Clarion University of Pennsylvania welcomed Dr. Karen M. Whitney as its 16th president on July 1, 2010. Since assuming the presidency, Whitney has led the university to articulate a mission to provide transformative, lifelong learning opportunities through innovative, nationally recognized programs delivered in inclusive, student-centered environments.

Whitney has a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Arts in Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Houston. She presents, teaches, researches and writes in the areas of higher education finance, administration, law, student development, and student facilities.

President Whitney, her wife, Dr. Peggy Apple, a faculty member in Clarion's Department of Education, and their dog, Clare, enjoy being part of the Clarion Family.

President Whitney is also available for speaking engagements. With inquiries, please email president@clarion.edu.