Dr. Thomas Edward Furlong, Jr.

PRESENT POSITION: CEO, Bachelor Degree Access Strategies, LLC

Bachelor Degree Access Strategies, LLC is a Higher Education consulting firm currently working with a several colleges in Florida, Texas, and North Carolina on a number of college issues related to structure, degree level, and curriculum development.

FORMAL EDUCATION:

1969 - B.A. from LaSalle College, Philadelphia, PA, Psychology

1971 - M.S. from Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Counselor Education

1976 - Ph.D. from Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Postsecondary Education Management

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE: January 2010 to July 2010 – Interim President, St. Petersburg College

2001 to 2009 - Senior Vice President, Baccalaureate Programs and University Partnerships, St. Petersburg College

Served as the chief executive officer of bachelor programs offered at the College, and also directed the efforts of the University Partnership Center which provides baccalaureate and graduate programs at College locations by other universities in Florida and nationally.

1995 to 2001 - Deputy Executive Director for Educational Services, State Board of Community Colleges

Served as the chief academic and student services officer for the State Community College System

1987 to 1995 - Vice President for Educational Services, Tallahassee Community College

Served as the chief academic and student services officer of the College

September 1984 to August 1987 - Executive Director of Florida Postsecondary Education Planning Commission: Tallahassee, FL

The Commission was the research arm of the Florida Cabinet and the Florida Legislature for postsecondary education policy, budget and planning issues. Worked with public and private colleges in Florida and nationally as Florida's "state higher education executive officer" representative, and as chairman of SHEEO's Data Clearinghouse project with the National Center for Educational Statistics

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

"The Community College Baccalaureate: Emerging Trends & Policy Issues", Increasing Access in Critical Areas, Thomas E. Furlong, Jr.

"The Community College Baccalaureate in Teacher Education: An Emerging Possibility"; New Directions for Community Colleges, The Role of the Community College in Teacher Education