



## **Dr. Marm M. Harris**

Marm Harris, president of Metropolitan Technical Community College, a large community college in Omaha, Nebraska, took over in 1979 as TCC's second president. A former member of the U.S. Air Force, Marm earned his PhD in higher education from the University of Florida.

Prior to Metropolitan, Marm had held positions at Brevard Community College, Albany Community College and Northern Virginia Community College. While at Metropolitan, Marm was named Outstanding Community College President and received his award from then U.S. President, Gerald R. Ford.

"We believe Dr. Harris is the best choice to lead TCC into the 1980s," Board Chairman Charlie Macon said at the time. "Dr. Harris has a national reputation as a leader and community college builder."

Noting the need for financial support beyond that provided by the state, the TCC Foundation was established during Marm's tenure as president. In addition, Marm was instrumental in the creation of an artist series to provide additional cultural opportunities and experiences for students and for the community.

The Lifetime Sports Complex, providing a facility for intercollegiate, intramural and fitness programs, was built. Its unique fabric domes are a campus landmark.

Marm left TCC in 1982 to become special assistant to the Florida Commissioner of Education for Community College Affairs. He later went on to become the executive director of the Florida Board of Medicine. Marm passed away in 2008.