P. George Benson

Visionary  Leader  Scholar

P. George Benson, the 21st president of the College of Charleston, is a distinguished administrator, scholar and writer. At the College of Charleston, his primary emphasis is on strengthening partnerships with individuals, groups and businesses to increase academic collaboration, community engagement, entrepreneurial activities and financial contributions for scholarships, programs and faculty. He is working to improve the college’s current operations and future development, and he has initiated a comprehensive strategic planning process to articulate the college’s vision and define its future priorities.

A native of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Bucknell University. He did graduate work in Operations Research at New York University and received his doctorate in Decision Sciences from the University of Florida.

Before assuming his post at the College of Charleston, he served as dean of the University of Georgia’s C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry College of Business. Prior to that, he served for five years as dean of the Rutgers Business School at Rutgers University, and in 1996, Business News New Jersey named President Benson one of the “Top 100 Business People in New Jersey.”

In 2000, President Benson was named a Fellow of the Decision Sciences Institute, the institute’s highest honor. He is the co-author of one of the leading textbooks in business statistics, Statistics for Business and Economics, now in its tenth edition. His research spans several fields, including decision analysis, operations management, statistics, finance, and economics. His work has been published in more than ten academic and professional journals.

For his vision, leadership, scholarship and contributions to higher education, The Citadel Board of Visitors is proud to present P. George Benson with the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.