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Speaker Information

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Dr. Joseph L. Jones is the 14th president of Arkansas Baptist College and a Professor Political Science. He assumed his role as president on September 1st, 2016. A product of two HBCUs, he received his B.A. in Political Science from Philander Smith College and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Clark-Atlanta University.

He has held teaching appointments at Clark-Atlanta University, Johnson C. Smith University, Philander Smith College, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Additionally, he was the Founding Executive Director of the Social Justice Institute at Philander Smith College.

Building up ABC's academic excellence and preparing students to thrive in a global society foregrounded Dr. Jones' undertaking the creation of *The Way, The Truth, The Life*, a 5-year strategic plan that focuses on five goals: student success; rebranding and fundraising; operational and leadership innovation; fiscal solvency and academic effectiveness. The plan pivots the school's collective attention toward providing outstanding service and investing in programs, infrastructure, and personnel to ensure the categorical success of ABC students.

Prior to his appointment at ABC, Dr. Jones held academic fellowships at W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University and the Black Panther Party Research Project at Stanford University. Additionally, he has received numerous awards and recognitions including, the UNCF Faculty Residency Program recipient 2009 and the Fannie Lou Hamer Community Service Award from the National Conference of Black Political Scientist in 2012. In 2017, the National Association of Black Psychologist awarded him the Bobby E. Wright Community Leadership Award for his work towards social justice.