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Robert is president of the Bernard McDonough Foundation, Inc. The Bernard McDonough Foundation is one of the largest independent foundations in the state of West Virginia providing funding to numerous non-profit organizations throughout the state. Prior to coming to the Foundation he served for 29 years in various administrative positions at Ohio Valley University culminating in the presidency in 1998.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Robert W. Stephens, Jr.

Robert is a native of Vienna, West Virginia and an alumnus of Ohio Valley University. He earned a bachelor's degree from Morehead State University, a master of arts from Harding University Graduate School, a doctorate from West Virginia University, and holds an honorary doctorate from Alderson Broaddus College. In 1999 he participated in Harvard University's Program in Professional Education.

Robert has served as chair of the board of the Chamber of Commerce of the Mid-Ohio Valley, two terms as president of the Community Service Council of Greater Parkersburg, two terms on the executive board of the Mid-Ohio Valley Red Cross, treasurer of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, academic vice-chair for the executive committee of the West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities, a consultant evaluator, reader, and reviewer for the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission, the Governor's Task Force on Teacher Education, the board of the Appalachian College Association and on many other boards and associations.

Robert currently serves on the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport Authority, the Economic Round Table of the Mid-Ohio Valley, the Downtown Task Force for the City of Parkersburg, the board of directors of the regional Economic Round Table, the Downtown Rotary Club of Parkersburg, the Salvation Army, the Baxter Institute and James Medical Clinic in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and is prior board chair of the West Virginia Grant Makers.

In 1994, Robert was named Ohio Valley College Alumnus of the Year, and Alumnus of the Year at Harding University Graduate School in 1999. His bio appears in several publications including Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in the South, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, and Who's Who in America. In 2010, he was named the Mid-Ohio Valley Citizen of the Year.