

## Dr. Anthony J. Clarke Bio

**Dr. Anthony J. Clarke (Tony)** became the eighth president of Guilford Technical Community College in 2019. Tony began his career serving in the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Scholfield Barracks, Hawaii and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His service included two deployments to the Republic of Korea and a deployment to the Republic of the Philippines.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Tony began his civilian career in industry working as production supervisor and production engineer for General Mills, Inc, at a Big G cereal plant in West Chicago, Illinois. He later moved into a professional career as a business consultant with Arthur Andersen LLP in Cincinnati, Ohio where he worked with small to mid-sized companies helping them to improve their business processes. During this time Tony served as an adjunct instructor at several colleges and universities throughout the greater Cincinnati/ northern Kentucky area. This was helpful as Tony was laid off from Arthur Andersen due to a reorganization. However, he was invited to teach for a year as a visiting instructor at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He rejoined industry a year later with GE Aircraft Engines where he worked as a Six Sigma Black Belt and Quality Leader.

After the 9-11 attacks, Tony was caught in a downsizing, which moved him into his community college career. In 2005 Tony was hired on a grant with Gateway Community and Technical College in northern Kentucky. Despite having no curriculum experience, he successfully developed and launched a new associate degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology. He was later hired at Gateway as a full-time faculty teaching quality and operations management. He began in administrative path at Gateway as division chair of the college's Manufacturing and Trades division and later became the college's dean of workforce solutions.

Tony moved to North Carolina in 2012 to serve a vice president of instruction at Richmond Community College in Hamlet, North Carolina. In 2014 he was selected as president of Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, North Carolina and served there until joining GTCC in 2019.

Tony earned his Bachelor of Science degree at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He obtained a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago, a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration from the University of Louisville, and Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Behavior from the Union Institute & University. He earned all three advanced degrees while working full-time.

Tony and his wife, Margaret, have been married 42 years and live in Jamestown. They have a son, daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren, all of whom reside in northern Kentucky.

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Prior to joining GTCC, Tony served as president of Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, North Carolina and vice president of Instruction at Richmond Community College in Hamlet, North Carolina. Tony began his community college career in 2005 at Gateway Community and Technical College in Kentucky where he progressed from an adjunct instructor to Dean in workforce development focused on advanced manufacturing.

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**Dr. Anthony J. Clarke** has served as President of Guilford Technical Community College since 2019, bringing a diverse background in military service, private industry, and higher education leadership. A U.S. Army veteran, Dr. Clarke spent nearly 20 years in the private sector with companies like General Mills, Arthur Andersen, and GE Aircraft Engines before transitioning to community college leadership.

His career in education began in 2005 at Gateway Community and Technical College in Kentucky, where he advanced from adjunct instructor to Dean of Workforce Development. He later held leadership roles at Richmond and Southeastern Community Colleges in North Carolina. Dr. Clarke holds degrees from West Point (B.S.), the University of Chicago (MBA), the University of Louisville (M.A. in Higher Education Administration), and a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior from the Union Institute & University.

He and his wife, Margaret, live in Jamestown and are proud grandparents to three grandchildren in northern Kentucky.