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A National Network of African American Community College CEOs



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This year's Lakin Institute was very successful. The Leadership Competencies for Community College Leaders from the American Association of Community Colleges serve as the basis for the program. The weather was perfect, and the sun shined all week. All in all, the venue, the participants, the weather, the dialogues and discussions made the week perfect. In the end, the Lakin Institute class produced a Lakin pledge that will serve as the foundation and centerpiece for all future Lakin Institutes.

The Bay Area hosts ensured the programs that were presented provided the personal and professional development experiences that will enhance the participants' potential for expanded leadership roles in their current and future responsibilities in America's community colleges. We know that more African American community college presidents are graduates of the Lakin Institute than any other community college leadership program in the United States. We deeply appreciate the support from our Bay Area hosts and acknowledge their contributions to the program by their presence, interactive presentations, and person power.

A Message from the Convener

Greetings,

I want to thank all of you who supported the Thomas L. Lakin, Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams, and the Men of Color institutes during



Dr. Andrew C. Jones
PRT Convener

the week of October 12-19, 2014, in Burlingame, CA. The institutes were amazing and inspiring. The host colleges set a new standard, and we had record numbers of participants.

As I thought about the fall season and the popular sayings of *fall back* and *spring forward*, I considered the timeless leadership foundations of a strong work ethic versus spring forward concepts of working smart, and while these concepts are never mutually exclusive, we all too often view them in that light. How do we honor the traditions of the past, yet not ignore the potential of the future? The answer may be as simple as we combine them to make certain that our emerging leaders in higher education are informed about the practices of the past and open to the possibilities of looking forward.

Please join me in congratulating the participants in the Thomas L. Lakin, Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams, and the Men of Color institutes as they prepare to launch with an awareness of what's past, but with all eyes forward.

Warm regards,
Andrew



Thomas L. Lakin Institute – Class of 2014



Lakin Institute Coordinators - Drs. Charlene Newkirk, Sylvia Jenkins, and Charlene Dukes

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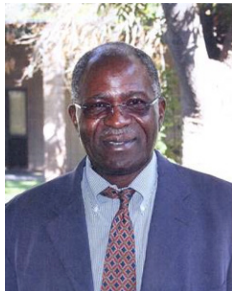
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- Dr. Jose Ortiz, chancellor, Peralta Community College District
- Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, president, Skyline College
- Dr. Art Tyler, chancellor, City College of San Francisco
- Dr. Elnora Webb, president, Laney College.

Appreciation is extended to the 2014 presenters (Dr. Helen Benjamin; Dr. Quintin Bullock; Dr. Walter G. Bumphus; Dr. Ned Doffoney; Dr. Charlene M. Dukes; Dr. Rodney Ellis; Dr. Brice W. Harris; Mr. Randy Horn; Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery; Dr. Andrew C. Jones; Dr. Audre Levy; Dr. Jamillah Moore; Gary Moriarity; Dr. Jose Ortiz; Dr. Avis Proctor; Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman; Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud; Dr. Art Tyler; and Dr. Jennifer Wimbish) and our corporate sponsors: Cengage Learning, AECOM, and Yaffe Deustser, LLC.

Dr. Stanback Stroud provided support of a former Lakin graduate and logistical support in California. Dr. Ming-Hoa Ta, dean of the Chinatown College Center of City Colleges of San Francisco, was most helpful in coordinating the use of the City Colleges of San Francisco Chinatown location and visit to Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco. Special appreciation is extended to her as well as to the staff of the Center who illustrated the historical connections between the Chinese and African American communities in struggle for equality in the Bay Area for both Lakin Institute and LDI participants.



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Join us in Atlanta in 2015

for the

Thomas L. Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership; the
Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams Leadership Development Institute;
and the Men of Color Institute

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LAKIN PLEDGE DEVELOPED BY THE CLASS OF 2014

WE ARE LAKIN!

"I was profoundly driven as a young adult, as a young parent and as a young black person to forever seek out people of good will, and to persistently seek social justice. To this end, I have committed my life." Those are the words of Dr. Thomas Lakin, the man in whose name we are gathered. Because of his commitment to diversity, Dr. Lakin, in life, and in spirit, is responsible for advancing the careers of many leaders of color.

