

**INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER NOMINEES**

Listed in alphabetical order.



**SUNITA (SUNNY) COOKE**

**POSITION:** Since 2015 Superintendent/President of MiraCosta College in San Diego County, a public community college with four campuses in Oceanside, Carlsbad and Cardiff, California.

**PREVIOUS:** Served as president, Grossmont College; associate vice chancellor of workforce development, Lone Star System, TX; dean of sciences, health and wellness, Lone Star-Montgomery; director biotechnology institute, Lone Star-Montgomery; founding, full professor in biology and biotechnology, Lone Star-Montgomery.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Serves on national, state and regional boards including: National Academy of Sciences Board of Science Education; Educational Testing Services; Community College Survey of Student Engagement; Chair of California's Strong Workforce Taskforce; California Community College Economic Development and Workforce Development Advisory Council; President, San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association; San Diego Economic Development Corporation; San Diego Workforce Partnership Board (WIB); Biocom; Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. Biology, Georgetown University; B.S. Biology, minor in Education, American University. Post-doctoral training, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

**OTHER:** Professor in the San Diego State University's higher education doctoral program 2010-2015; Numerous presentations at state and national meetings including on topics such as transformative leadership, workforce and economic development, leadership development, strategic organizational development. Recent awards include the East County Chamber of Commerce C. Allen Paul award for innovative partnerships between business and education; San Diego Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business; Leap to Success, I Leap Award.



**JOSE FIERRO**

**POSITION:** Since 2015 President of Cerritos College, a public and comprehensive community college serving an area of 52 square miles of southeastern Los Angeles county.

**PREVIOUS:** Served as vice president, Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, Laramie County Community College; academic dean and professor of biological sciences, Florida State College.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Serves on board for Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges; Chair, Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders Executive Committee; Member: California Community Colleges Telecommunications & Technology Advisory Committee, and the American Association of Community Colleges Commission on College Readiness.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D., Higher Education Leadership, Northcentral University; M.S., Leadership and Management of Educational Programs, Nova Southeastern University; D.V.M., Universidad de Ciencias Aplicadas y Ambientales.

**OTHER:** Presentations: at state and regional conferences of California community college chief executive officers on leadership and related topics; at multiple educational conferences on the topic of faculty development for online teaching and the institutional strategies necessary for online programs to succeed. Awarded: 2010 NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award.



**MARIA HARPER-MARINICK**

**POSITION:** Chancellor of the Maricopa Community College District, in the metropolitan area of Phoenix, Arizona; a public system with ten individually-accredited colleges, a corporate college, and two skill centers serving over 200,000 students.

**PREVIOUS:** Served as Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Maricopa Community College District; Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Maricopa Community College District; Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Maricopa Community College District; District Director of Academic Programs and Services, Maricopa Community College District. Has taught as adjunct faculty at Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Serves on boards, including: Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU); Excelencia in Education; National Community College Hispanic Council (AACC); Commission on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity (AACC); League for Innovation in the Community College; RC2020; ETS National Community College Advisory Council; Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce; Greater Phoenix Leadership Council; Greater Phoenix Economic Council; Valley of the Sun United Way; Expect More Arizona; and Arizona Business and Education Coalition.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D., Educational Technology, Arizona State University; M.A. in Instructional Media, Arizona State University (Fulbright Scholar); Licentiate in Educational Administration and Supervision, Summa Cum Laude, Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Urena, Dominican Republic.

**OTHER:** Served on the federal Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance by appointment of U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Awarded: 2017 Valley Leadership Woman of the Year; 2016 ATHENA-Public Sector; 2016 Valle del Sol Special Leadership Award; 2015-2016 Ascend Aspen Institute Fellow; 2015 Woman of the Year (Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce). Featured in: Diverse: Issues in Higher Education as one of 25 women who have made a difference in the world by tackling some of higher education's toughest challenges and exhibiting extraordinary leadership skills; International Educator as "Women Making Their Marks"; Phoenix Magazine; Hispanic Executive; Latina Styles; Revista Mercado; and Celebration of Women book.



## **JAMES HENNINGSEN**

**POSITION:** Since January 2012 President of the College of Central Florida, a public four-year institution that is part of the Florida College System. The college has six locations including an 80,000-square foot Appleton Museum of Art accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The service district comprises over 500,000 population, nearly 4,000 square miles and enrolls nearly 12,000 students annually.

