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An Interview with Margaret B. Lee

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Dr. Margaret Lee has worked at Oakton Community College since 1985. She has been President of the College since 1995. This interview covers the history of Oakton from its inception in 1969. Dr. Lee was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. Margaret Lee was born in San Diego, California in 1943. She graduated from Mt. St. Joseph Academy in Brighton, Massachusetts in 1961. Later she earned a BA from Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts and a MA in 1970 and a PHD in 1978 from the University of Chicago. Her fields were English Language and Literature. She began her community college work as Dean of Liberal Arts at Alpena Community College in Alpena, Michigan from 1980-1982 and then served as the Dean of Instruction at Kalamazoo Valley from 1982-1985. In 1985 she came to Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, Illinois as Academic Vice President. In 1993 she became President of Oakton Community College, and still served in that capacity at the time of this interview. Dr. Lee is on the Executive Board of the Community College Presidents as Past President. She also is a consultant/ evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission and was elected as a member of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Community Colleges. She also has served as visiting lecturer, State Department Diplomatic Delegator, and as a delegate to the Hands of Peace Organization. This has led to work in India, Netherlands, Thailand, Israel, and Palestine.

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