We are grateful for the time and effort that the members of the Presidents' Round Table have spent imparting their knowledge, experiences and introducing us to the competencies of the Lakin Leadership Institute. The experience has been transformative through

- expert guidance,*
- experiential exercises, and*
- case study simulation.*

Through this experience we have been equipped as leaders/future CEOs and reminded of the moral obligation to continue the legacy of Dr. Thomas Lakin. Our facilitators have given us their collective wisdom that has bonded this class of 2014. So today, we leave with not only the knowledge and skills of becoming a CEO; but also, the confidence to move forward in our career trajectory.

We the Lakin Class of 2014, will honor the legacy of Dr. Thomas Lakin and remain steadfast in our pursuit of excellence in education and leadership and dedicate this pledge.

We are Lakin... We Pledge...

- ❖ *To remain a visionary, a champion of the community college's legacy with a deep commitment to the pursuit of access, affordability, equity, success, and quality education.*
- ❖ *To exemplify intelligence, and innovation.*
- ❖ *To maintain high integrity and ethical standards.*
- ❖ *To put students at the center of all we do, while upholding the highest ethical practices, and remaining committed to serving the needs of underserved, disenfranchised students and communities.*
- ❖ *To pass on the torch that has been kindled within us to others on their path to success and advancement.*
- ❖ *To be courageous, while exploring the realm of possibilities.*
- ❖ *The call for leadership reminds us to be brave during periods of discomfort.*
- ❖ *To embrace the opportunities that have been placed before us, and to accept the responsibility of reaching back to mentor those coming after us. It is our challenge, it is our duty, it is our mission!*

WE ARE LAKIN!

The NCBA Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams Leadership Development Institute for African American Midlevel Administrators in Community Colleges

SPECIAL THANKS

Marian C. Shivers, Ed. D., Dean
NCDBAA Leadership Institute



The 13th annual Leadership Institute was extremely stimulating and rewarding as 31 participants embraced the hospitality of ten San Francisco Bay Area college CEOs, including Dr. Helen Benjamin, chancellor, Contra Costa Community College District; Dr. Bryon Breland, president, San Jose City College; Dr. Jannett Jackson, chancellor, Chabot Las Positas Community College District; Dr. Kathryn Jeffery, president, Sacramento City College; Dr. Jowel Laguerre, president, Solano Community College; Dr. Denise Noldon, president, Contra Costa College; Dr. Jose Ortiz, chancellor, Peralta Community College District; Dr. Regina Standback Stroud, president, Skyline College; Dr. Art Tyler, chancellor, San Francisco City College; and Dr. Elnora Webb, president, Laney College. A special “thank you” goes to Dr. Benjamin for her vision, energy and work in coordinating the CEOs in this very worthwhile activity. Without the support of the CEOs, it would have been very difficult for us to have met in the Bay Area.

Additionally, the Presidents Round Table (PRT), Peralta Association of African Americans (PAAA), Southern California Council on Black American Affairs (SCCBAA), and the Western Region Council on Black American Affairs (WRCBAA) provided invaluable support. As you can see, it “took a whole village” to ensure the success of the 2014 Leadership Institute. Great lessons were learned and demonstrated about partnerships, leveraging resources and professional integrity.

LDI Scholars 2014



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My LDI Experience

The Leadership Development Institute (LDI) was quite a learning, and professional development, experience for me. The organizers of the conference were careful to ensure the identified presenters were experts in their positions; that they were accessible, and approachable; and that they had meaningful information to share. Individual presentations were relevant and thoughtful, covering topics that mid-level managers encounter almost on a daily basis. There were multiple panels, and the panels that included current and former presidents, vice-presidents, and chancellors particularly impressed me. These expert practitioners shared their unique experiences as African American community college professionals, as well as their individual pathways to success – their stories were extraordinary and familiar while yielding information that alerted the LDI participants to potential dynamics in the workplace and along the pathway toward becoming a higher-level administrator at a community college.

LDI was thoughtfully organized. The trip to City College of San Francisco, Chinatown Center, was amazing. The Chinatown Center has stunning architecture, materials, and workmanship. It was also quite an education to visit the Chinese Cultural Center and take the walking tour of Chinatown. Learning about the Chinese connection to African American culture and history was fascinating. It was also a cultural bridge, I think, for the Chinese tour guide to see African Americans sincerely interested in the Chinese culture, accomplishments, and history.

