



RICHARD E. HELTON - VINCENNES UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Pledging to work tirelessly on behalf of Vincennes University, Richard E. Helton was sworn in as VU's 21st president on August 18, 2004.

A native of Otwell, a small town in southwestern Indiana, Helton came to VU after serving 19 years as a superintendent of schools in Indiana, with the last 14 years at the rapidly growing Avon Community School Corporation, a district with more than 750 employees and a \$50 million budget.

During Helton's presidency, VU has completed its largest building expansion in its history, achieved increased enrollment, initiated new programs including seven baccalaureate degrees, and developed strong relationships with state and community leaders, secondary and vocational schools, and other universities.

Helton holds a doctoral degree in educational administration from Indiana State University, both a master's degree and an educational specialist degree from Indiana University, and a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Hanover College.

Helton is the recipient of Indiana School Boards Association's Lorin A. Burt Educator of the Year Award, the Indiana Department of Education's Bellringer Award, and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by the Governor of Indiana.

He and his wife Cindy are the parents of two adult children, Todd and Lori.

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Vincennes University is highly focused on helping students achieve academic success in a wide variety of programs. Whether you are seeking a bachelor's degree, an associate degree, or short-term training to enhance career skills, VU's faculty and staff are a dedicated team that takes pride in offering personal attention and support. VU campus life also offers diverse opportunities to develop valuable leadership skills, lifelong friendships, and enjoy your college years.

Founded in 1801 by U.S. President William Henry Harrison, VU is located in Indiana's first city, Vincennes, once the capital of the vast Indiana Territory. The modern, 160-acre Vincennes campus is surrounded by historical treasures, such as Harrison's frontier mansion, the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park--site of an American Revolutionary War battle--and the legendary Wabash River. A few steps away, you will find one of the most modern campuses in the state with many outstanding facilities such as the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center and the Donald G. Bell Student Recreation Center.

New to the campus this year is the \$9 million State Center for Applied Technology, located across the street from the Physical Education Complex, that will include an additional \$2 million in equipment and technology to facilitate training. The Center features a 130-seat teleconference auditorium and a flexible building design that will make it adaptable to a variety of training and re-training needs for business and industry.

You are invited to make your first choice Indiana's first college--Vincennes University. You will find a world of opportunity at VU to reach your goals.

