

BIOGRAPHY

Robert G. Templin, Jr.

Bob Templin has been the president of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) since 2002. NOVA is Virginia's largest institution of higher education and one of the nation's largest community colleges, currently enrolling more than 72,000 students annually at its six campuses. Under Dr. Templin's leadership the college has created a strategic plan to increase college access and workforce training to over 25,000 additional students drawn from low-income and immigrant communities through workforce alliances with the region's business community, public schools and community-based non-profit organizations. Over the past five years Templin has led an alliance of business, education, health care, technology, and community leaders in creating a comprehensive strategy to double the region's output of registered nurses and allied health professionals by nurturing the development of human capital from under represented groups.

Over the past 25 years, Dr. Templin's work in workforce training, education, economic development and immigration policy has been featured in such media as National Public Radio, USA Today, PBS National News Hour and Fortune magazine. He has been named "Virginia Business Newsmaker of the Year" by Virginia Business magazine and was named by Washingtonian magazine as one of "Washington's 150 Most Powerful People" and one of the "100 Tech Titans" of the Washington region. Dr. Templin has been honored by receiving the Earle C. Williams Leadership in Technology Award from the Northern Virginia Technology Council, the Marta V. Wyatt Award from the Hispanic Committee of Virginia and the 2009 "We Are America Now" award from Northern Virginia Family Service for his commitment to the state's immigrant community. Other awards include the Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Virginia Government by Virginia Commonwealth University, the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region's 2008 Civic Spirit Award for outstanding leadership in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region, and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce's James M. Rees Award for contributions to the economy and quality of life in Northern Virginia.