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Dr. Joyce F. Brown President

Dr. Joyce F. Brown is president of the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT), a specialized college of art and design, business and technology of the State University of New York (SUNY). Appointed in 1998, she is the college's sixth president.

Dr. Brown, a highly regarded educator and academic administrator, has had over 30 years experience in public higher education. She held a number of senior administrative posts at the City University of New York (CUNY) before arriving at FIT, including acting president of Bernard Baruch College and vice chancellor of the university. Prior to her appointment at FIT, she was professor of clinical psychology at the Graduate School and University Center of CUNY, where she is currently professor emerita. Dr. Brown also served as a New York City deputy mayor for public and community affairs during the David Dinkins administration.

Throughout her career, Dr. Brown has been a strong advocate for public higher education and has demonstrated a sophisticated knowledge of the many communities that make up New York. She directed numerous special initiatives for CUNY, including the Urban Summit of Big City Mayors, as well as collaborations between the New York City Board of Education and the university which focused on improving academic preparation and retention in the secondary schools. In addition, she created and directed programs with the government of South Africa, including the Professional Development Program—an effort inspired by Nelson Mandela—designed to prepare black South Africans for key positions in business and industry.

Dr. Brown earned her doctorate and master's degree in counseling psychology from New York University and her bachelor's degree from Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York, where she served as a trustee from 1994 to 2000. She also received a certificate from the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University.

Active in numerous community, civic, and professional organizations, Dr. Brown also serves as chief executive officer of the Educational Foundation for the Fashion Industries, an advisory and support body to FIT. Her board memberships currently include the Women's Committee of the Central Park Conservancy, Polo Ralph Lauren, United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) and Warm Up America Foundation. In addition, she has served on state-wide commissions and task forces on the black family, child care and domestic violence.

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Dr. Joyce F. Brown (continued)

Under Dr. Brown's leadership, FIT instituted an unprecedented multi-year, multi-million dollar initiative coordinating strategic and investment planning to build faculty ranks, increase technology, expand the curriculum and improve student services. The college serves over 10,000 full and part-time students with a faculty and staff of more than 1,700. Dr. Brown is FIT's first woman and first African-American president.

FIT, which was founded in 1944 to prepare students for careers in fashion, today offers more than 40 degree programs not only in fashion and its related fields, but also in areas where industry has made New York City its focal point. It awards two-year programs leading to the AAS degree, four-year programs leading to a BFA or BS degree and graduate programs offering Master of Arts, Master of Fine Arts, and master of Professional Studies degrees. It also offers competency-based certificate programs in a wide variety of fields.



Sherry F. Brabham Treasurer, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Sherry F. Brabham is treasurer and vice president for Finance and Administration for the Fashion Institute of Technology, serving as the college's chief financial officer.

Brabham joined FIT in her current position in 2007, coming from The New School, a university in New York City, where she was chief of staff and a vice president since 2002. At the New School she served as second-in-command to the president, supervising projects and functions for the president's office, advising the president, and serving as staff to the president in connection with the university's board of trustees and board of governors.

Before joining The New School, she served as vice chancellor for budget, finance, and administrative computing at The City University of New York from 1999 to 2002.

Brabham served the previous three years, from 1996 to 1999, as vice president for finance and business at Queens College of the City University of New York. Prior to that she served in several administrative positions at the City University of New York, from 1984 to 1995, rising to the position of university budget director.

From 1980 to 1984 Brabham served as a contract administrator and later supervising contract administrator in the Office of Community Management Services for the New Jersey Department of Human Services. Earlier she was a field representative and program specialist in the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Alcoholism, and a counselor and interpreter for the deaf in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Brabham earned her Bachelor of Arts in audiology and speech pathology in 1973 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She earned her Master of Divinity in 1976 from Princeton Theological Seminary, where she attended under a Rockefeller Fund for Theological Education Fellowship.



Stephen Tuttle General Counsel and Secretary of the College

Stephen Tuttle is general counsel and secretary of the Fashion Institute of Technology, serving as the college's chief legal officer and as a member of the president's cabinet.

Before joining FIT, Mr. Tuttle was senior vice president and chief legal officer for operations at Forest City Ratner Companies, the regional subsidiary of Forest City Enterprises, a publicly traded real estate development company with more than \$9 billion in diversified assets. His responsibilities included managing a team of professionals that provided legal support on all matters related to the ownership and management of more than 30 commercial properties in the New York metropolitan area. In addition to real estate matters, his responsibilities extended to providing counsel on a broad range of general corporate matters and initiatives. Prior to Forest City, Mr. Tuttle's career included more than 12 years of corporate and investment-related in-house service to the New York Life Insurance Company, as well as law firm experience as an associate in the banking and finance practice group of Dreyer and Traub. He also served a term as a New York Supreme Court law secretary.

Mr. Tuttle earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Syracuse University College of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from Franklin and Marshall College. He has been an active participant in various industry and bar associations, committees and groups, including the New York Bar Association, the Association of Corporate Counsel, and the National Association of College and University Attorneys.