

Christopher R. L. Blake
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Dr. Christopher R. L. Blake is president of Middle Georgia State University (MGA), which dates back to 1884 but has evolved in the 21st century into a uniquely focused institution. MGA serves traditional and non-traditional students as the most affordable public state university in Georgia. It boasts five regional campuses – Macon, Cochran, Dublin, Eastman, and Warner Robins – and a fully online degree initiative known as MGA Direct. Middle Georgia State is the only public institution in Georgia with a School of Aviation and a four-year degree in flight.

The University now serves more than 8,000 students. Dr. Blake has also overseen the development of new degrees, including seven master's programs; transformation and new construction of first-class facilities; recruitment of talented faculty and staff; and community partnerships expansion.

Prior to becoming president of Middle Georgia State University, Dr. Blake was president and professor of education at Mount Mercy University in Iowa. Other positions he has held include provost and professor of education at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland; associate dean of the College of Graduate Education and Research and associate professor of secondary education at Towson University in Maryland; senior lecturer in education at Brunel University, London; senior lecturer in education at West London Institute, London; and teacher of religious studies and social studies at Henry Box School, Oxford.

Dr. Blake holds bachelor's and master's degrees in theology from the University of Oxford, Keble College; a post-graduate certificate in education from Westminster College, Oxford; and a Ph.D. in education from the University of London, King's College. Dr. Blake serves or has served on the executive committee of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, executive committee of the Southern States Athletic Conference. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi International Honors Society in Education.

Dr. Blake is originally from Wimbledon, England. He and his wife, Dr. Melody Blake, reside in Macon. He has a personal interest in history, serves on the Advisory Board of the Georgia WWI Centennial Commission, and is the author of 2 books on 20th Century History. Dr. Blake is a father to two adult sons and is an avid professional football (soccer to Americans) fan.