



Dr. Irving Pressley McPhail
President and Chief Executive Officer

Irving Pressley McPhail was named the sixth president and Chief Executive Officer of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. (NACME) on September 1, 2009 (www.nacme.org). He joined NACME in 2007 as executive vice president and Chief Operating Officer.

Prior to that, he founded and served as principal of The McPhail Group LLC. He served 15 years as a college president or chancellor at The Community College of Baltimore County, St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, and LeMoyne-Owen College. Under his leadership, The Community College of Baltimore County was named one of *12 Vanguard Learning Colleges in the U.S. and Canada* in 2000 by the League for Innovation in the Community College; won the *Bellwether Award* in the category of Planning, Finance and Governance in 2000; and was awarded the *PBS O'Banion Prize for Leading the Way to Change in Teaching and Learning* in 2003. Dr. McPhail also served as Chief Operating Officer of the Baltimore City Public Schools.

He has held tenured full professorships at three colleges and universities, and served as an affiliate or visiting professor at the University of Maryland at College Park, the University of Pennsylvania, and Morgan State University. Working at the nexus of practice, policy, and research in literacy education, post-secondary student success, community college leadership, and STEM education, Dr. McPhail is the co-editor of *Teaching African American Learners to Read: Perspectives and Practices*, published by the International Reading Association in 2005, and the author of more than 50 journal articles, chapters, monographs, and technical reports.

He earned a bachelor's degree in development sociology at Cornell University and a master's degree in reading at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He earned the doctorate in reading/language arts at the University of Pennsylvania as a National Fellowships Fund Fellow. He was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree at the 155th Commencement of Polytechnic Institute of New York University on May 18, 2010.

Dr. McPhail was an American Council on Education Fellow in Academic Administration at The Johns Hopkins University, and he completed the Presidents Academy Summer Institute at the American Association of Community Colleges and the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University. His many awards include the *Ira D. and Rubye Hibler Hall Endowed Heritage Lecture Series Award* from Langston University, the *Alumni of Color Achievement Award* from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and the *Pioneer Award* from the National Council on Black American Affairs of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Dr. McPhail presently serves on the board of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation. He is a charter member of the E-Week Diversity Council. He has also served as a strategy coach in the *Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count* national initiative at Prairie View A&M University.