

## **George Fouts**

In September 2015 Mr. Fouts was welcomed as Interim President of the NC Community College System. For 43 of the NC Community College System's 53 years, Mr. Fouts has been at work teaching, serving as a program leader, administrator, executive vice president, interim community college president, twice, and in the System Office. He is now leading the organization and brings the experience and history of those 43 years to the President's Office. Mr. Fouts started his community college career as an English and philosophy instructor at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton. In 1989, he left Western Piedmont to become special assistant to the System President, former Governor Bob Scott, and was responsible for the implementation of 33 recommendations made by the Commission on the future of the North Carolina Community College System. Following that assignment he served as vice president for academic affairs at Wayne Community College and as executive vice president at Guilford Technical Community College. In 2011, he was selected by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as its senior partner for Completion by Design in North Carolina and served in that capacity until 2013. In January 2015 he was awarded the I.E. Ready Award by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges for his contributions to the system, the highest honor bestowed on an individual by the state board.