



Presidents' Round Table Newsletter

A National Network of African American Community College CEOs

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A Message from the Convener

Our spring meeting in Orlando at the AACC convention was very special for me as it was my final one as convener for the Presidents' Round Table (PRT). The business conducted and presentations made exemplified the best of the four years of service for our leadership team. Forty or more members attended the business meeting.

New officers, pictured below, were selected for two-year terms, beginning July 1, 2012. They are excellent leaders at their respective institutions and will ably provide leadership for the PRT. Please join me in supporting and congratulating them as they provide leadership for the organization.



Dr. Andrew C. Jones
Convener
Chancellor
Coast CCD



Dr. Charlene Dukes
Secretary
President
Prince George CC



Dr. L. Joy Gates Black
Treasurer
VC for Student Success
Tarrant County College



Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery
Membership Chairperson
President
Sacramento City College



Charlene Newkirk, J.D.
Lakin Institute Coordinator
President, CC of Allegheny-County South Campus

Seven of the twelve members of the Lakin Institute (Institute) Class of 2011 presented a check in the amount of \$3,250 to the organization. The contribution is to be used to support resource needs for senior professionals who aspire to the community college presidency and participate in the Institute. Each of those present provided brief testimonies of their experiences and what they believe the future holds for each of them.



From left to right: Kirk Nooks, Irvin Clark, Annette Parker, Janet Evelyn-Dorsey, Sherrie Lang, Denise Noldon, and CharMaine Hines



Some members of the PRT in attendance at the 92nd annual AACC convention pose after their spring 2012 business meeting in Orlando, Florida. More than 50 PRT members participated in a variety of ways at the convention.

Finally, my two terms as convener have just flown by it seems. Never have I served in a position that has meant so much to me. The mission and goals of the Presidents' Round Table resonate strongly with the personal values I hold as a leader in my commitment to helping others. It has been a joy for me to work on behalf of the membership with awesome officers who share my strong commitment to the organization: Dr. Andrew Jones, Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman, Dr. Charlene Dukes, and Dr. Ken Atwater. Together, we have planned and implemented activities designed to move the organization forward in fulfilling its mission. It is my hope that we have achieved that goal. I sincerely thank our officers, as well as our membership, for their support.

Helen Benjamin

The PRT is an affiliate organization of the National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA). Founded in 1983, the PRT is the national organization of African American community college chief executive officers.

Officers

- Dr. Helen Benjamin
Convener
- Dr. Andrew Jones
Secretary
- Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman
Treasurer
- Dr. Charlene Dukes
Lakin Institute Coordinator
- Dr. Ken Atwater
Membership Chair and
Directory Coordinator

Helen Benjamin, Editor
Linda Cerruti Co-editor/Writer

Contributors to this issue:

- Dr. Carolyn Anderson
- Dr. Alma Jean Billingslea Brown
- Dr. Charlene Dukes
- Dr. Joseph Seabrooks

Everybody Loves Chocolate: Acknowledgements and Praise for *The Chocolate Truth*

Publication of *The Chocolate Truth: An Anthology of Perspectives from Community College CEOs* is a major achievement for the PRT. An idea to assist others seeking the CEO position and keeping the position once achieved materialized in the publication of the book. The book is appropriately dedicated to the Founders of the Presidents' Round Table. In these pages, I acknowledge those who contributed to the publication of our book and share the praise we have received.

Helen Benjamin, Convener

A Message from Our Project Editor

Now more than ever, we, as African Americans, are successfully finding ourselves at the helm of institutions all across our great nation, some even at institutions that one would think history and political climate would never allow. These are indeed exciting times for anyone (African Americans included) to pursue the community college CEO position. However, what's unfortunate is that getting the job is only half the story. Just as I am excited about talented individuals getting opportunities, I am equally alarmed by the number of folks who seem to magically disappear. Sometimes it feels like you read an exciting press release or article filled with much hope and admiration for the new CEO that also happens to be African American; then, 18-24 months later you get an email announcing that the institution is looking for another leader. No one appears to know what happened, where the person is or how he or she is doing.

