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An Interview with David Pierce

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*Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** David Pierce was born in Fullerton, California in 1935. He graduated from Bethany High School, then Fullerton Community College, and California State University-Long Beach in 1961. He earned an Advanced Degree at Purdue University in 1969. David spent his career working at community colleges throughout the country, beginning by teaching math at Santa Ana, California. He later served as Dean for a new Illinois community college in Waubensee, Illinois. Later he took a presidency of a community college in Mason City, Iowa. He returned to Illinois, and become the Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board during the 1980's. He left to serve as Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System. He finished his career as President of the American Community College Association, Washington, DC. David was in the Marines, stationed in Korea.

David Pierce tells the story of the community college system as a math teacher, College Dean, College president, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board, Chancellor of the Virginia System, and President of the 50 State Association of Community Colleges. Also, he highlights some of the unique aspects of Illinois' local control influences. He died on January 16, 2014.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Waubensee Community College; Illinois Community College Board; state of Virginia Community College Systems; Association of American Community College; Junior College Act of 1965 (Illinois); community college Strategic Master Plans; boundaries of community college districts in Illinois

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