

## Biography of Henry “Hank” M. Huckaby



A native Georgian, Henry “Hank” M. Huckaby, has a strong reputation in the areas of public higher education and state finance and budgeting.

In May of 2011, the Board of Regents selected Huckaby as the University System’s 12th chancellor. He oversees 29 public colleges and universities with a \$8.1 billion annual budget and more than 47,000 faculty and staff fulfilling the teaching, research and public service mission to 318,164 students. The Georgia Public Library System and the Georgia Archives are also part of the University System.

Huckaby emphasizes performance, partnerships and values as he works to build strong public and political support for the University System’s contributions to the state’s economic future and individual success.

Prior to becoming Chancellor, Huckaby was a teacher and administrator in the University System and has taught at private colleges and universities. He also served in the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget, first as a senior policy coordinator and later as its director, as well as commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and as the executive director of the Georgia Residential Finance Authority.

Huckaby has represented Georgia House District 113 as a Republican.

Huckaby is a board member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education. He was a member of the Georgia Competitiveness Initiative Steering Committee in 2011 and currently serves on the Georgia Higher Education Funding Committee. He was inducted into the National Academy of Public Administration in November 2014.

He is active in the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO), the National Association of System Heads (NASH), and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), is a commissioner for the Education Commission of the States, and is on the Georgia-based Alliance of Education Agency Heads (AEAHA).

He serves as a trustee of Young Harris College, where he earned an associate’s degree. Huckaby earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Georgia State University. He continued his education through additional graduate studies at the University of Georgia.

As a former resident of Douglasville, Huckaby also was active in the local community and was named the 1995 Douglas County “Man of the Year”. Huckaby was named 2015 Georgian of the Year by *Georgia Trend*. Chancellor Huckaby recently received the 2015 “J.W. Fanning Award” from Leadership Georgia.

He also is active in the United Methodist Church and has held numerous positions at the parish, conference and national levels.

Amy and Hank have two grown children and six grandchildren.