**PREVIOUS:** Served as vice president, Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer, vice president, Student Affairs/Chief Student Affairs Officer, director, Institutional Research, adjunct faculty, at Seminole State College of Florida; associate vice chancellor for Data Services, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and assistant director, Institutional Research, Valencia College.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Serves on boards: AACC Presidents Academy Executive Committee, AACC Commission on Leadership and Professional Development, Higher Education Research Development Institute South, Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership, Central Florida Metro YMCA, Marion County United Way, Marion County American Heart Association.

**EDUCATION:** Ed.D, Educational Leadership and M.B.A., University of Central Florida; B.A., Economics and Geography, University of Vermont.

**OTHER:** Member Florida Board of Governors State University System Task Force on Strategic Planning for Online Education. Past chair of the Council of Presidents for the Florida College System. Presentations: Numerous presentations at AACC and other national and state association conferences as well as the State of Florida Legislature. College recognized in three of last four evaluation cycles as a top 150 college by the Aspen Institute.



**PATRICIA HSIEH**

**POSITION:** since 2005: President of San Diego Miramar College, a public institution in San Diego, California.

**PREVIOUS:** Served as Interim President, Sacramento City College; Vice President, Student Services, Sacramento City College; Vice President, Student Services, San Bernardino Valley College; Dean, Student Learning and Development, Moorpark College; Dean, Admissions and Records, Antelope Valley College.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Serves on boards: National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3); Community Based Education (COMBASE), Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCBA); San Diego Maritime Museum; North San Diego Business Chamber; Hong Kong Business Association; San Diego Art Association. Member: Commission on Global Education; Commission on Educational Innovation and Attainment; Network Revitalization and Engagement; Mayor's API Advisory Committee.

**EDUCATION:** Ed. D., Institutional Management in Higher Education with a specialization in Community College Administration, Pepperdine University; M.A., Guidance and Counseling, Wayne State University; B.A., Western Languages and Literature, National Chengchi University; Certificate, Harvard University Institute for Educational Management (IEM).

**OTHER:** Visiting Professor: 2104, Vocational College Leadership Seminar, Beijing, China; 2014, Hsiu Ping University of Technology, Taiwan, Rep. of China; 2015, Hainan Vocational College of Political Science and Law, Hainan, China. Awarded: 2006 Asian Heritage Award; 2008 Outstanding Educator; 2010 Fulbright Scholar; 2016 Fulbright Scholar. Presentations: 2008-2016, Asilomar Leadership Conference; 2011& 2013-2016 American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Annual Conference; 2013- 2016 Community College League of California (CCLC) Conference; 2016, President's Academy; 2016, Sustainability Education and Economic Development (SEED) Center Annual Conference; 2016, Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCBA) Annual Conference; 2016, Pepperdine University Women Leadership in Higher Education Center Inaugural Conference.



**MERRILL IRVING, JR.**

**POSITION:** SINCE 2015 President of Hennepin Technical College (HTC), the largest technical college in Minnesota with a 98% job placement rate. HTC is a public institution with two campuses in greater Minneapolis.

**PREVIOUS:** Served as associate vice president of continuing education, training and workforce development at Oakton Community College; chairperson for continuing education and professional development at Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus; and the biosciences program director at Miami Dade College.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Serves on boards: American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) President's Academy Executive Committee; AACC Commission on Academic, Student and Community Development; Minnesota State Leadership Council; Chair of the Metro Alliance Presidents Council; Minnesota Governor's Workforce Development Board; Hennepin County Workforce Leadership Council; Young Women's Initiative Council; and Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth Board. Member of: National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE); and National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA). Previously served on: AACC Commission on Economic and Workforce Development.

**EDUCATION:** Ed.D., Education Psychology, University of Southern California; Master of Public Administration, West Virginia University; and Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and History, West Virginia University.

**OTHER:** Presentations: local and national presentations on career and technical education, creating pathways from college to career, higher education excellence and access, and related topics. Awards: League for Innovation's Innovation of the Year Award in Biotechnology; Millennium Momentum Foundation Inc.'s Best and Brightest Fellow USC; and the Judith Herndon Fellow to West Virginia House of Delegates.



## **VICKI HAWSEY KAROLEWICS**

**POSITION:** Since 2003: President of Wallace State Community College, a public institution with a main campus, a new satellite campus, and four centers in north central Alabama.

**PREVIOUS:** Served as Vice President/Dean of the College at Chattahoochee Valley Community College; Dean of Instruction at Reid State Technical College; and Registrar at Reid State Technical College. Also, served as an adjunct professor at Troy University and Reid State Technical College.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Serves on: Accelerate Alabama Steering Committee; Children's Policy Council; American Council on Education (ACE) Alabama Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education; Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Funding Formula Advisory Committee, Chancellor's Advisory Committee; previously served on Board of Trustees of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and AACC Commission on Economic and Workforce Development; past President of the ACCS Presidents' Association, past Chairperson of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. Member: AACC; AACC's 2014 delegation to the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (WFCP) World Congress in Beijing, China; selected participant in the 2014 White House College Opportunity Day of Action; Kiwanis.

