



## 2009 Regional Trustee Leadership Award Recipients

**CENTRAL REGION:** Clare M. Ollayos, Elgin Community College, Ill.

**NORTHEAST REGION:** David L. Cannon, Connecticut Community Colleges, Conn.

**PACIFIC REGION:** Jane C. Strain, Cochise County Community College District, Ariz.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** Deanne "Dede" Schaffner, Seminole State College of Florida, Fla.

**WESTERN REGION:** Kitty Boyle, Dallas County Community College District, Texas

## 2009 Regional Equity Award Recipients

**CENTRAL REGION:** Parkland College, Ill.

**NORTHEAST REGION:** Westchester Community College, N.Y.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** Midlands Technical College, S.C.

**WESTERN REGION:** San Juan College, N.M.

## 2009 Regional Chief Executive Officer Award Recipients

**CENTRAL REGION:** Vernon O. Crawley, Moraine Valley Community College, Ill.

**NORTHEAST REGION:** Cliff L. Wood, Rockland Community College, N.Y.

**PACIFIC REGION:** Lee Lambert, Shoreline Community College, Wash.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** Mary Thornley, Trident Technical College, S.C.

**WESTERN REGION:** Jane A. Karas, Flathead Valley Community College, Mont.

## 2009 Regional Faculty Member Award Recipients

**CENTRAL REGION:** Eugenia Paulus, North Hennepin Community College, Minn.

**NORTHEAST REGION:** Fay E. Beauchamp, Community College of Philadelphia, Pa.

**PACIFIC REGION:** Diego James Navarro, Cabrillo College, Calif.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** Gayle Greene-Aguirre, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Miss.

**WESTERN REGION:** Ken Dewey, Rose State College, Okla.

## 2009 Regional Professional Board Staff Member Award Recipients

**CENTRAL REGION:** Elaine Benedict, St. Charles Community College, Mo.

**NORTHEAST REGION:** Maryann Raab, Orange County Community College, N.Y.

**PACIFIC REGION:** Sandra Sheen, Chaffey Community College District, Calif.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** Bridget Megronigle, Midlands Technical College, S.C.

**WESTERN REGION:** Consuelo "Connie" Chavez, Mesalands Community College, N.M.

## ACCT Association Award Winners Announced

ACCT is pleased to announce the recipients of its annual Association Awards for community college trustees, equity programs, chief executive officers, faculty members, and professional board staff members.

"The ACCT Association Awards are among the most prestigious awards any community college, its trustees, president, faculty, or staff member can receive," said 2008-2009 ACCT Chair and Orange County (N.Y.) Community College Trustee Arthur C. Anthonisen. "It is ACCT's privilege to shine the spotlight on these outstanding leaders."

ACCT's Association Awards recognize the tremendous contributions made by trustees, chief executive officers, faculty members, professional board staff, and equity programs. Those recognized at the national level received regional-level recognition in their respective categories earlier in the year. Each regional-level awardee was a contender for a national-level ACCT Association Award. The ACCT Association Awards were announced during the ACCT Awards Gala on Friday, October 9, during the ACCT 2009 Leadership Congress in San Francisco.

"This has been a trying year for all Americans, but the demand on community colleges has been greater than ever," said ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown. "With higher-than-ever enrollments and severe budget cuts in many states, community college leaders have had to work exceptionally hard. ACCT is proud to be able to recognize the best of the best with our annual awards program."

Congratulations to all of the 2009 ACCT Association Awardees.



2009 M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award  
Kitty Boyle

Dallas County Community College District, Texas



2009 Charles Kennedy Equity Award  
Westchester Community College  
New York

Toni Cox-Burns, Trustee



2009 Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Award  
Vernon O. Crawley

Moraine Valley Community College, Illinois



**2009 William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award**  
**Diego James Navarro**  
Cabrillo College, California



**2009 ACCT Professional Board Staff Member Award**  
**Elaine Benedict**  
St. Charles Community College,  
Missouri

## ACCT Co-Founder and Longtime Community College Leader William H. Meardy Honored

William H. Meardy, who co-founded ACCT in 1972 and served as the association's executive director for a remarkable 18 years, made a special appearance at the 2009 ACCT Awards Gala in San Francisco. Meardy's forward-thinking leadership developed an association model that has withstood the test of time and more than one economic downturn. He was greeted by Awards Gala attendees with a standing ovation. The annual ACCT William H. Meardy Trustee Leadership award, which recognizes one outstanding community college trustee at the national level, was named in Meardy's honor.