Not too long ago, I used to look forward to getting job announcements from the higher education publications, but nowadays when I read some of these announcements, I often get an eerie feeling as if I am reading a "Missing Persons Alert" from a milk carton. There is no doubt that we live in a time where access is becoming less of an issue, but institutional fit and longevity appear to be very much an issue. As members of the Presidents' Round Table, we believe *The Chocolate Truth* is a "must have" publication for anyone (not just African Americans) interested in serving at the CEO level. These are difficult jobs, in some-times difficult places, navigating difficult issues. It is my hope that the publication will serve its intended purpose of assisting those seeking CEO positions in asking the difficult questions in determining what's right for them. It was an honor for me to serve as editor of this important project.

—**Joe Seabrooks, Ph.D., President,
Metropolitan Community College, Penn Valley (KS)**

A Review

Seabrooks, Joe, et. al. *The Chocolate Truth: An Anthology of Perspectives from Community College CEOs*. Farmington Hills, MI: My Vision Works Publishing, 2012

The Chocolate Truth: An Anthology of Perspectives from Community College CEOs, is a collection of nineteen essays addressing key facets of community college leadership. Written by African American CEOs, the anthology was published to offer guidance to those embarking on careers in higher education administration and to establish the legacy of African American chief executive officers in the nearly 1,200 U.S. community colleges. That legacy is rich, and the collection is usefully diverse. While all the contributors are African Americans who have been or remain at top leadership positions in community colleges, they work in different regions, run single- or multi-campus institutions, serve ethnically diverse or ethnically

homogeneous student populations and participate in a range of practices with regard to shared governance, collective bargaining and the day-to-day business of running a college. Many were hired for purposes of equity, fairness and access themselves, so several of the contributors address the problems of fitting in, of living under a microscope, of sheer

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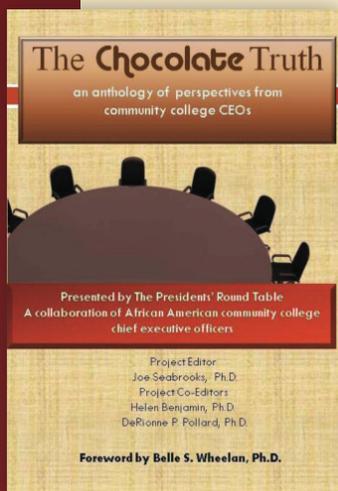
From Our Contributors Why I Contributed

Dr. Douglas Chambers: *I was the first black male in every professional position that I held. I quickly learned how the process worked for people of color. It was easy for me to write on the section about "Trouble" because it is something that I have experienced personally, and something I wanted to share with others who aspire to reach the top.*

Dr. Lawrence Cox: *Too often, as CEOs, we are isolated from hearing the truth about how and why black experiences are different. I wanted to make a contribution that would help illustrate and explain some of the nuances of being an African American president in a community college.*

Dr. Ned Doffoney: *Sharing my experiences can be influential in creating the next generation of leaders.*

Dr. Andrew Jones: *All too often, African American executives find themselves in isolated and lonely places. The nature of their positions provides little or no outlet for the expressions of trepidation, anxiety and most importantly self-doubt. Coupled with a dominant theme in the African American community "that it is not cool" to have an analyst, African American executives don't have the ability or comfort to de-stress and gain advice and perspective in a significant way. The Chocolate Truth provided the venue to express and give freedom to the torments, uncertainties and vagaries of life at the top.*



The Chocolate Truth *(Continued from page 2)*

survival. In fact, two of the six sections in the anthology are on survival. One contributor chronicles the painful process of an unexpected “No Confidence” vote while another describes climates of uncertainty and the absolute necessity for top executives to discern, assess and forecast when it is time to leave an institution. The question of how to recognize when it is time to go is difficult, but as the contributor states, “The ‘chocolate truth’ is that every situation is different, but the signs should be evident if we have beacons in place.”

Strategies for survival are not the only truths in this storytelling venture. There are many valuable and humorous insights into academic leadership that deans, vice presidents and presidents at many U.S. institutions will appreciate. This anthology very ably assists anyone who needs to study and learn the academy.

