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Dame Dhyana Ziegler, Ph.D., DCJ is interim dean of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) School of Journalism & Graphic Communication and the Garth C. Reeves Eminent Scholar in Journalism Chair at FAMU. She previously served as the Assistant Vice President for Instructional Technology and Academic Affairs at FAMU where she supervised the Division of Instructional Technology comprising of the Instructional Media Center, Distance Learning Programs and Activities, the Faculty Development Lab, and the Student Computer Lab from 1998-2007.

Dr. Ziegler came to FAMU in 1997 after she was selected as the Garth C. Reeves Eminent Scholar Chair. Prior to that appointment, she served as professor of broadcasting at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK) as well as the Associate Director for Diversity Resources and Educational Services supervising research and technology under the Office of the Chancellor. She worked for the University of Tennessee-Knoxville for 14 years during which she was awarded tenure and promotion to full professor. Dr. Ziegler is the first and only African-American to be elected President of the Faculty Senate to date at UTK and is a charter inductee into the University's African-American Hall of Fame.

Dr. Ziegler has worked in higher education for more than 30 years. She earned a Ph.D. in academic administration and an M.A. in radio and television from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and her undergraduate degree is in the areas of journalism and music from Baruch College, City University of New York. She also attended Harvard University's Management and Leadership in Education Institute as part of her post-doctoral work and was selected as a Leadership Initiative Scholar in 2002 designed to cultivate future presidents of higher education institutions.

Dr. Ziegler has received many awards and honors, including international acclaim. In April 2008, she was knighted as a Dame of Justice by the Chivalric Order of the Knights of Justice at the University of Cambridge, England. She is a five-time Governor of Florida Appointee to Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees and the former Board Chair. Dr. Ziegler is a two-time Appointee to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women and is Vice Chair. She is also a Fulbright-Hays Scholar and was recently honored by *ONYX Magazine* as one of the 2017 "Women on the Move."

Besides teaching and research, Dr. Ziegler is a television producer and on-air personality and has produced several documentaries, commercials, and other audio/visual works. She was a political panelist on "The Tennessee Report" airing on WATE-TV in Knoxville, TN and did commentaries on the news. She is the author of three books, more than 60 scholarly publications and has produced more than 100 videos and other multimedia productions. She has made presentations at more than 100 national and international conferences and has been awarded nearly \$6.5 million in grants.

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Prior to her work in higher education, Dr. Ziegler worked for media entities in New York City including *Essence Magazine*. She was Executive Vice President for Patten and Guest Productions supervising all operations including marketing, advertising, manufacturing, and record production, as well as a copywriter/producer for Rosenfeld, Sirowitz & Lawson Advertising Agency.