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Dr. Mildred Garcia and CSU Dominguez Hills students

President Mildred García Receives Positive Review from CSU Board of Trustees

This fall, the first three-year review of Mildred García, president of California State University, Dominguez Hills, was conducted by the CSU Board of Trustees and CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. Highlighted achievements by García and the CSU Dominguez Hills campus included full 10-year reaccreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) until 2018; attaining enrollment target in spring 2009; reducing the structural budget deficit; spearheading a collaborative and inclusive strategic planning process; increasing positive media coverage; and winning the NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Championship in 2008.

"Dr. Mildred García has an outgoing personality and brought to Dominguez Hills a great deal of energy, optimism, and pride," said Chancellor Reed in an open letter to the campus. "She is not deterred by critics. Her personal story gives her an extra advantage and credibility in being a role model for many students served by CSU Dominguez Hills."

Chancellor Reed's letter can be viewed in its entirety at www.csudh.edu.



Celebrating 50 Years at CSU Dominguez Hills

In 2010, CSU Dominguez Hills will mark its 50th anniversary, celebrating five decades of academic scholarship and opportunity, achievements in preparing well-educated and productive citizens and leaders, and engaging with community partners for the benefit of the South Bay region.

From January 2010 through May 2011, we will commemorate our 50th anniversary with special events, lectures and exhibits. You are invited to participate in the celebration of our rich history, our achievements, and our plans for the future. Please visit this website for updates:

www.csudh.edu/50thAnniversary.

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CSU Dominguez Hills Receives Major Endowment from Bernard Osher Foundation

CSU Dominguez Hills will be able to expand learning opportunities for adults age 50 and over in the South Bay thanks to a \$1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation for the university's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). The largest one-time cash donation in campus history, the endowment along with a \$50,000 operational grant was awarded after the university successfully demonstrated it could develop and sustain an OLLI program. Osher had previously awarded the university four separate \$100,000 grants toward that effort. For more information, call (310) 243-3208 or visit www.csudh.edu/extendeded/lifelong.

Millage Peaks: L.A.'s New Fire Chief Works Toward a More Diverse Employee Profile for LAFD

Millage Peaks (Class of '75, B.A., psychology) is a 33-year veteran of the Los Angeles Fire Department, but as the new fire chief of just over two months, he says that he did not appreciate the enormity of his new post until he actually took it.

"You really don't understand the responsibility and the weight of this position until you sit in this chair," notes Peaks. "Dealing with serious budget problems that we're having and being able to provide the level of fire protection and [emergency medical service] that the city needs and deserves despite the budget shortfalls has proven to be a real challenge."

Having been one of approximately 45 African American firefighters at the time he was hired in 1976, Peaks looks forward to increasing the number of women firefighters with the support of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the city's personnel department. He says that the example of former Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton illustrates leadership's challenge – and success – in diversifying the profile of public safety.

Peaks began his college career at El Camino College in Torrance and the University of California, Los Angeles before transferring to California State University, Dominguez Hills to complete his bachelor's degree.

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