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An Interview with Henry Pillard

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Henry Pillard, a Joliet Junior College administrator for over twenty years, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Henry Pillard was born in Anamosa, Iowa in 1932, and graduated from Anamosa High School in 1950. He earned a BA from the University of Dubuque and a Masters Degree from Indiana University. Prior to coming to Joliet Junior College, he taught at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Illinois. He worked at Joliet Junior College from 1965 to 1988 as a Dean for student services and as a wrestling coach. His interview covers Joliet Junior College as it transitioned from the high school district to being its own school with a 368-acre site. He discusses how Joliet Junior College dealt with the changes due to the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, and student unrest. He also discusses the role of several programs including his coaching, which included wrestling. Finally, he discusses some of the unique aspects of Joliet Junior College, including its students, trustees, the culinary arts, nursing, the EMT/Fire service program, law enforcement, and transfer success.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Joliet Junior College; Joliet Township High School; Vietnam War; Civil Rights movement on college campuses; Class I-Class II; Junior College Act 1965; Joliet Junior College wrestling program; “Junior College”

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