**EDUCATION:** Ed. D, Administration of Higher Education, Auburn University; M.Ed., Administration of Higher Education, Auburn University; B.S., Resources Management, Troy University; A.S., Business and Computer Science, Patrick Henry State Junior College

**OTHER:** Selected Awards: 2015 The Cullman Times Distinguished Citizen of the Year; 2015 Girl Scouts Women of Distinction Award; 2015 Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Lucille Galin Public Service Award; 2014 Cullman Oktoberfest Burgermeister; Birmingham Business Journal - 2011 Who's Who in Education, Key Educators in Alabama Higher Education; 2008 recipient of the Pacesetter of the Year, District II - National Council of Marketing and Public Relations; alumnus of Leadership Alabama Class XVI. Selected Publications: "Servant Leader Spotlight" (Center for Servant Leadership, 2014); "The Journey to Now" (Amicus, March 2012); "Where are They? Women Administrators in Community Colleges," (Academic Leadership: Journal of the Chair Academy, November 1998).



## **GLENN ROQUEMORE**

**POSITION:** Since July, 2002, President of Irvine Valley College, a public two-year community college in Irvine, California, within the South Orange County Community College District, which serves students in the southern California region.

**PREVIOUS:** Served as Interim President, Vice President of Instruction, Dean of Advanced Technology, Interim Vice President of Student Services, Chair of the School of Physical Sciences and Technologies, and as a Professor of Geological Sciences.

**AFFILIATIONS:** American Association of Community Colleges (AACC): Commission on Workforce Development; AACC Presidents Academy Executive Committee; Association of California Community College Administrators: Commission on Finance and Legislative Advocacy; Community College League of California: Advisory Committee on Education Services; President, Southern California Community College Executive Officers; Irvine Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors; Orange County Business Council Board of Governors; and U.S. Army Community Advisory Board.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Nevada; M.A. and B.A., Geology, from California State University, Fresno.

**OTHER:** Publications: Authored and co-authored approximately 50 reports and publications. Presentations, 2015: College of the Future: The Advanced Technology Education Park in California, AACC; 2014: Regional Approaches to Economic and Workforce Development (EWD), Career Technical Education (CTE), and Adult Education, CCLC; Leadership + Fundraising = Vision Accomplished, AACC/CASE; Designing 21st Century Community College, AACC; 2013: Getting the Job Done: What to Look for in your Next President, and What you Should be Supporting in your President Now, ACCT; 2010: Thinking Outside the College: A Model for Serving Tomorrow's Students, ACCCA; 2009: Different Perspectives, One Goal: How Culture Influences the Way We Lead, ACCCA; 2008: Early College Program: Increasing Opportunities for Students, CA School Boards Association Annual Education Conference; 2007: From Difficulties to Success, ACCCA. Awards: The 2006 Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction and the 2007 SOCCCD Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award.





## **WILLIAM SERRATA**

**POSITION:** SINCE 2012 President of El Paso Community College, a comprehensive public institution with 5 campuses and 2 centers in El Paso, Texas which serves just under 30,000 credit students each fall.

**PREVIOUS** (2005-2012) Served as Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, South Texas College; (2002-2005) Dean of Enrollment Services & Registrar, South Texas College; Adjunct Faculty, South Texas College.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Serve on boards: The Hospitals of Providence East Campus, El Paso 2014-Present, Workforce Solutions Borderplex 2012-Present, United Way of El Paso 2013-Present, Texas Student Success Council 2012-President, Texas Association of Community Colleges 2012-Present, Texas Association of Community Colleges Student Success Committee Chair 2013-Present, Texas Success Center Advisory Board Chair 2013-Present, Excelencia in Education 2013-Present, Higher Education Research and Development Institute (HERDI) Advisory Board 2014-Present.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D., Educational Human Resource Development, Texas A&M University – College Station, M.A., English, The University of Texas at Brownsville, B.A., English, Texas A&M University – College Station.

**OTHER** El Paso Community College Awards: Aspen Prize Finalist – 2015, AACC Excellence Award for Student Success 2016, ACCT Western Region Equity Award 2016. Personal: McDonald's Hispano Triunfadores for Education 2016, Aspen Ascend Fellow 2015, National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award 2012.

