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An Interview with Linden A. Warfel

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Linden (Lin) Warfel covers the history at Parkland College from 1991-2013 through the eyes of a trustee. Lin Warfel 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:** Linden (Lin) Warfel was born in Champaign, Illinois in 1941. He grew up on a farm outside of Tolono, Illinois. He graduated from the “New” Unity High School in 1959 and went to Wabash College before transferring to the University of Illinois to study Agriculture Economics. He had a tour in the Air Force, serving as a medic, and then returned to the family farm. He has served on the Unit 7 School Board, was active in the Farm Bureau, was active in the CHIEF initiative (Change How Illinois Education is Funded) and a movement to advocate for a one percent sales tax. In 1991, he was elected to the Board of Trustees of Parkland College. At the time of the interview he still continued to serve as a trustee. Other activities include the Champaign Rotary, University of Illinois Agriculture Economic Advisory Committee, and Earth Partners. He is the author of *Song of the Prairie* (2012).

Warfel discusses the recent history of Parkland College as well as the state and national impact of the community college system. In addition he explains the Farm Bureau effort to revise school funding (CHIEF).

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** History of Parkland College 1991-2013; CHIEF-Change How Illinois Education is Funded and college funding; role of a community college trustee; new building construction and new technology programs; support service centers for excellence in teaching and learning; center for student success; influence of college president.

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