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An Interview with Robert Johnson

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Robert “Bob” Johnson was born in Sandwich, Illinois in 1944 and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1962. He earned a BS from the University of Illinois in 1966 and an MS in 1968, both in Engineering. He worked at Caterpillar before returning to the family farm in 1970. Bob followed his father, LaVerne, as a Kishwaukee College trustee, where he now serves as chairman. Bob, prior to his tenure as a trustee, was on the Kishwaukee Foundation for 12 years. In July, 2013, Bob became the president of the Illinois Community College Trustee Association. This interview covers the history of Kishwaukee College from its formation in 1967 to the current period.

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