cosby Consulting Group, LLC and a certified leadership coach. She retired from Kodak where she served as a Human Resources executive.

In recognition of her community service and leadership, Marva was honored by the Dayton Area YWCA as a 2015 Women of Influence honoree and by the Dayton Daily News as a 2012 Ten Top Women honoree. Her community and professional experience includes currently serving as Governing Board Trustees with the Dayton Foundation and Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley. Her previous board of trustees experience includes: Sinclair Community College, Montgomery County Workforce Policy Board and, Dayton Area United Way. She is an active and life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service organization. Additionally, she is a member and past president of the Miami Valley Human Resource Association, the local chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management.

Marva holds a Master's degree in Management from Antioch University and a bachelor's degree from Ball State University. She has earned the Senior Certified Professional (SCP) designation through the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) and received a Certified Professional Coach (CPC) designation through the Institute for Professional Excellence Coaching.

Marva enjoys golf and is active in several local golf organizations, including volunteering through the Miami Valley Golf Association as a member of the golf course rating team. The team provides the USGA with course and slope ratings for all member courses in the Miami Valley Ohio area.
