

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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Dr. Paul Parker graduated from Duke University with a B.A. in 1954 and M.A.T. in History and Education in 1956. After teaching Social Studies for a few years, Parker became a teacher and Senior Administrator at Stetson University in Deland, Florida. He later became the Executive Director of a consortium of central Florida private colleges and universities. In 1971, Parker graduated from Florida State University with his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration, where he focused his research on Comparative Higher Education in the Caribbean. During his duration at Florida State,

he was a staff member on the Florida Board of Regents where he later became the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs before his departure in 1981 to become the Chief Academic and Vocational Technical Officer for the then new Florida Community College System Coordinating Board. During his 23 years with these state boards, Parker was a consultant in the Caribbean for the Ford Foundation, the University of the West Indies, the Caribbean Association of Colleges, and the Florida Association of Volunteer Agencies for Caribbean Action.

In 1991, Parker moved from the Community College System to Florida State University as a Research Associate for a USAID and Japanese aid funded project to upgrade 21 universities in Indonesia. He retired from FSU in 1996 at 63 years old, but has been an independent international education consultant for many multi-national and donor agencies for 20 years. Since settling in Gainesville in 1996, he has been very active as a lecturer and member of the Curriculum Committee of the University of Florida Institute for Learning in Retirement. In the past three years, he has spent time with the FSU Learning Systems Institute as a Senior Technical Advisor in international basic education development programs in Indonesia. Most recently, he has been a Technical Advisor on a State Department exchange project for countries interested in creating colleges with similarities to our community colleges.