A quote that I recall from one of the speakers was “manage your relationships.” Admittedly, this is a limitation for many people, and to hear it stated explicitly was quite helpful. The quote reminded us to maintain a professional disposition at all times, and to always interact with others civilly and intelligently. We also received critical feedback about resume content, and what college CEOs consider appropriate dress, hair length, professional disposition, and work ethic. I would highly recommend LDI for all mid-level managers wanting to learn important strategies for professional growth and development.

3rd Annual Men of Color Student Leadership Institute



*Dr. Sharon Blackman, Coordinator
Men of Color Institute*



Men of Color Institute Class of 2014

The 3rd Annual Men of Color Student Leadership Institute was held October 16–19, 2014, in San Francisco in conjunction with the fall meeting of the Presidents’ Round Table. Fifty-two students (46 students and six peer leaders) from 28 community colleges were selected to participate in the institute. More than 70 students applied and eight former participants applied as peer leaders.

The institute began with an opening reception on Thursday evening, and students began the bonding experience with the institute facilitator and Men of Color Institute (MOC) committee member, Brian Hamlin, manager, Diverse Student Initiative, at Prince George’s Community College. Dr. Andrew Jones, Presidents’ Round Table convener, welcomed the participants and provided information about design and purpose of the institute. The MOC is designed to help students address identified barriers that can keep students from being successful in college. Institute sessions cover self-image, college completion, career readiness, personal health and wellness, financial literacy, parenting and relationships, and developing one’s independent nature and lifestyle. The aforementioned topics were covered by seven presenters, professionals that volunteered their time to share meaningful information with the students.

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3rd Annual Men of Color Student Leadership Institute

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This year, as with the past institutes, students were given a team assignment to be presented at the closing banquet. However, this year, students were assigned to their team prior to attending the institute. Each team had an assigned peer leader who worked with the group throughout the institute. Peer leaders also mentored the participants, introduced session speakers, and assisted with the overall institute. A new responsibility of the peer leader was selecting a most valuable participant from the team. This award was presented at the closing banquet.

Since the majority of institute participants were from ten different states and most had never been in San Francisco, participants enjoyed a cultural excursion into San Francisco. The excursion was arranged by committee member Dr. Newin Orante, vice president student services, from the host college Diablo Valley College. Students visited places such as Fisherman's Warf and concluded their evening with dinner at Off the Grid which provided many food selections via food trucks.

As with past years, the institute included a full session of workshops for advisors. There were several advisors who attended that were not accompanying students, but were interested in learning more about starting such programs at their colleges. Ms. Tiska Jackson, program coordinator and life coach of Men Moving Mountains, Davidson County Community College, and the first and only female presenter, shared details of the program. In addition, the advisors participated in roundtable discussions about successful practices, barriers to the success of minority males in higher education, and the important components of programs for male students. Information from the roundtable discussions will be presented in a paper to be published in the coming months.

Men of Color – Class of 2014

Deonte Allen CC of Allegheny South Campus	Ryan Hernandez Broward College	Maurice Moore Cedar Valley College
Demond Alston Halifax CC	Kenneth Herndon City College of San Francisco	LaTrell Nelson Eastfield College
Ivan Benitez South Mountain CC	Bryant Hodges Santa Fe College	Hussein Osman South Central College Minnesota
Ashton Brackens Chandler-Gilbert CC	Evin Hodges Montgomery College	Daniel Paul Broward College
Kevin Carmichael CC of Allegheny South Campus	Peter Kashapata Prince George CC	Dante Pritchett Ivy Tech CC
Jose Carreon El Centro College	Quintavious Kelley Santa Fe College	Gerardo Rascon Tarrant County College- Northwest
Stanley Chibueze Tarrant County College	Alexander Kneip Chandler-Gilbert CC	Christian Smith West Los Angeles College
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Sergio Correa Cumberland CC	Gerson Liahut-Sanchez East Los Angeles College	Christian Taylor Halifax CC
Michael Davis Baltimore City CC	Gabriel Lopez Chandler-Gilbert CC	Daniel Tesfamariam Gateway CC
Brian Dozier Mesa CC	Luis Alfredo Lopez Los Angeles SW College	Ira Thomas Tarrant County College
Christopher Floyd North Lake College	Romel Lopez East Los Angeles College	DeShon Tuck Santa Fe College
Christian George Montgomery College	Lawrence Love Los Angeles SW College	Randy Urena East Los Angeles College
Dysheed Goodson Montgomery County CC	Robert Santino Martinez East Los Angeles College	Kwame Vinson Montgomery County CC
Eduardo Hernandez-Avalos Tarrant County College	Joshua McDaniel Prince George CC	Jason Wyatt Broward College
	Hayden Young Los Medanos College	

