

MARY SUE COLEMAN is president of the University of Michigan. Hers is a long and distinguished history of service to higher education as a scientist, scholar and administrator.

Coleman earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Grinnell College in 1965 and her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Carolina in 1969. She completed an NIH postdoctoral fellowship with Professor Mary Ellen Jones at Carolina in 1969–1970, and accepted her first faculty appointment at the University of Kentucky in 1972.

Coleman has served with distinction in the highest leadership positions of some of the nation's most distinguished institutions. She returned to Carolina first as associate provost and dean of research in 1990 and then as vice chancellor for graduate studies and research. She went on to serve as provost at the University of New Mexico (1993–1995), president of the University of Iowa and the Iowa Health System (1995–2002), and since August 2002 as 13th president of the University of Michigan.

At Michigan, Coleman has undertaken major initiatives focused on the interdisciplinary richness of the university, student residential life, ethics in our society, the economic vitality of the state and nation, and issues related to health care. She also led a capital campaign that raised more than \$3.2 billion for her university, the most ever by a public institution as of the campaign's conclusion in 2008. Coleman has announced a groundbreaking partnership between the University of Michigan and Google, which will enable the public to search the text of the university's 7-million-volume library and will open the way to universal access and the preservation of human recorded knowledge.

As a biochemist, Coleman built a distinguished research career through her research on the immune system and malignancies. At the University of Michigan, she holds appointments of professor of biological chemistry in the School of Medicine and professor of chemistry in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.

Coleman is a member of the Institute of Medicine and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Leadership positions in higher education include having served on the Association of American Universities Executive Committee, the National Collegiate Athletics Association Board of Directors and the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. She is a trustee of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Gerald R. Ford Foundation, and serves on the boards of directors of Johnson & Johnson and the Meredith Corporation.

In 2010, U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke named Coleman the co-chair of the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Her honors include ten honorary degrees and Carolina's Distinguished Alumna Award.

For outstanding accomplishment in the fields of higher education administration and biological chemistry, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to confer on Mary Sue Coleman the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.