

John F. Noonan

Dr. John F. Noonan served as President of Bloomfield College from 1987 to 2003, and is now President and Professor Emeritus.

Under his leadership, the 135-year old liberal arts college attained prominence for the implementation of its mission: *To prepare students to attain academic, personal and professional excellence in a multicultural and global society.* Dr. Noonan came to Bloomfield from Iona College, where he served as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences from 1983-1987.

From 1973-1983, he was the Director of The Center for the Improvement of Teaching Effectiveness at Virginia Commonwealth University, one of the earliest faculty development programs in the country. Dr. Noonan served as Director of the Liberal Studies Program and Associate Professor of English at Findlay College, from 1967-1973.

A former Fulbright Lecturer and visiting Professor of Higher Education at Teachers College Columbia University, Dr. Noonan has spoken on more than 300 college and university campuses on faculty development, on examining assumptions about learning and teaching, and on furthering diversity. In the 1980's, he and Ken Eble edited the Jossey-Bass quarterly, New Directions in Learning and Teaching.

He serves on the boards of the New Jersey Region of The National Conference for Community and Justice, The Schumann Fund for New Jersey, and the READY Foundation. He has also served on the boards of the National Association of Independent Colleges, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of New Jersey, and the Council for Independent Colleges. He is the immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Noonan is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit College who earned both his M.A. and Ph.D. in English Literature from Bowling Green State University. In 1980, Wheeling gave him an honorary degree, and in 1995, its Distinguished Alumnus Award. In 1997, *New Jersey Monthly* magazine gave him the New Jersey Pride Award in Education. Bloomfield College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 2003.

He is currently writing a book on diversity.