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### Luther F. Carter



Since 1999, Dr. Fred Carter has served as the president of Francis Marion University, presiding over a period of exceptional growth and development for the university. He is the longest-serving president in FMU history and is currently the longest-serving public university president in South Carolina.

Carter's entire career has been devoted to public service. Previously, Carter served as the Chief of Staff to Governor Mark Sanford, the executive director of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board, and the senior executive assistant to South Carolina Governor Carroll Campbell. He also served as the chairman of the political science department at the College of Charleston and on the faculties of the University of Central Florida and Western Kentucky University.

Presently, he chairs the Governor's Graduate Medical Education Advisory Council, the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the S.C. Commission for International Cooperation and Agreements. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of Carolinas Hospital System, the S.C. Bar Association's Commission for an Independent Judiciary, the South Carolina Research Authority and the W. O. Powers Foundation.

He is the recipient of the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto, and honorary degrees from the College of Charleston, Lander University and the Citadel.

His career service has been recognized by the National Governor's Association (Distinguished State Executive Award), the American Association of University Professors (Ralph Brown Award), the S.C. Chamber of Commerce (Public Servant of the Year Award), the International Federation of German-American Clubs (Lucius Clay Award), the S.C. Humanities Council (Governor's Award in the Humanities), and the S.C. Regional Council of Governments (Public Official of the Year Award).

Dr. Carter received his BA degree from the University of Central Florida and was awarded its distinguished alumnus award in 1999. He earned his MPA and PhD degrees from the University of South Carolina and was recognized by the University's College of Arts and Sciences as its distinguished graduate alumnus in 2006. He has authored five books and numerous juried chapters and articles.

Carter served as an infantry officer in the Marine Corps and retired as a Colonel in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

He and his wife, Folly, have two children, Luke and Bryan, and three grandchildren, Chloe, Max, and Millie.

