



Dr. James H. Hinson, Jr.

Jim Hinson, chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, was named TCC's third president in 1983.

In a letter to the editor of the Tallahassee Democrat, Carl M. Kuttler, Jr., president of St. Petersburg Junior College, said, "Tallahassee has brought great honor to Florida in naming Dr. Hinson as president. His reputation in academic circles is A plus. Above all, he is a man of high integrity and will serve the college and your community well."

During Jim's tenure, TCC received the best legislative funding support in the history of the College and enrollment more than doubled. He expanded the TCC Foundation and re-established an athletic program. Reaffirmation of accreditation was achieved twice under his leadership, and during Jim's presidency, no faculty member was lost to another college or university, except for promotion.

Facility additions during Jim's presidency included a major new classroom building, state-of-the-art science labs, a new administration building and a new library. Other buildings were renovated and or expanded and athletic facilities were developed. The size of the campus was increased from 64 acres, the smallest in the state, to nearly 200. The TCC Gadsden Center in Quincy was also opened.

Two important departments, Academic Support, to help students prepare for college-level work, and Extended Studies, to bring classes to the community, were established during his tenure.

In action by the District Board of Trustees, the TCC Administration Building was renamed the James H. Hinson, Jr., Administration Building in recognition of his 12 years of service to the College.

He retired in 1995.