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International higher education; public diplomacy; appointed Senior Advisor to the Undersecretary, U.S. Department of Education in 2017

Biography

Leonard L. Haynes III was named executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIHBCU) in October 2007, by the then secretary of education with the support of the White House, to implement Executive Order 13256. As executive director of WHIHBCU, Haynes is responsible for staffing the President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs and for implementing the objectives of the presidential executive order that establishes the initiative. Haynes comes to the position with a distinguished career and background as an educator and public servant. Previously, he served as director of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) in the Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education, acting president of Grambling State University, assistant secretary for postsecondary education, director of academic programs at the United States Information Agency (USIA), senior assistant to the president of American University, executive vice president of the Southern University System, and director of the Office for the Advancement of Public Black Colleges, which represents the nation's HBCUs that are publicly supported. Haynes has been a member of the faculties of Southern University, Howard University, and George Washington University, where he taught in the fields of history and public policy. He has published on matters relating to equity and parity for minority populations and their education. In this regard, he is recognized as an expert on the desegregation of public higher education, especially as it impacts public black colleges. He has served as a commentator on both radio and television on education and related topics. Dr. Haynes was appointed Senior Advisor to the Undersecretary, U.S. Department of Education in 2017.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Program Development, Government Administration

Areas of Expertise

Nonprofits, Public Speaking, Higher Education, Community Outreach, Grants, Leadership Development, Strategic Planning

Education

The Ohio State University

PhD Higher Education Administration

Carnegie Mellon University

MA American History

Accomplishments

(2017) Senior Advisor to the Undersecretary, U.S. Department of Education
Appointment

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