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Dr. Eakin served in many capacities at the collegiate level. In 1964, Dr Eakin began his teaching career as a member of the mathematics faculty at Bowling Green State University and eventually would become a Vice President for Planning & Budgeting in 1983 at the same institution. Most recently, Dr. Eakin served as Chancellor at East Carolina University from 1987-2001.

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Dr. Eakin is active in civic and higher education associations. He is a past president of the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities and is a frequent leader of accreditation teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 2000, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, N.C. General Assembly, appointed Dr. Eakin to serve on the Legislative Disaster Response and Recovery Commission.