

## **Dr. Edwin H. Welch**

Dr. Edwin H. Welch has served as president of the University of Charleston since 1989. He has led the institution through a period of unprecedented change – doubling full-time enrollment, tripling the endowment, transforming the academic program to focus on student outcomes, becoming a proponent for student assessment, clarifying the institution’s mission, constructing seven of the eleven buildings on campus, and adding pharmacy and business graduate schools. Dr. Welch also created a central administrative computing corporation which serves seven colleges and universities. His board service includes chairing the Quality Committee for Charleston Area Medical Center Health Systems, the Advisory Board of BB&T-West Virginia, the national Foundation for Independent Higher Education board, the President’s Council for the Association of Governing Boards, and having served as chair of the Appalachian College Association for three years. In 2006, Dr. Welch received the first-ever Charles L. Foreman Award for innovation in private higher education from the Foundation for Independent Higher Education. In 2007, he was the proud recipient of the 2007 YMCA Spirit of the Valley Award in recognition of his exemplary community service, and his selfless concern and care for the greater Charleston community.