Dr. Alma Jean Billingslea Brown, Professor of English, Spelman College

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From Our Contributors

Why I Contributed

Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman: *TCT provided me the opportunity to share with people who are interested in the experiences of African American CEOs in community colleges. We all have stories to tell. The Chocolate Truth forced me to stop my daily responsibilities and focus on the many realities of the job. In some ways, it was therapeutic – being able to examine, truly reflect, and ultimately release, via words to paper, just a few short snippets of my experience as an African American CEO. Sharing the clarity of experiences hopefully will aid others as they venture the CEO journey.*

Our Contributors



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From Our Contributors The Significance of the Book

Dr. Ernest L. Thomas: *I subscribe to the tenet that each generation has the responsibility to leave a legacy for "those yet born." TCT is the PRT legacy to the next generation of community college leaders who represent the African Diaspora.*

Dr. Debraha Watson: *The book re-defines what effective leadership means through the lenses of minority administrators. The stories cover the breadth and depth of leadership values, passion, commitment, and humility. It is a must read for those who are currently on the path and for our future leaders.*

The Chocolate Truth *(Continued from page 3)*

About Our Publisher

The search for a publisher ended with My Vision Works Publishing whose founder and CEO, Ronnie Boggess, worked tirelessly on the project. Personally overseeing every aspect of the project, including editing and individualized cover and interior layout design, Ms. Boggess ensured that the *The Chocolate Truth* received special attention.



Ronnie Boggess

She has authored two novels, five children's books, one inspirational book and five educational texts. As the founder and CEO of My Vision Works Publishing, her company draws from her experiences not only as a writer, but an educator and literacy consultant as well. Having over 30 years' experience in analyzing, critiquing, editing and reading thousands of published and unpublished works and with a penchant for perfection, Ronnie parlayed her interests in books, education and business into one of the busiest African American indie publishing companies in the country.

For further information contact myvisionworkspublishing@gmail.com or call 248-254-3847.

Praise for *The Chocolate Truth*

"The book and collection of shared experiences by the contributors have been so on point and valuable! All the best and thanks to all for writing this book for us. It has so much value in so many areas to help young, aspiring CEOs like myself."

CharMaine Hines, Ed.S.

**Associate Vice Chancellor, Wayne County Community College District
(Lakin 2011)**

"The book says all the things I hoped to have shared with those who follow the treacherous path to the presidency when I first dreamed of the Presidents' Round Table. Hopefully, those who currently lead colleges and the ones yet to come will continue to publish their experiences in a never-ending series that will provide guidance for future African American community college leaders."

Charles A. Green, Ph.D.

**PRT Founding Convener
President Emeritus, Bermuda College**

"*The Chocolate Truth* inspired me to carefully consider what is important in my own career. I was particularly struck by the words of the author of chapter five who said "...the presidency does not define me; I define it," and that she seeks to "make the right decisions for the right reasons all the time."

Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.

President, Las Positas College

"There are approximately 1,200 community colleges in this country but only about 100 African American CEOs, hence, the belief that we needed to tell our own story. It is my hope that aspiring CEOs, upon completing this book, will have learned how to survive both professionally AND personally in one of the most rewarding, but demanding, career opportunities in higher education."

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.

**President, Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**

Honeywell Sponsors PRT Event

Honeywell provided financial support for the PRT Celebrating Success event held during the AACC convention. Gratitude is extended to Business Development Manager Pamela Wallace, Energy Services, and Vice President for Higher Education Kent Anson, for their participation in the program.

Only two retirees were identified this year; the two happen to have served as the only treasurers in the 29-year history of the PRT, Drs. Vernon Crawley and Thelma Scott-Skillman. Dr. Charlene Dukes paid special tribute to them at the Celebrating Success event held at the AACC convention.

Dr. Vernon O. Crawley

“You were the first treasurer of the Presidents’ Round Table – for more years than you may care to count. You, along with our founders, started us on the path to financial security. Because of you, we, more than 25 years later, are strong, and we remain true to the legacy of our founders.”

“We all know the measure of a man rests not just in his words, but is actualized by his deeds. In your 21 years at Moraine Valley Community College, student success/student achievement was your highest priority. That was evident in how you directed college staff and college resources. The way that any of us respects those words and deeds is evident in the legacy one leaves.”

