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A Short Biography of Dr. Catherine Fisher

Catherine Fisher Collins was elected by a joint session of the New York State Legislature on March 10, 2015, to the Board of Regents for a five-year term representing the 8th judicial district.

Regent Catherine Fisher Collins’ educational background includes undergraduate degrees from Trocaire College in nursing and a Bachelor of Science Degree from State University College in Vocational Technical Education. She also has an earned doctoral degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in Education Administration. From the same institution she also received her Master’s Degree in Allied Health Education and Curriculum Development, graduated from the School of Nursing in the Nurse Practitioner’s Program. Regent Collins’ holds certifications in Health Occupations and Jr. College Teaching.

Dr. Collins is a respected author of over thirteen published books. In 2011 she launched the Women’s Health Radio show that airs on WWWS 1400 AM every other Saturday with a focus on women’s health issues and wellness. Dr. Collins has also held positions in health care and education administration, among them school nurse, practical nursing instructor, director/instructor of a Registered Nursing Program, Executive Director of University at Buffalo Offices of Preparatory Programs, Coordinator/Instructor at the Educational Opportunity Center’s certified nursing assistant program, Assistant Academic Dean for Allied Health Education and Directory Ambulatory Care and in Health Planning.

Dr. Collins has received over 50 awards and honors which include: Western New York Women’s Hall of Fame, SUNY Outstanding Faculty Fellow, Honors from the Governors of New Jersey (outstanding service), New York (Attica Prison Health Initiative), Connecticut (community services), Kentucky (International Community Services), the SUNY Empire State College 2014 Jane Altes Prize for Exemplary Community Services, and the Life Time achievement Award from Jack and Jill of America where she served as National Vice President. Regent Collins is a Trocaire College and Lafayette High School Distinguished Alumna. She is also a graduate of England’s Oxford University Women’s Roundtable, and in 2015, The New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Inc., Arthur O. Eve award for individuals who demonstrate a passion for assisting their community in understanding and supporting both public and higher education; she is a strong advocate in promoting the success of all students in New York State.

Regent Collins is currently an Associate Professor at SUNY Empire State College. She has two children, Dr. Clyde a Collins, a gastroenterologist and Mrs. Laura Harris, a school administrator.

-taken from the NYS Education Dept. Board of Regents Website located at: https://www.regents.nysed.gov/members/catherine-collins
*Please contact archivist for former biographical statements
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Series I Microfilm Inventory

1 Award Certificates
Numerous awards and citations in recognition of Dr. Collin’s achievements.

2 Biographical Material
Numerous biographical sketches of the life and activities of Dr. Collins.

3 Campaign Poster
Dr. Collins was a candidate for the Buffalo Public School Board, n.d.

4 Clippings (newspaper)
About two dozen newspaper clippings that highlight various aspects of Dr. Collins’ life, 1970s-2002. Some are dated and some are not.

5 Clippings Scrapbook #1 (1980s)
A scrapbook of newspaper clippings from the 1980s.

6 Clippings Scrapbook #2 (1990s)
A scrapbook of newspaper clippings from the 1990s.

7 Correspondence #1 (n.d.-1990s)
Correspondence received, n.d. – 1990s.

8 Correspondence #2 (2000-2001)
Correspondence received, 2000-2001.

9 Correspondence #3 (2002-2003)
Correspondence received, 2002-2003.

10 Health Care Activities
Correspondence, printed programs, newspaper clippings, and other materials that document Dr. Collins’ health care activities, achievements, and awards, 1980s-2000.

11 Jack & Jill, Inc. – Buffalo, NY Chapter
Various documents pertaining to the Buffalo Chapter of Jack and Jill.

12 Jack & Jill, Inc. – Candidate and National Officer
Various documents highlighting Dr. Collins’ campaign and contributions as a national officer of Jack and Jill, Inc.

13 Jack & Jill, Inc. – Eastern Region #1 (n.d.-2001)
Printed programs, newsletters, press releases, etc., highlighting the activities of the Eastern Region, Jack and Jill. Documents span the period 1990s-2003. Organized by year.
Printed programs, newsletters, press releases, etc., highlighting the activities of the Eastern Region, Jack and Jill.

15 **Jack & Jill, Inc. – Printed Programs**  
About two dozen printed programs that highlight mostly regional events and activities, 1990s-2003.

16 **Jack & Jill, Inc. – Speeches and writings**  
Several speeches and pamphlets of Dr. Collins.

17 **Model Cities**  
A few newspaper clippings and about half-dozen pieces of correspondence from the period of Dr. Collins’ association with Model Cities.

