

Speaker Bio | Dr. Candice McQueen

Dr. McQueen has more than 25 years of experience in education that spans classroom teaching, higher education leadership, state government and nonprofits. She began her career as a teacher in private and public elementary and middle schools in Texas and Tennessee. Prior to becoming president at Lipscomb, McQueen served as CEO of the National Institute of Excellence in Teaching and as Tennessee Commissioner of Education under Gov. Bill Haslam. Her previous roles at Lipscomb include dean of the university's College of Education, chair of the undergraduate education department. Under McQueen's leadership, the college garnered state and national recognition for excellence in teacher preparation and teaching outcomes. She is the founding

director of Lipscomb's Ayers Institute for Teacher Learning and Innovation and serves on the boards of United Way, Goodwill, and the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching. McQueen earned a bachelor of science degree from Lipscomb University, a master's of education in school administration from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University, and a PhD from the University of Texas at Austin.