“So, let us count the ways that the Moraine Valley community supported you:

- voted for an \$89M bond referendum for expansion;
- advocated for the naming of the Dr. V.O. Crawley Science Hall and the Dr. V.O. Crawley Business and Conference Center;
- named the professional development program, the Dr. V.O. Crawley Leadership Academy; and
- just recently, St. Xavier University announced the V.O. Crawley Scholarship designed to support eight Moraine Valley transfer students at an annual value of \$100,000.”

“The PRT honors you tonight by presenting this certificate of appreciation and gratitude for leading the way and laying a foundation of excellence, and we also present you with an inaugural copy of *The Chocolate Truth*, a ‘tru-ography’ we could not have authored without the founding of the PRT.”

Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman

“Thelma has served as treasurer of the Round Table for the last four years and as president of Folsom Lake College of the Los Rios Community College District since July 2001. She often speaks with pride of her significant role in building the college and hiring every employee to make sure that Folsom Lake ‘got it right.’ She led the college to accreditation in 2004. In addition to growing enrollment, constructing new facilities, and forging creative partnerships in the community, Dr. Scott-Skillman’s vision led to the construction of the \$40M ‘Three Stages’ Performing Arts Center. Her love for music and her talent as a pianist translated into a personal commitment and triumph when the last brick was laid and this ‘regional jewel’ opened.”

“We all know Thelma. She is steadfast; she is committed; she is focused; and she is an advocate for professionals of color. Under her leadership, our coffers have grown exponentially, and that allows the PRT to support a variety of initiatives.”

“It is often said that the measure of a woman’s character is not just what she gets from her ancestors, but what she leaves her descendants. It is how she reacts when faced with adversity. It is what she does when those ugly ‘isms’ (racism, sexism, oppressionism) raise their heads.”

“In the words of Alicia Keys, we could buy her diamonds; we could buy her pearls; we could send her on a cruise around the world, because we know she’s worth it. Dr. Scott-Skillman – we present a certificate of appreciation, gratitude, and love – and, a set of leather journals to chronicle your travels around the world. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts!”



Dr. Vernon O. Crawley



Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman

Inaugural Presentation of the Convener’s Award

Helen Benjamin, outgoing convener for the PRT, instituted the annual presentation of the Convener’s Award to be given to an individual(s) who has/have shown exemplary support of the PRT in word and deed. The award was presented to Drs. Eileen Baccus and Belle Wheelan for their continued service to the organization through the years in their display of “love, friendship, indignation and compassion.” Both have served as convener for the PRT in the past.



Dr. Eileen Baccus and Dr. Belle Wheelan

PRT Members on the 2011-12 AACC Board of Directors

On July 1, 2012, Dr. Marie Foster-Gnage, president, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, will begin her term as chair of the AACC Board of Directors. Three members of the Presidents' Round Table (PRT) will begin their three-year terms as new members of the AACC board: Dr. Quintin Bullock, president, Schenectady CC (NY); Erma Johnson Hadley, chancellor, Tarrant CCD (TX); and Dr. Charlene Dukes, president, Prince George's CC (MD), who will join the board as the representative for the NCBAA. PRT members continuing on the board are Dr. Myrtle Dorsey, chancellor, St. Louis CC (MO); Dr. Kenneth Atwater, president, Hillsborough CC (FL); Dr. Jonathan Gueverra, president, Florida Keys CC (FL); Dr. Alex Johnson, president, CC of Allegheny County (PA); Dr. Carole Berotte Joseph, president, Bronx CC (NY); Dr. Wilfredo Nieves, president, Capitol CC (CT); Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman, president, Folsom Lake College (CA); Dr. Joseph Seabrooks, Jr., president, Metropolitan CC-Penn Valley (MO); Dr. Jennifer Wimbish, president, Cedar Valley.