18 **Publications**  
Reviews and summaries of some of Dr. Collins’ publications.

19 **Tenure Portfolio**  
Two binders of papers that were submitted as part of Dr. Collins’ application for tenure at Empire State College. Papers are organized around the following topics: mastery of subject matter, teaching effectiveness, scholarly ability, university service, continuing growth, center personnel committee, and other supporting documents.

**Series II Microfilm Inventory**

1 **Awards**  
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2 Correspondence
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Correspondence; 1986-05-28; Annual NAACP Family Banquet
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Correspondence; 1991-03-05; African-American TASK Force on AIDS
Correspondence; 1993-12-13; Associate Professor Niagara Frontier Center
Correspondence; 2000-07-19; Congratulations for National Vice President Appointment
Correspondence; 2004-07-07; M&T Bob Wilmers
Correspondence; 2004-08-27; WNED Donald Boswell
Correspondence; 2004-08-30; Buffalo Museum of Science
Correspondence; 2004-09-18; Buffalo Public Schools, Dept. of Athletics
Correspondence; 2005-05-29; Blacks in Government, Sources of Stress and Relief for African Americans
Correspondence; 2005-07-01; Harlem Book Fair Buffalo
Correspondence; 2005-08-15; Senator Mary Lou Rath
Correspondence; 2005-08-24; NYS School Boards Association
Correspondence; 2005-09-19; St. Philip's Episcopal Church
Correspondence; 2006-02-00; NYS School Boards Association
Correspondence; 2006-02-10; Assemblymember Sam Hoyt
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Correspondence; 2006-03-27; NYS School Boards Association
Correspondence; 2006-09-06; Andrea Mayfield
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Correspondence; 2007-01-01; NYS School Boards Association
Correspondence; 2007-02-06; Erie County Association of School Boards
Correspondence; 2007-07-02; Black Infant Mortality Reduction Resource Center
Correspondence; 2008-05-02; NYS School Boards Association
Correspondence; 2008-06-16; NYS School Boards Association
Correspondence; 2008-07-11; NYS School Boards Association
Correspondence; 2008-09-22; Health One Interview
Correspondence; 2008-10-07; Buffalo State, Diane Mercuri
Correspondence; 2008-11-17; WNY Women's Hall of Fame
Correspondence; 2009-01-07; Enterprise Charter School
Correspondence; 2009-01-15; WNY Women's Hall of Fame
Correspondence; 2009-01-22; AM1400 Solid Gold Soul, a Black Tie for Black History
Correspondence; 2009-02-24; Buffalo Teachers Federation
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Correspondence; 2018-02-13; Buffalo Public Schools Urban Forum
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3 Elections-Appointments
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Events & Outreach; 2017-02-03; Men of Bronze
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Events & Outreach; 2018-03-17; Joint Annual Affair
Events & Outreach; 2018-05-02; Niagara University Student Teacher Showcase
Events & Outreach; 2018-05-14; BPTO Monthly Meeting

Newspapers; 1986-06-08; Buffalo News; Cuomo Honors Nurse for Teaching Convicts
Newspapers; 2003-10-26; Colleen Smith Article Compilation
Newspapers; 2004-02-02; Buffalo News; Professor Will Run for School Board
Newspapers; 2005-06-29; Challenger; Once Upon a Time in Buffalo
Newspapers; 2006-01-12; Buffalo News; More Rancor Over Charter Schools
Newspapers; 2006-02-10; Buffalo News; Social Promotions Ending in City Schools
Newspapers; 2007-10-16; Buffalo News; Buffalo May Abolish Residency Rules for Teachers
Newspapers; 2008-02-06; Buffalo News; Board Stands Behind Williams For Now
Newspapers; 2008-02-14; Buffalo News; Board Limits Scope of McKinley Probe
Newspapers; 2008-02-26; Buffalo News; School Investigator Promises Impartiality
Newspapers; 2008-02-27; Buffalo News; Board’s Role in McKinley Probe Raised
Newspapers; 2008-03-01; Buffalo News; School Board Approves Probe
Newspapers; 2008-07-02; Buffalo News; McKinley Discipline Matter is Dropped
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Newspapers; 2009-03-11; News Albany Bureau; Ex-Rochester Council Member to Succeed Gardner as Regent
Newspapers; 2009-10-24; Criterion; Miller-Williams Opposes Plans to Cut Primary Health Care
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Newspapers; 2016-09-20; Buffalo News; Crafting a Common Sense Approach to School Reform
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Publications; 2010; The Imprisonment of African American Women
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