

### **Vivian Stallworth Boyd, Ph. D.**

In June, 2012 Commissioner Boyd was appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley to serve on the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Vivian Stallworth Boyd is an Associate Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland in the Department of Education. Her academic specialty has been consecutively ranked #1 by *U.S. News and World Report*. She is also Director Emeritus of the University Counseling Center at Maryland's Flagship campus in College Park, considered one of the most influential counseling centers in the country for more than 20 years. As Maryland's Counseling Center Director, Dr. Boyd oversaw five divisions: Counseling Service; Learning Assistance Service, Disability Support Service; Testing, Research and Data Processing, and the Returning Students Program. Thus, Dr. Boyd is well positioned to speak on behalf of the preventive, developmental, mental health, and learning needs of students at the grammar school, college and university levels.

Dr. Boyd devoted her early years toward educating young children both stateside and abroad. In 1961, she taught at the exclusive Walden Private School in Manhattan, New York. Accompanying her husband on an overseas assignment for the United States Army, she taught at the American School in Poitiers, France. Not shy about instituting curricula and pedagogical changes, her model for kindergarten instruction became the template for the Department of Defense worldwide. Subsequently, Commissioner Boyd taught at Norristown Public Schools and the American School in Naha, Okinawa.

Dr. Boyd has been a leader in the accreditation movement for college and university counseling centers. She has served as President of the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) the only accreditation body for collegiate counseling services in this country, Canada and Australia. Dr. Boyd has authored chapters in three books and published more than 40 scholarly articles, including being senior author of the *Accreditation Standards for University and College Counseling Centers* (2003). She has given more than 50 scholarly presentations at professional conferences and conventions on the local, regional, national and international level, including a featured presentation at the 2008 first International Summit on the mental health crisis among college and university students held in Beijing, China.

Vivian Boyd's leadership extends well beyond the University of Maryland campus as she has consulted with many other colleges and universities on issues of Student Affairs, and acted as an accreditation site visitor. She continues to serve on leading journal editorial review boards, and on numerous professional association governing boards, including the American Psychological Association (APA) Division 17's Advisory Council to Diversity and the Public Interest; the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), and the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD). Internationally recognized for her research and training practicum for

graduate students, Dr. Boyd was a founding member of the national Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies (ACCTA).

Commissioner Boyd is one of the seven Founding Elders of Olive Branch Community Church in Sandy Spring, Maryland. Dr. Boyd was selected by the Mid-Atlantic Bethune-Height Recognition Committee of the National Council of Negro Women as its 2013 Distinguished Educator.

### **Tribute - Dr. Vivian Stallworth Boyd**

As a doctoral student at the University of Maryland, Vivian Boyd established a databank for psychologists and counselors of color employed in college and university counseling centers. Now celebrating 40 years of existence, *The Databank of Mental Health Professionals of Color* continues to serve as a leading research repository of the experiences of minority counseling center staff nationwide. Given its archival significance, the University of Maryland's Counseling Center holds the intellectual property rights pertaining to this unique research and renamed the Databank the *Vivian S. Boyd Databank for Mental Health Professionals of Color* in her honor.

Dr. Boyd's professional and scholarly contributions to higher education, spanning nearly four decades, have been widely recognized. She has been the recipient of the prestigious Senior Professional Annuity Coepris Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American College Personnel Association; the Association of College and University Counseling Center Directors' Lifetime Achievement Award; the University of Maryland's Outstanding Women of the Year Award, and the American Psychological Association Multiple Identities Division's Distinguished Elder in Psychology Award.

### **Education**

Doctor of Philosophy,  
Counseling & Student Personnel Administration, Counseling Psychology  
University of Maryland College Park (1975)

Master of Arts, Counseling & Student Personnel Administration  
University of Maryland, Sukiran Okinawa (1969)

Master of Arts, Education  
University of Colorado, Boulder (1967)

Bachelor of Arts, Education  
Antioch College, Yellow Spring, Ohio (1963)

### **License and Certification**

Licensed Psychologist: Maryland, Ohio

National Register Health Service Providers in Psychology  
Certified Teacher: Pennsylvania, Colorado, U. S. Department of Defense  
Montgomery Circuit Court Appointed Parent Coordinator