

This Trustee Q&A features Tim Black, secretary of the Black Hawk College Board of Trustees. He was previously an adjunct faculty member at Black Hawk College East Campus and his wife is a graduate. He ran for the board because he believes Black Hawk College is a great place and wanted to help make it better. Please take a few minutes to get to know Tim Black!

**What do you enjoy about being on the board?**

The camaraderie. We have some great people on the board and I look forward to being with them.

**When you are not serving on the board, what are you up to?**

I watch movies, tailgate at football games and cheer for the Cubs, but mostly spend time with my wife and cats.

**What is your favorite thing about Black Hawk College?**

Getting the chance to work with all the wonderful people at Black Hawk College – from the staff to the administration to the faculty to the students. It is a great place to represent.

**Where did you grow up?**

I grew up all over. My father was a United Methodist minister, so we moved a lot. I spent my school years in Pawnee, Forsyth and Kankakee.

**When you were a kid, what career did you envision for yourself?**

I always wanted to be in politics and to be a teacher. I guess I ended up doing both.

**If you could go anywhere on vacation for free, where would you want to go and why?**

New Orleans. It is so much fun and the food is incredible.

**What is something most people do not know about you?**

I was once stuck in an elevator in downtown San Antonio for over an hour and had to crawl out through a small opening to escape.

**If you could change something about the world, what would you change?**

That's a tough one. I guess my one wish is that the economy would be permanently strong and we would have all the money we would need for our educational system.

**What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?**

My uncle once told me to never buy anything over \$35,000 that didn't come with a toilet. So far, I have stuck to that.

**Aside from the necessities, what is one thing you can't go a day without?**

My wife, Linda.

**What is your favorite time of the year, and why?**

The fall. I enjoy the weather, the beautiful leaves and going to football games.

**How has education impacted your life?**

Education has always been there to improve my life. Whenever I was in a tough spot, I went back to school to improve my situation.

**Did you have a favorite subject when you were a student?**

Social studies, of course!

**What do you want prospective students to know about Black Hawk College?**

Both of our campuses are great places to go to college. You will receive a great education, make good friends and have instructors who really care about you.

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