

Historical Presidents and Current Officers of the University

Presidents of the University Since 1887*

George Edgar	1887 – 1892	Stanley Marshall	1969 – 1976
Alvin Lewis	1892 – 1897	Bernard F. Sliger (Interim President)	1976 – 1977
Albert A. Murphree	1897 – 1909	Bernard F. Sliger	1977 – 1991
Edward Conradi	1909 – 1941	Dale W. Lick	1991 – 1993
Doak S. Campbell	1941 – 1957	Bernard F. Sliger (Interim President)	1993
Albert B. Martin (Acting President)	1957	Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte	1994 – 2002
Robert M. Strozier	1957 – 1960	T.K. Wetherell	2003 – 2010
Milton W. Carothers (Acting President)	1960	Eric J. Barron	2010 – 2014
Gordon W. Blackwell	1960 – 1965	Garnett S. Stokes (Interim President)	2014
John E. Champion (Acting President)	1965	John Thrasher	2014 – 2021
John E. Champion	1965 – 1969	Richard McCullough	2021 –
Stanley Marshall (Acting President)	1969		

*Prior to 1887, the school’s executive officer was called the principal.

Source: Office of the President

Online Resource: The Office of the President’s website can be accessed online at president.fsu.edu

President Richard McCullough

Richard McCullough became the 16th president of Florida State University on August 16th, 2021. Prior to joining FSU, McCullough served as vice provost for research and professor of materials science and engineering at Harvard University since 2012. Previously, McCullough spent 22 years at Carnegie Mellon University where he began his academic career as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1990. At Carnegie Mellon, he developed the Greenlighting Start-ups Initiative that exponentially increased the generation of university spin-out companies and corporate engagement, adding to his rich background in entrepreneurship and innovation.

A first-generation college student from Mesquite, Texas, McCullough attended Eastfield Community College before earning a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1982 and a doctoral degree in organic chemistry from Johns Hopkins University in 1988. He also spent two years as a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University in New York.

He and his wife, Jai Vartikar, have two children and two granddaughters.

Cabinet of Florida State University

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs	Jim Clark
Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration	Kyle Clark
Vice President and Director of Athletics	Michael Alford
Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement	Jeannette Taylor
Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel	Carolyn Egan
Vice President of Research	Stacey Patterson
Vice President for Student Affairs	Amy Hecht
Vice President for University Advancement and President, FSU Foundation, Inc.	Marla Vickers
Vice President and Chief of Staff	Marissa Langston
Chief Legislative Affairs Officer	Clay Ingram
Assistant Vice President for University Communications	Dennis Schnittker
Chief Marketing Officer	Susannah Wesley-Ahlschwede



Remembering President Emeritus John Thrasher

December 18, 1943 – May 10, 2025

John Thrasher, who led his beloved alma mater to new heights as Florida State University’s 15th president after a distinguished career in law and public service, will be remembered for his steady leadership, servant’s heart, and abiding faith.

Read the full tribute at johnthrashertribute.fsu.edu.