

## Dr. Robert L. Pura



**In addition to 35 years'** experience as a teacher and administrator in the Massachusetts Community College System, the past thirteen as President of Greenfield Community College, Dr. Robert L. Pura is also a proud graduate of a community college. As the first in his family to attend college and the child of an immigrant, he understands what a community college education can mean to students. "Opening the doors to higher education to all who aspire to a better life for themselves and their families while at the same time maintaining high academic standards is the noblest mission in higher education." Pura earned his A.A. at Miami Dade Community College, Florida; B.A. at the University of South Florida; M.S. from St. Thomas University, Miami; and Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Texas in Austin. He has chaired the Massachusetts President's Council and served on its Executive Committee. He was a member of the Working Group on Assessment of Student Learning for the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education and currently serves on the Commission on Academic Student and Community Development for the American Association of Community Colleges.