MOC Testimonials

“Thank you for making possible the experience of conglomerating with gentlemen who I believe already are impacting our world in the most positive way. The efforts of you and staff are not only inspiring, but tools to keep handy for a multitude of tasks life will present.”

Maurice Moore

“I just wanted to personally thank you on behalf of the Minority Male Men that attended the conference. It was definitely life changing, and they walked away empowered. It was also such a great encouragement to me (as their adviser and conference participant). I wish you continued success in this powerful and necessary event.”

Tony Little

Skyline College President Joining President's Advisory Council



Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud

President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, president of Skyline College in San Bruno, CA, to the President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability for Young Americans.

The council, established in June 2013, advises President Obama and the Secretary of the Treasury on how to build the financial capability of young people at an early stage of their lives in schools, families, communities, the workplace and through the use of technology. It is hoped that these recommendations will contribute to the nation's future financial stability and increase upward economic mobility.

Dr. Stroud has been president of Skyline College since 2011 and previously served as vice president from 2001 to 2011. From 1997 to 2001, she was the dean of workforce and economic development at Mission College in Santa Clara, CA. Dr. Standback Stroud is a 2003 Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership graduate.

National Institutes of Health Awards Detroit Colleges \$21.2 million

A consortium of Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD), Marygrove College, University of Detroit Mercy, and Wayne State University has been awarded \$21.2 million over five years by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to implement a program encouraging more undergraduate students from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue careers in biomedical research.

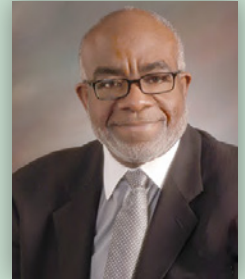
The grant was awarded through the NIH's Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD) initiative, created to get more minority and economically disadvantaged students in the STEM pipeline, expose students to research in laboratories and enhance the research-training environment. Studies have shown students from underrepresented backgrounds enter early biomedical research training in numbers that reflect the general population, but they are less likely to persist.

The Detroit consortium's project is called REBUILD Detroit — an acronym for Research Enhancement for Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity. During the first year of the grant, the four partner institutions will redesign their curriculum with an emphasis on peer mentoring, early introduction to laboratory research and dedicated faculty advising. The program will recruit its first cohort of students in the second year and begin their training.

In order to shift the paradigm of minorities in biomedical research, REBUILD Detroit's goals are aggressive: to have at least 75 percent of its scholars graduate with baccalaureate degrees in biomedical science-related fields and have 50 percent of those graduates matriculate into biomedical research doctoral programs.

WCCCD Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery stated, "The elements of REBUILD Detroit correlate strongly with retention of science majors for both underrepresented and non-underrepresented minority populations. It's vital that students are aware of opportunities in the sciences as early as possible, and that we're here to support them and ensure that they succeed."

At the conclusion of the BUILD projects, the NIH will disseminate successful approaches widely so that institutions beyond those directly supported by the program may adopt and implement the most effective strategies.



Dr. Curtis L. Ivery

South Central College National Skills USA Competition



Dr. Annette Parker

Dr. Annette Parker, president of South Central College (SCC), proudly announced that the Automated Manufacturing Technology team from SCC brought home the silver medal from the national Skills USA competition, held June 23–27 in Kansas City. Skills USA is a nationwide career and technical student leadership organization for students in career and technical programs and serves more than 300,000 students.