"We are all honored to have been graced by Bill Meardy's presence on this remarkable 40th anniversary of the Annual ACCT Congress," said ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown.

"His visionary leadership is a major reason we are here tonight — and a major reason for the success of America's community colleges."



William H. Meardy, one of ACCT's founding fathers.

**2010**

# Awards

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

To Nominate and for More Information, go to [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org)  
Questions? Contact [awards@acct.org](mailto:awards@acct.org) or (202) 775-4667

**STEP 1:** Submit a nomination at the regional level.

**STEP 2:** Regional award recipients will be notified in August 2010. (Regional awardees will be recognized during the 2010 ACCT Leadership Congress general sessions, October 21-22.)

**STEP 3:** Each regional awardee is automatically nominated for national-level ACCT Association Award recognition.

**STEP 4:** ACCT Association Awards will be announced at the 2010 ACCT Leadership Congress in Toronto, Canada during the Friday, October 22 ACCT Awards Gala.

**ACCT**

**REGIONAL AWARDS CATEGORIES**

*Regional Recognition*

- ★ Trustee Leadership
- ★ Equity
- ★ Chief Executive Officer
- ★ Faculty Member
- ★ Professional Board Staff Member

**ACCT ASSOCIATION AWARDS CATEGORIES**

*National Recognition*

- ★ M. Dale Ensign  
Trustee Leadership
- ★ Charles Kennedy Equity
- ★ Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer
- ★ William H. Meardy  
Faculty Member
- ★ Professional Board Staff Member

DEADLINE: JULY 2, 2010



## ACCT President Featured in *PARADE* Magazine

Can education boost the economy? That's the question *PARADE* magazine asked ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown in its September 20, 2009 issue. *PARADE* is the most widely distributed magazine in the country, with a circulation of more than 33 million. The article gave Brown an opportunity to highlight the importance of community colleges to more people than ever before in ACCT's history. To read the interview, go to <http://bit.ly/2IQO2h>.

## New ACCT Lifetime Members

ACCT Lifetime memberships give community, junior, and technical colleges the opportunity to acknowledge outstanding and retiring board members and to pay special tribute to their many contributions to their institutions. This year, **Patricia Jones** from the College of Lake County in Illinois and **Joyce Hanes** from North Iowa Area Community College were added to the impressive roster of ACCT Lifetime Members. Both were recognized during the 2009 ACCT Awards Gala in San Francisco in October.

# Gates and Lumina Foundations Fund Voluntary Framework for Accountability

## ACCT Helps Lead Effort

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Lumina Foundation for Education have joined forces to support the development of a new Voluntary Framework for Accountability (VFA) for community colleges. "This partnership is extremely timely and will complement the Obama Administration's goal of increasing student success and completion," said J. Noah Brown, ACCT's president and CEO. "The partnership between ACCT, AACC, and The College Board is invaluable in bringing this work to the forefront. ACCT will assist boards in using the framework, once developed, to increase public understanding and appreciation for our institutions." Funded in equal parts by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Lumina Foundation for Education, the grant continues preliminary work conducted by ACCT, AACC, and The College Board over the past year, which was funded by Lumina Foundation for Education. For more information, see p. 32.

## New ACCT Publication Series

ACCT has ramped up its publications schedule to meet the needs of community college trustees, presidents, and other leaders and advocates throughout the country. Over the past year, three timely new publications have been received with great excitement and purchased by scores of trustees, presidents, state associations, and others.

