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306 Snow Hall

Everyone is Invited!

A Conversation with Barbara Ballard

Barbara Ballard
House Representative and Associate Director
of the Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas



Dr. Ballard has been with KU since August 1980. She is the Associate Director at the Dole Institute of Politics and has served as an Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success, Associate Dean for Student Life and the Director of the Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center. Dr. Ballard also teaches for the School of Education and Department of Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies.

Dr. Barbara W. Ballard is a member of the Kansas Legislature. She was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives on November 3, 1992. She currently serves on the following Kansas House Committees: Appropriations, Social Services Budget, and Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight. For many years she was a member of Transportation, Education, and Legislative Educational Planning. Representative

Ballard serves on the House Leadership Team as the Democratic Caucus Chair and is the first African American to serve on Leadership. She is the President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Foundation.

Dr. Ballard received a Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Services and an M.S. in Guidance and Counseling from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. She received a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Webster College in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Ballard is active in the Lawrence community. She was elected to a four-year term on the Lawrence School Board in 1985 and became the first African American President of the Board in July 1987. In April 1989 she was re-elected to another four-year term on the Board. She served as President in 1992-93 and retired from the Board in June 1993. Dr. Ballard is active in the Lawrence Rotary Club, Leadership Lawrence Board of Trustees, Douglas County United Way, Cottonwood. She was inducted into the KU Women's Hall of Fame. Dr. Ballard received the Citation for Leadership and Achievement in Student Services (known as the CLASS award), given by the senior class to honor a staff member in the Division of Student Affairs for distinguished achievement and commitment to students. Dr. Ballard was the recipient of the Don Volker Leadership Award for outstanding community leadership, and was recognized by the Mortar Board College Senior Honor Society as an Outstanding Educator in 2002. Representative Ballard was named the 2006 Outstanding Public Official of the Year by the Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Outstanding Public Service Award from The National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, and named Ally of the Year for 2011 by the Kansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. In 2012, she was awarded the Phenomenal Women Award for Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Leadership from the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Inc.