SCC team members earned their way to the national Skills USA competition after finishing in 1st place in the Minnesota state competition. At the national competition, they competed against 12 other post-secondary teams from throughout the nation.

The SCC team members are all students in SCC's Computer Integrated Machining (CIM) program. CIM is a high tech field that utilizes analytics and automation in the advanced manufacturing process, to take a production idea from design to development to finished product.

Tidewater Community College Appoints Boyd as New Provost for Norfolk Campus (VA)

Dr. Jeffery S. Boyd has been selected as the new provost of Tidewater Community College's (TCC) Norfolk Campus. Boyd, previously Elgin Community College (IL) dean of sustainability, business and career technologies, began his new position as provost on August 1, 2014. Earlier in his career, Dr. Boyd was on the staff at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, CA.



Dr. Jeffery S. Boyd

Dr. Boyd holds a doctor of education degree in community college leadership, a master's in education and a bachelor's in human services.

Bright Selected as New Provost for Tarpon Springs Campus (FL)

Dr. Marvin L. Bright became provost at the Tarpon Springs Campus, St. Petersburg College, effective July 2014, after serving as chief officer of student success initiatives for the Virginia Community College System. Prior to this, Dr. Bright served as chief administrative officer of Tidewater Community College's Norfolk campus. With more than 20 years of experience in higher education, Dr. Bright has held several administrative positions in academic and student services, including associate vice president of student affairs, dean of students, director of athletics, associate professor and counselor.



Dr. Marvin L. Bright

A community college graduate himself, Dr. Bright also holds a bachelor's degree from Towson University, a master's degree from Temple University, and a doctoral degree from Morgan State University.

Curry Selected as Interim President, Florissant Valley Campus, St. Louis Community College (MO)

Selected as interim president of Florissant Valley Campus, St. Louis Community College (STLCC), MO, in June 2014, Ms. Ruby Curry joined STLCC in 1976 as a physical education instructor and coach of the campus's women's basketball and softball teams. Subsequently, she was honored as the Region XVI Coach of the Year in 1986; became chair of the Physical



Ms. Ruby Curry

Education department in 1993; and was appointed dean of the Business and Human Development division in 2001. In 1990, Curry was elected as the Women's Region XVI director for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and served until 2008. Ms. Curry was inducted into the NJCAA Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006 and, in 2008, received the NJCAA Service Award. In addition, she also served as Region VII director for the American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC).

Ms. Curry earned a master's degree in education-physical education from Eastern Illinois University and a bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Central Missouri State University.

Daniels Selected to Head Madison Area Technical College (WI)

Dr. Jack E. Daniels III was selected as the eighth president of Madison Area Technical College, effective August 2013. Dr. Daniels, has more than 30 years of higher education experience ranging from community and technical colleges to graduate institutions. In addition to serving



Dr. Jack E. Daniels, III

17 years as a community or technical college president, Dr. Daniels has held several positions of distinction including psychology professor; associate dean of math, science and physical education; dean of instruction; and vice president of academic affairs. Prior to his selection as the new president of Madison College, Dr. Daniels served as president of Los Angeles Southwest College, Lincoln Land Community College and Houston Community College – Central College.

Dr. Daniels' credentials include a bachelor's degree from Huntington College (IN) and a Ph.D. from the Wright Institute Graduate School of Psychology in Berkeley, CA.

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Davis is the New Chancellor for Delgado Community College (LA)

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors has selected Joan Davis as the next chancellor of Delgado Community College, effective July 2014. Davis previously served as interim president of Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, AL, and prior to that served as the director of the Alabama Technology Network (ATN), where she provided workforce development training and assistance. Previous to her work at ATN, she served as general counsel and vice chancellor for legal and human resources at the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education. During her tenure with the Department, she also served as interim chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. At Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, she served as assistant vice president for fiscal affairs, where she supervised the human resources division and provided legal counsel and advice. During more than 20 years of legal practice, she has engaged in private practice as well as governmental and higher-education law in the states of Alabama, Georgia and Florida.



Ms. Joan Davis

Ms. Davis earned her bachelor's degree in English and history from Bennett College in Greensboro, NC, and her juris doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Edwards Named as New President for Portland Community College's Cascade Campus (OR)

Dr. Karin Edwards began her new position as president for the Cascade Campus of the Portland Community College, effective July 2014. Previous to this announcement, she was the dean of student development and services at Connecticut's Three Rivers Community College.



