

New Officers Elected to LACCD Board of Trustees

LOS ANGELES, CA (July 14, 2010) -- The Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District has elected its officers for 2010-2011. Georgia L. Mercer is the new President, Miguel Santiago is First Vice President and Nancy Pearlman is Second Vice President.

Mercer, who has been on the LACCD Board of Trustees since 1998, has previously served twice as Board President and three times as Vice President. She has been a member of the statewide Board of California Community College Trustees since 2002.

Mercer earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education at California State University, Los Angeles. She attended the UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management Executive Program, was an instructor of Group Counseling for Women at UCLA, and taught at Danube Avenue Elementary School.

Santiago, a lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley and the son of immigrants, was unanimously selected by the LACCD Board of Trustees in March 2008 to fill the seat left vacant after Warren T. Furutani was elected to the California State Assembly.

Santiago graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree in History from the UCLA. He has taught middle school at Guardian Angel Catholic School in Pacoima, and is a founding member and two-term past president of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council.

Pearlman was elected to the LACCD Board of Trustees in 2001. She chairs the Infrastructure Committee, which reviews all construction projects funded by Propositions A/AA and Measure J, passed by the voters in 2001, 2003 and 2008, respectively.

Pearlman is an award-winning broadcaster, journalist, environmentalist, college instructor, anthropologist, editor, producer, on-air personality, and outdoorswoman. For 40 years, she has dedicated her life to the environmental cause, having helped to coordinate the first Earth Day in Southern California in the 1970s.