In 2010, ACCT will continue to build the new publication series with new or revised editions focusing on student trustees, globalization, and a first-ever major national independent demographic study of community college boards and trustees conducted by ACCT.

The following three publications released in 2008 and 2009 are still available. To order these and earlier ACCT publications, see the inside back cover of this magazine.



*The Trustee's Role in Effective Advocacy: Engaging in Citizen Action to Advance Educational Opportunities in Your Community* (2009). Updated to reflect the economic crisis and unprecedented federal support for the community college system during 2008 and 2009, this book outlines everything trustees need to know about exercising their voices and influence on behalf of community colleges. *Effective Advocacy* is organized into three sections — advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels — for easy reference. (ACCT Members: \$24; Non-members: \$28)



*Essentials of Good Board/CEO Relations* (2009). Vaughn A. Sherman's perennially popular overview of effective governance was reprinted due to popular demand in a slightly revised and expanded version that includes a new afterword and the "Six Essentials Inventory" — a tool for boards to assess their performance and commitment to best practices. (ACCT Members: \$16; Non-members: \$20)



*The Trustee's Role in Fundraising: From Arm's Length to Knee Deep* (2008). This timely and forward-thinking monograph is a primer on everything that trustees need to know about institutional fundraising. (ACCT Members: \$16; Non-members: \$20)

# California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger Emphasizes Value of Workforce Education



One of Santa Monica College's most famous alumni kicked off the 2009 ACCT Leadership Congress with a reminder that the work of community colleges has become even more important during the current economic crisis.

"I call community colleges institutions of hope," said Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who left Sacramento in the midst of contentious legislative negotiations to open the Congress on the morning of Thursday, October 8. "You provide hope to the laid-off father who needs to provide for his family.. the young woman turned away from the university...the budding entrepreneur who wants to go out and create a business...or to immigrants like myself who want to learn the language and be successful. That's what community colleges represent — hope."

At the same time, Schwarzenegger cautioned that given the current economic climate, "you'll be asked to do more with less, just like the private sector... But I have absolute faith in community colleges, and faith in all of you." He urged trustees to share innovative ideas and continue to emphasize their critical role in workforce education.



## Join us for the 2010 Congress in Toronto!

We are already planning next year's ACCT Leadership Congress, to be held October 20-23, 2010 in Toronto, Canada. We hope that you are making plans to attend.

Keep an eye out for the 2010 Congress Call for Presentations, which should arrive in your mailbox late this winter. And remember to have your passport ready, as passports are now required to travel between the U.S. and Canada. If you have any questions about getting or renewing your passport, please visit [www.acct.org](http://www.acct.org), which links you to all the resources you will need.

## ACCT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

**Do you have board members getting ready to retire?  
Are you looking for ways to recognize them for their hard work and dedication?  
Don't let them go without an ACCT Lifetime Membership!**

### 7 Reasons to Give a Lifetime Membership

1. Giving outstanding and retiring board members a Lifetime Membership to ACCT is a way to thank them for their service, recognize them among their peers, and ensure an ongoing interest in your college.
2. Lifetime Members receive complimentary registration to all ACCT meetings, including the Annual Congress and the National Legislative Summit after retiring from their local boards.
3. Lifetime Members receive all of ACCT's award-winning publications, including *Trustee Quarterly* magazine and the Advisor and From the Desk of ACCT newsletters.
4. Lifetime Members are recognized publicly in *Trustee Quarterly*, on the ACCT Web site, and more.
5. The Lifetime Membership program supports and promotes ACCT's continuing trustee education and professional development.
6. Colleges that purchase Lifetime Memberships can deduct the expense from taxes, to the fullest extent allowed by law.
7. It's just a nice thing to do—and hasn't your retiring trustee earned it?

**For applications or assistance, go to [www.acct.org/membership/lifetime/honor-trustee.php](http://www.acct.org/membership/lifetime/honor-trustee.php) or contact the ACCT Membership Department by telephone at (202) 775-4667 or e-mail [acctinfo@acct.org](mailto:acctinfo@acct.org).**