Dr. Marie Foster-Gnage Dr. Quintin Bullock Erma Johnson Hadley Dr. Charlene Dukes



Left to Right: Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley; President Obama; Dr. Charlene M. Dukes, PGCC president; and PGCC Board Chairman Felix Yeoman

President Obama Visits Prince George's Community College (PGCC)

President Barack Obama spoke before an audience of students and employees on March 15 in Novak Field House at Prince George's Community College (MD). He delivered remarks on American energy and highlighted the important role community colleges play in partnering with businesses to provide innovative solutions to address the country's energy concerns. The president praised the important contributions of community colleges by saying, "The skills that you gain here at this community college will be the surest path to success in this economy." The president also stressed that community colleges play a vital role in ensuring that students of all ages "have the skills and education they need to succeed in today's global economy."

Benjamin and Bumphus Receive NCBAA Awards



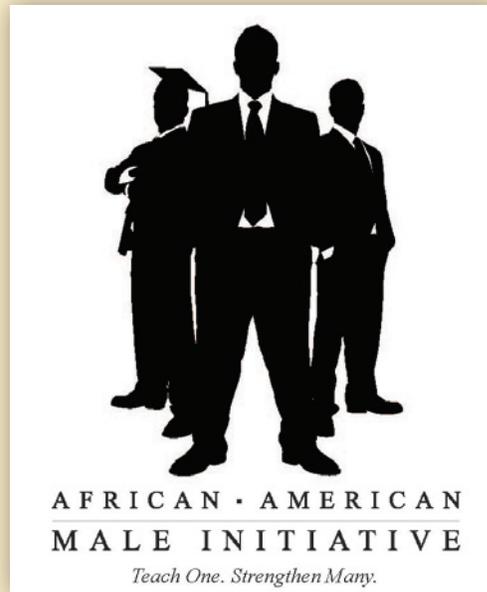
Dr. Carolyn H. Anderson, NCBAA president; Dr. Walter Bumphus, president/CEO of AACC; Dr. Helen Benjamin, chancellor, Contra Costa Community College District

Dr. Helen Benjamin, chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District, and Dr. Walter Bumphus, president and CEO of AACC, were recipients of the 2012 NCBAA Leadership and President's Award respectively. The awards are given annually to exemplary leaders who embody the values and live the mission of the National Council on Black American Affairs.

PRT to Hold First Man-Up Conference

In keeping with its vision of supporting and advancing the needs of students in community colleges, the PRT will hold its first national activity for African American males. The program will be an intensive two-day workshop with a focus on the following areas: self-image, career readiness, personal health and wellness, entrepreneurship, lifestyle development, financial literacy, parenting, and other relationships.

Participants will be recommended by member CEOs and selected using a competitive process. The conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, and run concurrently with the PRT fall business meeting and professional development activities from October 26 – 28. For further information, contact Dr. Sharon Blackman at sblackman@dcccd.edu.



Fisher's Newest Book *Learning for Ownership*



Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher

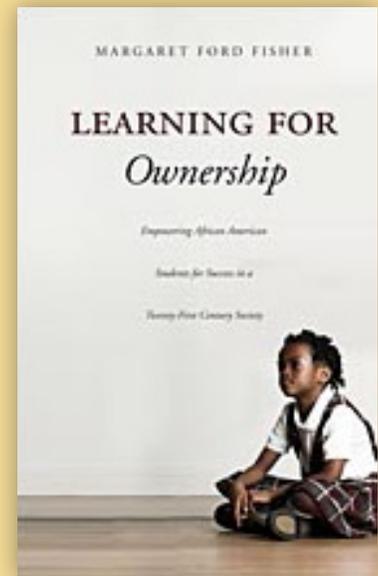
Dr. Fisher has served for over 30 years at the public school, community college, and university levels where she has been a faculty member and administrator in key administrative positions. Currently, Dr. Fisher is president of Houston Community College District, Northeast College, in Houston, TX.

Learning for Ownership is designed to help urban educators prepare students enrolled at “low-performing schools” for academic success. The first book in the *Learning for Ownership* series has now been released

and focuses on empowering African American students for success in the 21st century. Dr. Fisher's book presents a vision and a plan to improve the persistency and academic achievement rates of students in urban school districts. The second book in the *Learning for Ownership* series will be available soon and addresses the educational preparation and empowerment of Hispanic students. The third book of the series is a long-term review of *Learning for Ownership* best practices.