Dr. Karin Edwards

Dr. Edwards holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island, and a master's degree in higher education administration and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Albany-SUNY (State University of New York). Dr. Edwards is a 1997 Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership graduate.

Essex County College Appoints Gibson as Seventh President (NJ)

Dr. Gale Gibson was formally appointed as the seventh president and the second woman to lead Essex County College (ECC) in its 45-year history. A transformative leader in higher education, she had been serving as the college's interim president since April 1, 2013. Prior to serving as the college's interim president, Dr. Gibson served as Essex County College's senior vice president for academic affairs and chief academic officer.

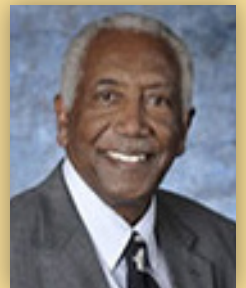


Dr. Gale E. Gibson

Dr. Gibson earned her doctoral degree from North Carolina State University and her master's and bachelor's degrees from Binghamton University – State University of New York.

Isaac Interim President for Riverside City College (CA)

Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac has been named interim president of Riverside City College, after serving as vice president of academic affairs. Dr. Isaac was first hired by Riverside Community College District in 2006 as dean of health science programs at Moreno Valley College (MVC). A Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Isaac was born in Eritrea, East Africa, and graduated from Ethiopia's Haile Selassie University where he majored in chemistry. His graduate studies and work later took him to the University of Uppsala in Sweden before he returned to Eritrea to work as a government secretary of human resources. Prior to coming to California, he served as the president of the University of Asmara in Eritrea.



Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac

Holding a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Michigan, Dr. Isaac is a recognized scholar and has published over 25 scientific papers in refereed journals.

May Selected for Baltimore City Community College Presidency (MD)

The Baltimore City Community College Board of Trustees announced the selection of Dr. Gordon F. May as president of Baltimore City Community College (BCCC), effective September 2, 2014. Previously, Dr. May served 27 years at Oakland Community College – 11 of which he served as campus president. In his role at BCCC, he will serve as a change agent to bring both innovation and stability to the urban multi-site college and to engage the community. Dr. May brings rich experience and a proven track record as a competent, seasoned administrator, academic leader and strong community advocate.



Dr. Gordon F. May

Dr. May holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a master's degree and doctoral degree from Wayne State University. Dr. May is a 1996 Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership graduate.

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Millender Appointed President of Olive-Harvey College (IL)

Angelina N. Millender began her presidency of Olive-Harvey College, City Colleges of Chicago, effective April 7, 2014. Millender spent 20 years working in a variety of administrative roles at Robert Morris College, including vice president of student services as well as director of career planning and placement.



Ms. Angelia N. Millender

Millender is a graduate of National Louis University's master of science program in management. She earned her bachelor's degree from Chicago State University.

Mitchell New President for Ivy Tech Community College, Gary Campus (IN)

Ivy Tech Community College (Ivy Tech) named Dr. Marlon Mitchell to the position of president for the Gary Campus in March 2014. Campus presidents hold current positions with Ivy Tech, most serving as vice chancellors/deans. Ivy Tech has recently restructured its statewide system, resulting in the consolidation of administrative functions and regional operations. Dr. Mitchell has more than 18 years of experience in leadership and management roles. He recently served as the dean for the Northern Indiana region of Indiana Wesleyan University and has also held positions at Atlanta Technical College, Albany State College and Indiana University in Bloomington.



Dr. Marlon Mitchell

Dr. Mitchell holds a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree and doctoral degree in instructional systems technology.

Metropolitan Community College-Longview Welcomes Nooks as New President (MI)

Metropolitan Community College, Longview, welcomed Dr. Kirk Nooks as its new president, effective July 1, 2013. Dr. Nooks previously served at Georgia Highlands College as both the campus dean for the college's Marietta campus and executive liaison for diversity initiatives. Prior to his service at Georgia Highland College, Dr. Nooks served in various leadership roles at Northern Virginia Community College, including dean of student services and assistant professor, and was also the director of the Office of Institutional Initiatives at Prince George's Community College. Prior to his career in higher education, Dr. Nooks worked as an engineer.



