

Chief Executive Officers of California Community Colleges

2019 Retiree Recognition Dinner

March 3, 2019, 7pm



*Kona Kai Resort
San Diego*



*Retiring
December 2019*

Cindy L. Miles

Grossmont-Cuyamaca CCD Chancellor

She regards as high points of her tenure the accomplishments of colleagues: passing a \$398 million bond measure for new, modern facilities, rejuvenating both campuses in the wake of a devastating recession, tripling grant dollars, setting records for scholarships, as well as landmark numbers of degrees and certificates awarded. More than 5,500 degrees and certificates were awarded at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges in 2018, a 140 percent increase from 10 years ago.

Times of San Diego February 23, 2019



*Retiring
July 15, 2019*

Regina Stanback Stroud

Skyline College President

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

1) Starting the Skyline College Promise Scholars Program that goes beyond scholarship to include financial, textbook, transportation, food, technology, along with intensive support services.

2) Launching the first community college centered SparkPoint services in the nation.

3) Becoming a President's appointee by President Barack Hussein Obama based on my anti-poverty work in Education.

4) Launching the Equity Institute designed to provide research, publications, and professional development on issues impacting equity.

What advice do you give to new and continuing CEOs?

Be crystal clear on what you stand for and act on it with all the intention and deliberateness you can- don't behave so others will think well of you- behave as if other lives depend on you because they do. You do not have the luxury of mediocrity- show up differently.



Kathy Hart

*Superintendent/President
San Joaquin Delta College*



*Retiring
September 2019*

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

The accomplishment I'm most proud of is our last reaffirmation of accreditation in July, 2014. Our team worked through the removal of the previous S/P, onward to prepare a solid ISER, and lived through a very rocky team visit, but we came out strong when the final results were published.

What advice do you give to new and continuing CEOs?

Make as many partnerships in your community as you can: join community organizations, make friends with the school superintendents, support the arts and athletics communities, and engage with the business and economic development community. All of these friends can help you build your reputation, your college's reputation, and its programs, and they can come to your defense if you have trouble with your board. You are the face of the college in the community; you should take advantage of that. The time you spend will pay off.

Teresa Dreyfuss

*Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo College*



*Retiring
June 30, 2019*

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

1) Fiscally solvent, 2) contract negotiations with faculty within a month to reach tentative agreement for three-year successor agreement, 3) established a BS degree in Auto Tech and Management, 4) increased degrees and certificates awarded to students by 244% from 2013/14 with 1,210 awarded to 4,163 in 17/18, 5) fully accredited in 2016/17, 6) oversee approx. \$300 million construction projects, and 7) work for Rio Hondo College started as Accountant to Superintendent/President for last 32 years.

What advice do you give to new and continuing CEOs?

Be able to see the big picture, have visions, be trustworthy ethical and honest to campus community. Treat everyone nice with respect. Learn to comprise to resolve issues when it is necessary.

2019 Retirees

Deborah Budd, San José-Evergreen CCD, Chancellor (Jul. '18)

Jeff Cummings, Copper Mountain CCD, Superintendent/President, (Jun. '19)

Dennis Harkins, Orange Coast College, President (Feb. '19)

Willard Lewallen, Hartnell CCD, Superintendent/President (Sep. '19)

Raul Rodriguez, Rancho Santiago CCD, Chancellor (Jun. '19)

Patrick Schmitt, West Valley-Mission CCD Chancellor (Jun. '19)

Walt Tribbley, Monterey Peninsula CCD, Superintendent/President (Sep. '19)

Roger Wagner, Victor Valley CCD, Superintendent/President (Dec. '18)

Michael White, Woodland College, President (Jun. '19)

