

Darren Dawson – Ninth president of The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Dr. Darren Dawson is the ninth president of The University of Alabama in Huntsville joining the university on June 21, 2019.

Prior to assuming leadership of the campus, he was the Dean of Engineering at Kansas State University where he was responsible for record enrollment and fundraising growth at that campus.

Known for building partnerships with public- and private-sector entities, Dr. Dawson earned degrees in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. His extensive research background includes emphasis on controls and robotics with more than \$20 million in grant and contract awards. He has industry experience with Westinghouse at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory.

Prior to his successful five-year tenure at K-State, Dr. Dawson served at Clemson University for 24 years in positions of ascending responsibility: Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Professor, and Graduate Coordinator. During his time as Department Chair, research expenditures and Ph.D. enrollment more than doubled and undergraduate enrollment increased by 160 percent.

Dr. Dawson's academic awards include the NCR Undergraduate Teaching Award (1992), the Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award (1994), the National Science Foundation Young Investigator Award (1994), the Georgia Institute of Technology Council of Outstanding Young Engineering Alumni Award (1995), the Centennial Professorship (2000), the Murray Stokely Award for Excellence in Teaching Award (2003) and the COES Collaborative Research Award (2007).

Darren Dawson and his wife Kim are the parents of daughter, Jacklyn, a junior at Kansas State, and son, David, a high school sophomore.