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## **DR. GLEN FENTER**

### **President, Greater Memphis Alliance for a Competitive Workforce**

Prior to being selected to steer the Memphis & Shelby County Regional Economic Development Plan's lead initiative, Dr. Glen Fenter served as president of Mid-South Community College since its inception in 1992.

Dr. Fenter's vision of higher education is that it drives economic development – and he's been a highly successful catalyst for connecting education to employer skill requirements.

In the spring of 2005, Dr. established the Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC), which engages four regional colleges in establishing career pathways that begin with secondary education and extend through the provision of economically targeted baccalaureate degrees with multiple stop-out and entry points.

Not only has Fenter raised \$66M in federal funds to support the work of ADTEC, he has received many national accolades for the work. He has been recognized by *Southern Business & Development* magazine's "Ten Outstanding Southern Community Colleges for Workforce Training," the Bellwether Award in Workforce Development, the U.S. Department of Labor Recognition of Excellence Award, the Southern Growth Policies Board Innovator Award, and recognition as a national model in a Workforce Strategy Center report underwritten by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dr. Fenter also serves on the Manufacturing Institute's Education Council, an affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers. The institute is the preeminent body that supports strategic activities to provide a skilled workforce for the nation's manufacturers. Twice a year Dr. Fenter joins other education leaders from across the nation in Washington DC to assist the

institute in planning and implementation of national strategies that support workforce development.

In 2013, Dr. Fenter earned recognition from *Southern Business & Development* magazine as one of “Ten People Who Made a Difference in the South.” He is also a highly sought after speaker for national and regional conferences on workforce development strategy.

Dr. Fenter has served as chair of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges and as co-chair of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Executive Council. Active in local service and leadership organizations, he has been named a West Memphis Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow and Citizen of the Year by the West Memphis Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Fenter is married with four children.