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Dr. Melody Rose is the 15th president of Marylhurst University, a private, coeducational applied liberal arts university. Dr. Rose was the first female chancellor and then president of the Oregon University System, where she oversaw all seven of Oregon's public universities and a multi-billion-dollar budget serving 100,000 students. She spent 17 years at Portland State University, rising up through the faculty and administrative ranks. Her proudest achievement there was founding PSU's Center for Women and Leadership, now the Center for Women's Leadership. The Center trains high school girls and college women for public service careers, advances research on women and politics and houses a special collection containing the historical documents of Oregon's first elected women.

Dr. Rose is one of the nation's leading experts on women and politics and has authored a number of award-winning publications in that field, including the nation's leading analysis of Hillary Clinton's 2008 campaign, *Hillary Clinton's Race for the White House*, which she co-authored with Regina Lawrence. She has earned a number of awards, including the 2008 PSU Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award for excellence in research, teaching and community engagement; the Governor's 2010 Women of Achievement Award; and the 2013 Portland Business Journal's Orchid Award.

Outside of work, Dr. Rose serves on the Habitat for Humanity Portland-Metro East Board and is an active member of the International Women's Forum. Dr. Rose received her Bachelor's degree in Politics from the University of California at Santa Cruz with Honors and Phi Beta Kappa distinctions. She earned her graduate degrees from Cornell University.