



## THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### POSTSECONDARY SYSTEMS – COMMUNITY COLLEGE

#### **Dr. Robert Breuder, Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration (1972)**



Raised in Queens, New York, President Robert L. Breuder earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Florida State University in 1972. In 1981, at the age of 36, he became the youngest community college president in the nation at Williamsport Area Community College in Williamsport, Penn. He later conceived of and facilitated the merger of that institution with Pennsylvania State University in 1989 to create the Pennsylvania College of Technology. He went on to serve as president of William Rainey Harper College, located in Palatine, Ill., from 1998 to 2008 and is currently president of College of DuPage, located in Glen Ellyn, Ill. Through extraordinary communication skills and exceptional strategic planning, he has transformed and effectively told the story of every institution he has served. A highly successful fundraiser, he secured passage of three capital referenda totaling \$415 million and introduced 149 degree/certificate programs, including 22 baccalaureate degrees. At COD, he introduced 12 on campus 3+1 baccalaureate degrees involving five partner universities, and has overseen more than \$550 million in campus improvements involving more than one million square feet.