Dr. David L. Sallee  
*President, William Jewell College*

Dr. David Sallee is the longest serving president at any college or university in the Kansas City metropolitan area. He is the fourteenth president of William Jewell College, a national liberal arts institution located in Liberty, Mo.

Since Dr. Sallee assumed the presidency in 2000, William Jewell has been named “Liberal Arts College of the Year” by TIME Magazine and consistently ranked among the nation’s top institutions of higher learning, including rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Princeton Review*, *Forbes Magazine*, *Washington Monthly* and *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*. Only about 15% of the four-year colleges in the U.S. appear in such national rankings. Areas of focus have been the long-term strength of the College, including the implementation of a strategic plan, raising the profile of the college, enhancing William Jewell’s partnership with Kansas City, increasing access and availability of technology, growing the use of technology in teaching and learning, increasing the diversity of the student body and providing critical student resources. Building projects during Dr. Sallee’s tenure have included the opening of the Pryor Center for Leadership Development, Shumaker Hall and Pryor Learning Commons as well as improvements to Yates-Gill College Union.

Distinctive programs are the hallmark of the William Jewell experience such as the internationally recognized Oxbridge Honors Program, the Applied Critical Thought and Inquiry major, Nonprofit Leadership major the Harriman-Jewell Series and the Pryor Leadership Studies Program.

Dr. Sallee was awarded a doctorate of philosophy in adult and higher education from the University of Oklahoma, a master of science in physical education at Pittsburg State University and a bachelor of arts in physical education from Oklahoma Baptist University. Some of his professional honors include receiving the Chief Executive Leadership Award from District VI of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the Alumni Achievement Award from Oklahoma Baptist University, the Alumni Meritorious Achievement Award from Pittsburg State University and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Missouri Community Colleges Association.

Recent professional activities include serving as a board member for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the YMCA of Kansas City and Nonprofit Leadership Alliance.