



Jacqueline Taylor

Jackie Taylor is currently co-chair of the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation Board of Directors. A respected leader and passionate volunteer, Jackie served as a college and university senior administrator for over 30 years, most recently as Vice President/Provost of Davenport University. She continues to provide her expertise as a consultant and executive coach for Pondera Advisors, a leadership consulting practice.

An alumna of Aquinas College, Jackie holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University. In 1984, she was named the first female vice president at Lansing Community College. During her career in college leadership, Jackie established international educational partnerships with several countries and launched the first middle college in Pennsylvania in 1993 for at-risk high school students. Her interest in assisting underrepresented populations and women- and minority-owned businesses is reflected in her service on the loan committees of Rende Progress Capital and Michigan Women Forward.

Recognized as one of the most influential women in West Michigan in multiple years, Jackie is Past President of the Rotary Club of Grand Rapids and the World Affairs Council of West Michigan. In 2016, she was honored with the Trillium Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Women's Foundation, which she served as Past Chair. We are delighted to have Jackie's leadership and service on the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation Board.