

## PLENARY SESSION

### "Will Women in Science and Engineering Make a Difference?"

Keynote

Speaker:

Constance W. Rice, Ph.D.  
Vice Chancellor for  
Institutional Advancement  
Seattle Community College District

Constance W. Rice, Ph.D. is a graduate of Queens College in Flushing, New York, where her major areas of study were Anthropology and Sociology. She received her master's degree in Public Administration and her doctor of philosophy in Higher Education Administration from the University of Washington. She was the first African-American to receive a Ph.D. from the Department of Education at the University of Washington.

In August, 1995, Dr. Rice will assume the presidency at North Seattle Community College. Since 1992, she has served as Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement at Seattle Community College District, where she supervises fund development, legislative and external outreach activities for the District's four campuses -- North Seattle, Seattle Central and South Seattle Community College, and the Seattle Vocational Institute.

Dr. Rice has served as a tireless activist and civic volunteer for many years in the Seattle area. Her major volunteer interests focus on the greater metropolitan Seattle area and include education, and the eradication of hunger, cancer, homelessness and discrimination. In 1990, Dr. Rice founded the Seattle Health and Nutrition Project, which offers low-income families an opportunity to learn about nutrition, and today serves meals to 10,200 students and their families at local schools. Dr. Rice is a member of several non-profit boards, including the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the Seattle Chapter of Links, and the Benefit Guild. She is a member of the Board of Directors for SeaFirst Bank, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce and US West Communications. She chaired the highly acclaimed 1995 Northwest International Women's Conference.

