

**Dr. Julianne Malveaux**  
**[President, Bennett College for Women]**

As the 15th President of Bennett College for Women, Dr. Julianne Malveaux has been the architect of exciting and innovative transformation at America's oldest historically black college for women. Under her leadership, the administration has identified four key focus areas: women's leadership, entrepreneurship, excellence in communications, and global awareness. In the three short years of her presidency, Bennett College has successfully received a 10-year reaffirmation of its accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, markedly improved existing facilities, embarked on a \$21 million capital improvements program – which marks the first major campus construction in more than 25 years – and in fall 2009 enjoys an historic enrollment high. Moreover, the campus is alive and invigorated with a new sense of purpose and passion, as the Bennett College community embraces its commitment to create an oasis where women are educated, celebrated, and transformed into 21<sup>st</sup> century leaders and global thinkers.

Dr. Malveaux has long been recognized for her progressive and insightful observations. She is a labor economist, noted author, and colorful commentator. Julianne Malveaux has been described by Dr. Cornel West as “the most iconoclastic public intellectual in the country.” Her contributions to the public dialogue on issues such as race, culture, gender, and their economic impacts are shaping public opinion in 21st century America.

Dr. Malveaux's popular writing has appeared in *USA Today*, *Black Issues in Higher Education*, *Ms. Magazine*, *Essence Magazine*, and the *Progressive*. Her weekly columns appeared for more than a decade (1990-2003) in newspapers across the country including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Charlotte Observer*, *New Orleans Tribune*, *Detroit Free Press*, and *San Francisco Examiner*. She has hosted television and radio programs, and appeared widely as a commentator on networks, including CNN, BET, PBS, NBC, ABC, Fox News, MSNBC, CNBC, C-SPAN and others.

Dr. Malveaux has been a contributor to academic life since receiving her Ph.D. in economics from MIT in 1980. She has been on the faculty or visiting faculty of the New School for Social Research, San Francisco State University, the University of California (Berkeley), College of Notre Dame (San Mateo, California), Michigan State University and Howard University. She holds honorary degrees from Sojourner Douglas College (Baltimore, Maryland), Marygrove College (Detroit, Michigan), University of the District of Columbia, and Benedict College (Columbia, South Carolina). She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in economics at Boston College.

A native San Franciscan, she is the Founder and Thought Leader of Last Word Productions, Inc., a multimedia production company headquartered in Washington, D.C.