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An Interview with Dr. Georgia Costello

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Dr. Georgia Costello, President of Southwestern Illinois College since 2008 discusses the history of the school, 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: Dr. Georgia Costello was born in Herrin, Illinois. She grew up in Sesser, Illinois, and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and later East St. Louis. She attended three years high school at East St. Louis before graduating from Belleville West in 1967. She earned an Associates Degree from Belleville Area College and later a BS from McKendree College in 1977. Later she attended Southern Illinois University earning first an MA in 1984 and then a Doctorate in 2007. She served as a physical education and health teacher, then became Dean of Students, and later Principal in the Belleville Elementary School District #118, and was an Assistant Superintendent of St. Clair Regional Office of Education. In 2008 she became the first female President of Southwestern Illinois College (the region's community college). Her husband Jerry was a former Metro Area Congressman. Her son (Jerry II) is a State Representative.

We apologize for the poor quality audio in the second half of the interview.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Southwestern Illinois College; History of College (1946-2013); Curriculum of College; Funding of College.

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