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An Interview with Representative Naomi Jakobsson

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Representative Naomi Jakobsson discusses her relationship with Parkland College both as a student as well as her leadership role as Chair of the Illinois House of Representatives Higher Education Committee. She 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:** Representative Naomi Jakobsson was born in Sommerville, New Jersey in September, 1941. She earned her associates degree from Parkland College and a bachelor's degree in 1977 from the University of Illinois. Two years later she completed her master's degree at the University of Illinois, majoring in English as a Second Language. She then taught English as a Second Language in the Urbana, Illinois school district. For twelve years she served as Champaign County Recorder of Deeds. She also served as the interim director of a domestic violence shelter and the executive director for the YWCA of the University of Illinois. She and her husband Eric have also been active in adoptive services and parent groups.

In 2002 Jakobsson, a Democrat was elected to the Illinois State House of Representatives from the 103rd District (Champaign area). At the time of the interview she served as the chair of the House Higher Education Committee. She discussed her experiences at Parkland College and her current involvement with the state's many community colleges.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Student experiences at Parkland College; Chair and role on Higher Education House Committee; legislation and community college; strengths/challenges of community college

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