

**Dr. Roland J. “Chip” Chapdelaine Received Presidents' Medal,  
at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion  
Graduation Ceremonies**



**Rabbi David Ellenson, Ph.D.,** President of the **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)**, presented the Presidents' Medal to **Dr. Roland J. “Chip” Chapdelaine**, President, **Los Angeles Trade Technical College**. The degree was granted at HUC-JIR’s Los Angeles Graduation Ceremony on Monday, May 18, 2009 at HUC-JIR/LA, 3077 University Avenue in Los Angeles.

Rabbi Ellenson said, “Dr. Chapdelaine has nurtured an appreciation and understanding of the wonders of behavioral learning theory, biology, and natural resources, and, with vision and energy, has served on economic development boards and civic institutions promoting the integrity of their communities. His scholarship and experience have helped guide educational institutions which have served rural districts, Native American reservations and small and large cities in our country.”

Dr. Chapdelaine received his Ed.D. And M.S. From Ball State University and his B.A. From Providence College. He has held increasingly progressive positions in the community college area for over thirty years. His doctoral work is in the application of behavioral learning theory as applied to teaching undergraduate Biology to non-majors. Significant course work was also done in Fisheries Biology, Experimental Psychology, and Natural Resources. He has taught a variety of Biology courses.

Dr. Chapdelaine is passionate about the community college movement, believing that the creation of the Community College movement was one of the most important actions taken in the history of education. He has served as President of Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Rock Valley College in Illinois, and Cumberland County College in New Jersey.

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