

ROBERT L. CARET

Towson University's 12th President

Robert L. Caret became Towson University's 12th president in 2003. Dr. Caret served as a faculty member, dean, executive vice president and provost of Towson University for 21 years before leaving to assume the presidency of San Jose State University in 1995.



Returning to Maryland and his Towson University roots, President Caret reestablished connections and created new partnerships with regional business, non-profit, and civic organizations. His involvement began nearly 20 years ago when he chaired the first Baltimore County Executive's Advisory Board (EAB), a working group composed of leaders in business, government and higher education. Upon his return to Towson, Caret became a founding member of the Maryland Business Council (2004). He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the CollegeBound Foundation (2004) and is a member of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board (2005). He serves on the Board of Directors for First Mariner Bancorp (2006) as well as the American Flag Foundation Board of Directors (2006). He was inducted into the Baltimore County Chamber Business Hall of Fame in 2006.

As President of Towson University, he serves on the University of Maryland Foundation Board of Directors as well as the Board of Directors for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the American Council on Education (ACE). He recently served on the NCAA Presidential Task Force on the Future of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Caret's vision of Towson University as *Maryland's Metropolitan University* was instrumental in relocating the national headquarters of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) to Towson's campus. Caret serves as President of that organization.

Caret received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of New Hampshire in 1974 and his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and mathematics from Suffolk University in 1969. His honorary degrees include a Doctor of Humane Letters from San Jose University (2004) and National Hispanic University (1997) and a Doctor of Science degree from Suffolk University (1996).

Caret has authored many articles in business and professional publications in the fields of chemistry, chemical education, and higher education. He co-authored four textbooks in the fields of organic chemistry and allied health chemistry. The Maryland Chapter of the American Chemical Society recognized Caret's achievements by honoring him with the George L. Braude Award in 2005.

He has been the recipient of many other distinguished awards and is listed in several editions of *Who's Who in America*.

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