Dr. Fisher's research interest to close the achievement gap began in 1973 in her role as assistant professor of ethnic/minority studies at Wichita State University. Her focus sharpened in 1979 with her research at the University of Houston that focused on Dr. James Banks' *Typology of Ethnicity*. Dr. Fisher is on a mission. Her first major works (*Dual Credit Should be Institutionalized* published in 1995 and *High School Students Earning College Credit: A Guide to Creating Dual Credit Programs* published in 1996) focused on dual credit, a process for high school students to earn college credit while still in high school.

With this new work, Dr. Fisher says she seeks *Learning for Ownership* change agents who will help transform the mindsets and skill sets of urban youth to set them on a path to achieve academic and personal success.



CEO Appointments

Ivy Tech Community College Selects Thomas G. Coley as Chancellor for North Central (South Bend) Region

Ivy Tech Community College selected Dr. Thomas G. Coley as its Chancellor for the North Central region. Dr. Coley began his position June 1, 2011. Ivy Tech's North Central region serves Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties, with three full-service campuses located in South Bend, Goshen and Warsaw.



Dr. Thomas G. Coley

Dr. Coley has held faculty and administrative positions in higher education for more than 30 years. He has served as president of Scott Community College in Scott County, Iowa, and also as vice chancellor of instruction and vice chancellor for technology and communications systems. Prior to his roles at Scott Community College, Dr. Coley served as vice president of instruction and student services (Black Hawk College in Moline, Illinois); assistant vice president for academic and student affairs (Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio); assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs (Oregon State System of Higher Education); executive assistant to the president (California State University-Fullerton); and assistant provost of the division of human and college resources (University of Maryland-College Park). He has also served as faculty at many of these institutions teaching management and education policy.

Dr. Coley earned his doctoral degree in education administration and master's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Moorhead State University in Minnesota.

Nationally, he has served on the board of the National Council of Instructional Administrators and as a member of the Commission on Workforce and Economic Development and the Commission on Communications and Marketing of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Gueverra Named President for Florida Keys Community College

Dr. Jonathan Gueverra has been named as the sixth president of the Florida Keys Community College. Currently the chief executive of the University of the District of Columbia Community College, he previously served as provost at the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College, as dean of the School of Business and Public Service at the State University of New York, Canton, and associate dean at Massachusetts Bay Community College.



Dr. Jonathan Gueverra

Dr. Gueverra emigrated to the U.S. at the age of 21 from Trinidad and Tobago. He received an associate's degree from Newbury Junior College, a bachelor's degree from Providence College and a master's and doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. He is a member of numerous professional and civic organizations, including the advisory board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, the Presidents Round Table of African American CEOs, Generation Hope, and the recipient of many honors and awards.

Dr. Sylvia Jenkins Selected as New Moraine Valley College President



Dr. Sylvia Jenkins

Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, current vice president of academic affairs at Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC), will become the fifth president of MVCC, effective July 1, 2012, bringing more than 30 years of experience as an educator to the chief executive office. She will replace Dr. Vernon Crawly who will be retiring after 21 years as president of the college.

In 2001, Dr. Jenkins was selected to serve as the assistant dean, Center for Teaching and Learning, and director of the library. In 2003, she was appointed dean, academic development and learning resources. During that time, she successfully established the award-winning Center for Teaching and Learning, and led the library staff and faculty in the redesign of the college's library.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Grambling State University, her master of library and information science degree from the State University of New York at Albany, and her doctorate in education and human resource studies with a specialization in community college leadership from Colorado State University-Fort Collins, Colorado.

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Noldon Selected to Head Contra Costa Community College



Dr. Denise Noldon

After completing a comprehensive search for the next president at Contra Costa College (CCC), Dr. Denise Noldon has been selected as CCC's tenth permanent president, effective July 1, 2012. Dr. Noldon is currently the vice president of student development and enrollment management at Folsom Lake College. She has

served in her current position as a senior manager since 2005 and made contributions to the success of students at the college and district levels. Prior to assuming the vice presidency, she worked at Chabot College as dean of counseling and matriculation and EOP&S/CARE (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services/Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education) coordinator at Las Positas College. She comes to Contra Costa College with a stellar background and is known for her honesty, integrity and passion for meeting the needs of students.

