

Candace Campbell Jackson

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Candace Campbell Jackson, Esq., joined the University of Akron as the Executive Assistant to the President, Dr. Luis Proenza in December of 2003. In 2005 she was promoted to the position Chief of Staff and in January 2007 she was promoted to Vice President and Chief of Staff. In this role she is primarily responsible for advising the President on organizational and policy decisions, developing, coordinating and implementing Presidential initiatives and managing the staff. Additionally, Ms. Jackson works closely with the Vice Presidents and the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics on operational and budgeting issues.

The University of Akron is the public research university for Northern Ohio. Founded in 1870, it is the only public university with a science and engineering program ranked in the top five nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*. Serving approximately 24,300 students, the University offers more than 350 associate, bachelor's master's, doctoral and law degree programs and 100 certificate programs at its main campus in Akron, its Wayne College branch campus in Orville, and at sites throughout Medina and Summit counties. The University's operating budget is approximately \$350 million.

Ms. Jackson also serves as a part-time program officer for the GAR Foundation staff where she reviews grant applications and makes recommendations on the distribution of funds. Formerly, Ms. Jackson was a member of in the Public Law and Corporate Departments of the law firm, Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP, practicing in the Akron and Cleveland offices. Ms. Jackson received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Akron School of Law in 1995.

In 2005, Ms. Jackson was recognized as one of the top 40 young leaders in the Northeast Ohio area by *Cleveland Crain's Business* and *Kaleidoscope* magazines for her professional accomplishments and civic contributions. She and her husband Mark Jackson, Sr., have four children.

Professional & Civic Affiliations

Director: Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations
Director: Center for Nonprofit Excellence – Board Chair
General Counsel: March of Dimes, Ohio Chapter
Chairperson of Board of Trustees: Akron Community Health Center, Inc.
Trustee: Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital, Summa Health System

Education

The University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio (J.D., 1995)
Howard University, Washington, D.C. (B.S. - Journalism., 1988)