## AFFILIATED COUNCIL NOMINEES

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### KEVIN BOYS

**POSITION:** SINCE 2010 President of Southern State Community College, an Ohio public two-year community college serving five rural counties across four campuses and several additional locations in southern Ohio.

**PREVIOUS:** led a distinguished 31-year career in K-12 education serving as teacher, principal, and superintendent in two suburban Cincinnati school districts.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Appointed to VFA Oversight Board of the American Association of Community Colleges; Serves on boards: Community Colleges of Appalachia; Hillsboro Rotary Club; Southwest Ohio High Schools That Work. Leadership affiliations: Past Chair of President's Committee and Vice-Chair of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) Governing Board; Co-Chair of OACC CEO Search Committee; Co-Chair to the Ohio Higher Education Funding Commission for formulating recommendations for over \$450M dollars in Capital Expenditures for Ohio's public universities and colleges; Past Chair and current Executive Committee member of the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education Board of Trustees; Advisory Affiliations: Complete College Ohio Task Force; Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development Business Council, Franklin University Council of Presidents, Clinton County Leadership Institute Program Development.

**EDUCATION:** Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Miami University; M.E., Educational Administration, Xavier University; B.S., Education, University of Cincinnati.

**OTHER:** Presentations: 2016 ACCT Congress, Operationalizing Student Success Through Performance Funding; Community Colleges of Appalachia 2016 Fall Conference, On a Wing and A Prayer: Partnering with CTC for Aviation Maintenance; 2015 SCUP, New Campus, New Vision: A Case Study in Collaboration; 2015 ACCT Congress, Scaling College Credit Plus: Increasing Access to Higher Education; 2014 Rural Community College Alliance, From Strategic Plans that Gather Dust to Strategic Vision that Creates Dust Storms; Publications: ACCT Trustee Quarterly, Fall 2015, Give the Kids Some Credit, Ohio's Dual Credit Expansion; Journal of NACCE, June 2011, President Profile. Consulting: Strategic Visioning and Planning Facilitation.



## **RONALD RHAMES**

**POSITION:** President of Midlands Technical College (MTC) since March 2015.

**PREVIOUS:** served as a banker before becoming Vice President of Fiscal Affairs for a four-year university. After joining MTC in 1990, served as Finance Director, VP for Business Affairs and Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Chaired the National Association of College and University Business Officers Board (NACUBO); served as president of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers, the International Community College Business Officers (CCBO) organization, the Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina; Serves on numerous boards including the Chamber of Commerce, Urban League and Midlands Education and Business Alliance; A Rotarian.

**EDUCATION:** Associate's degree in Management from Midlands Technical College, a bachelor's degree in Business and Economics from Benedict College, a master's degree in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Doctorate of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University. Graduated from the College Business Management Institute at the University of Kentucky, and a Kellogg Fellow for Leadership in Community Colleges.

**OTHER:** Publications include articles in the Journal of Applied Research in the Community College, Journal of Risk Management and NACUBO's Business Officer. He was named the International Outstanding Chief Business Officer for Community Colleges by CCBO. In 2016, named one of the fifty most influential people in the Midlands of South Carolina by Columbia Business Monthly and in a 2015, an IMARA Man by IMARA Magazine for serving as a role model and giving back to the community.



## **JIANPING WANG**

**POSITION:** since 2015 President of Mercer County Community College, a public institution with two campuses in West Windsor and Trenton, New Jersey.

**PREVIOUS:** served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Ocean County Community College in New Jersey; Dean of Arts and Humanities at Westchester Community College in New York.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Serves on boards: Board member and Chair of the NAPIC (National Asian Pacific Islander Council), AACC Council of affiliate councils, AACC Global Education Commission, AACC 21st Century Initiative Implementation Team, National Community College Advisory Council for ETS; Chair of Educational Attainment Commission of Mercer County; Mercer County Workforce Investment Board; Mercer County Policy Academy Board; Mercer County Vocational and Technical School Board; Mid-Jersey Chamber of Commerce Board; Princeton Chamber of Commerce Board. Previous boards: YWCA Board in Boston and White Plains, NY.

**EDUCATION:** Ed.D. Fielding Graduate University; M.Ed. Harvard School of Education; M.A., English Literature, Beijing University, China; B.A. Hangzhou University, China

**OTHER:** Frequent presenter at AACC annual conventions since 2000. Awarded: New Jersey Immigrant Entrepreneur Achievement Award, Dynamic Achiever in Education Award from Organization of Chinese Americans, Research Fellow from Kellogg Foundation