Dr. Noldon earned an undergraduate degree in psychology, a master's in counseling/student development in higher education at California State University Long Beach, and obtained her doctorate in college student personnel administration at the University of Maryland at College Park. Dr. Noldon has taught at Drexel University and Oregon State University, and served as a counselor during her career.

Ortiz Selected as Peralta Community College District's New Chancellor



Dr. José M. Ortiz

Dr. José M. Ortiz, the superintendent/president of Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, California, was selected as the new chancellor to lead the Peralta Community College District, effective July 2, 2012.

Ortiz was appointed superintendent/president of Allan Hancock College in July 2005. In that position he has been responsible for a California community college serving more than 11,500 credit students and 5,500 noncredit students each semester. Prior to Allan Hancock College, Ortiz served as an educational administrator in several institutions of higher learning including Laney College in Oakland and Solano Community College in Fairfield,

California; Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Maryland; the University of Maryland, University College; and the University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon.

Ortiz holds a doctorate degree in education policy, planning, and administration from the University of Maryland, College Park; a master's degree in teaching English as a second language from West Chester State University in Pennsylvania; and a bachelor's degree in English from Catholic University of Puerto Rico.

Price Appointed Interim Chancellor for Alabama Community College System

The Alabama Board of Education named Susan Y. Price as the new, two-year interim chancellor for the Alabama Community College System. Price has gone on record that she is not interested in serving as chancellor of the Alabama Community College System on a permanent basis.



Susan Y. Price

Since 2004, she has served as vice chancellor of student and instructional services. Previously, she served as assistant director, Appeals Division, for the Washington State Department of Revenue from July 1997 to July 2004. In that capacity, Ms. Price headed a division of 17 administrative law judges and five administrative staff persons responsible for adjudicating tax appeals brought against the Department of Revenue, and for developing sound tax policy for the State of Washington. Prior to joining the Department of Revenue, Ms. Price served as its legal counsel for five years (as assistant attorney general) and defended the agency before both administrative boards and the Washington courts. After a federal judicial clerkship in Montgomery with the Honorable Joel F. Dubina, Ms. Price began her legal career as a member of the litigation department of a national law firm headquartered in Seattle. Before attending law school, she briefly taught English literature and creative writing.

Ms. Price received her bachelor's degree in English literature/creative writing from Princeton University and her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Talley Named New President for Frederick Community College

The board of trustees of Frederick Community College named Dr. Frederico Talley as Frederick Community College's (FCC) next president, effective July 1, 2012. "Our board was very impressed with Dr. Talley's experience in higher education, his strong communication skills and interactions with the trustees and campus community, and his vision and goals for our campus's future," said Dixie Miller, chair of the FCC board of trustees and the search committee. Dr. Talley will be the college's eighth and first African American president.

Dr. Talley has worked at several colleges and universities since 1980 and as vice president and dean of the



Dr. Frederico Talley

College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) Leonardtown Campus since 2005. Prior to joining CSM, Dr. Talley was a faculty member at Northwest State Community College in Ohio; founding dean of the McMaster School for Advancing Humanity, dean of enrollment management, and professor in the behavioral and applied social sciences at Defiance College in Ohio; president and professor of education at Olivet College in Michigan; associate provost for academic student services and associate professor at Rowan University in New Jersey; vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Bryant University in Rhode Island; and associate dean of student affairs at Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts.

Dr. Talley holds a Ph.D. in student personnel and higher education administration from Ohio University, a master's degree in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University, and a bachelor's degree in English from Dickinson College.



Plan Ahead for PRT 2012 Activities in Phoenix

The annual fall meeting and the Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership are held annually in October. This year, the Maricopa Community Colleges and Chancellor Rufus Glasper will host our events in Phoenix, Arizona.

Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership

October 21-25, 2012

Fee: \$1,200

PRT Business Meeting and Professional Development Activities

October 25-27, 2012

(Noon October 25 to noon October 27, 2012)

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