Dr. Kirk A. Nooks

Dr. Nooks holds a doctorate in higher education administration from The George Washington University and an MBA in marketing and a bachelor of science in industrial management from Mercer University. He is a graduate of the 2011 Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership.

Nunn Named Interim President, Forest Park Campus, St. Louis Community College (MO)

Dr. Roderick Nunn began duties as interim president at Forest Park Campus, St. Louis Community College (STLCC), in May 2014. He previously served as vice chancellor for economic development and workforce solutions, overseeing the Corporate College, the Workforce Solutions Group and the Continuing Education division. Previous to joining the college in 2008, Dr. Nunn directed the public workforce system for three governors in both Missouri and Illinois. Under Dr. Nunn's leadership, the college's workforce development team has won numerous national, state and local awards.



Dr. Roderick Nunn

Dr. Nunn has a doctor of management from the University of Maryland-College Park's community college policy and administration program and holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield and a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Executive Director Robinson arrives at Nassau Center, FSCJ (FL)

Dr. Sandy L. Robinson has been selected to serve as executive director for the Nassau Center, Florida State College at Jacksonville, effective August 2014. She will serve in this capacity until a permanent replacement can be hired. Dr. Robinson will replace retiring North Campus President Barbara Darby next year. Dr. Robinson has spent her last 25 years working in progressively more responsible positions at Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio where she most recently served as vice president of learning and engagement.



Dr. Sandy L. Robinson

Dr. Robinson earned her bachelor's degree from Ohio State University, a master's degree from Cleveland State University, and completed her doctoral work in higher education administration at Kent State University.

Rose to Serve as Next President for Los Angeles Southwest College (CA)

Dr. Linda D. Rose has been selected as the next president for Los Angeles Southwest College. Dr. Rose previously served as vice president, academic affairs, at Santa Ana College after serving 11 years at Cerritos College, where she advanced from coordinator for PACE (Program for Adult College Education) to chairperson of the English Department, administrative co-chair involved in accreditation self-study, and finally, dean of the college's Liberal Arts Division.



Dr. Linda D. Rose

Dr. Rose has an A.A. degree from West Los Angeles Community College, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills and a doctoral degree from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Stevens New President for Kennedy-King College (IL)

Arshele Stevens has been named the new president for Kennedy-King College. She brings nearly 20 years of leadership experience to Kennedy-King College, where she has served as interim president since July 2013. Prior to becoming Kennedy-King College's president, Stevens served as the vice chancellor and chief information officer at City Colleges, the chief information officer for Chicago Public Schools, and worked as an assistant vice president at Wachovia Bank in Charlotte, NC.



Ms. Arshele Stevens

Ms. Stevens holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and an MBA from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

Towner Named Fifth Coahoma Community College President (MS)

Dr. Valmadge T. Towner became the fifth president of Coahoma Community College and the ninth superintendent of the Agricultural High School on July 1, 2013. Earlier in his career, Dr. Towner served as a mathematics teacher, ACT and Algebra tutor, head baseball coach and assistant football coach at Coahoma Community College and adjunct mathematics professor at Lemoyne-Owen College. Dr. Towner served Quitman County Schools as a principal and superintendent. Most recently, Dr. Towner served as the director of pupil services for the Desoto County School District.



Dr. Valmadge Towner

Dr. Towner graduated from Coahoma Community College with an associate's degree. He graduated from Alcorn State University with a bachelor's degree, a master's degree in mathematics and a master of education degree in administration. Dr. Towner received a master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, and a doctoral degree from the University of Mississippi.

New President Walker-Griffea begins at Mott Community College (MD)

Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea was selected as the seventh, and the first female and first black, president of Mott Community College, effective August 2014. Previously, she served as senior vice president for student services at Montgomery College in Maryland. From 2006 to 2011, she was vice president for student affairs at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia. And, before that, starting in 2001, Walker-Griffea was dean of student development at Houston Community College System - Central College in Houston, TX.



Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea

Dr. Walker-Griffea holds a Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University in Denton, TX, a master's degree from Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA, and a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK.