

## Dr. Ray M. Keck III - Biography

**Dr. Ray M. Keck III** was named Interim President of Texas A&M University-Commerce on June 1, 2016. He was named President by The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System on November 10, 2016. He came to A&M-Commerce from Texas A&M International University in Laredo, where he had served as President for 15 years. Prior to that time, he was a member of the faculty in Laredo and had served as department chair and Provost. Born in San Antonio, Texas, he graduated from the Texas Military Institute. He holds an A.B. and Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literature from Princeton University and has studied at Harvard Divinity School, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Centro de Estudios Hispánicos en Madrid (Bryn Mawr College), and the Deutsche Somerschule am Atlantik. Dr. Keck began his teaching career at The Hotchkiss School in 1970. For more than 40 years he has taught, studied, and written about Spanish literature, with an emphasis on the Spanish Golden Age. Since his undergraduate days, Dr. Keck has studied and played the organ, especially the music of J. S. Bach. He has performed often with orchestras and ensembles, and has held posts as director of church music for parishes in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Texas. He will be stepping down from the presidency in August and looks forward to returning to teaching following a year-long sabbatical.