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An Interview with Rachel Schroeder

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Rachel Schroeder was one of the first employees of Parkland College and covers the history of the college from 1966 to 2013. She was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Rachel Schroeder was born in Champaign, Illinois in 1945. She graduated from Unity High School in Tolono, Illinois (south of Champaign) and then Illinois Commercial College in 1965. Her first employment was at Service Buick and American National Bank. In October 1966, she became one of the first employees to be hired by Illinois Community College District 505, serving Champaign County and portions of twelve surrounding counties, as secretary to the Parkland College president and board of trustees. She served in that capacity until her retirement in 2000. At the time of the interview she was still active with Parkland College, as well as a Foundation Board member. She also has been involved with numerous Parkland special celebrations. Schroeder explains the challenges of creating a new college and also discusses the role of the Parkland Foundation.

Subject Headings/Key Words: History of Parkland College 1966 to 2013; role of the Parkland Foundation; duties of the office involved with the president and college trustees; issues relating to a new college; technology changes in the president's office.

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