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Norman L. Stephens, Jr., Ed.D.
BIOGRAPHY

An Illinois native, but a long-time Florida resident, Dr. Norm Stephens was appointed president of South Florida Community College in September of 2002. He began his career in 1968 at St. Petersburg College as a member of the faculty in the Department of Science and Mathematics, where he taught chemistry and several other science courses. In more than 40 years in higher education, he has held a number of administrative positions including presidencies at three community colleges in Illinois, Michigan, and now Florida.

After graduating from Fort Lauderdale High School, Dr. Stephens pursued his higher education at the University of Florida, where he earned bachelor of science and master's degrees and was awarded a doctoral fellowship in interdisciplinary science education earning his doctorate in June of 1971.

Dr. Stephens is married to Laurie Stephens, an elementary school teacher at the Kindergarten Learning Center in Highlands County and a graduate of St. Petersburg Junior College and the University of South Florida. They have four grown children, and all of them attended community colleges before pursuing their baccalaureate and advanced professional degrees.