

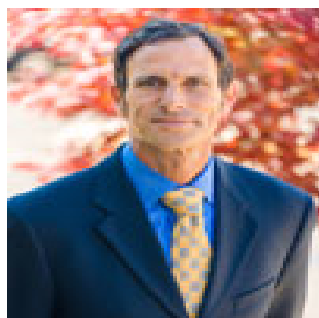


April 23, 2015

I am pleased to announce that, following a national search conducted by the Association of Community College Trustees, the Board of Directors of CCLC has selected three finalists for the position of our new President and CEO. You can meet and hear comments from them during open forums that will take place at the conclusion of the Annual Trustees Conference at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. **The forums will be on Sunday, May 3, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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The finalists are:



**Lawrence Galizio, President, Clatsop Community College, Oregon:** A native Californian, Dr. Galizio grew up in Los Angeles before moving to Santa Barbara to attend Santa Barbara City College where he had a transformative experience that served as the catalyst for his subsequent academic pursuits and career in education. A beneficiary of the Master Plan, Dr. Galizio transferred to UCSB before matriculating to UC Berkeley where he earned his undergraduate degree, and then to San Francisco State University for his Masters.

In 1993, Dr. Galizio was hired by Portland Community College in Oregon as director of the speech and debate program and full-time faculty member where he spent 16 years. During that time, from 2004-2009, he served three terms in the Legislative Assembly. This service included co-chairing the capital construction and information technology committee of ways and means; being a member of the ways and means full committee; and in 2007 chairing the ways and means education committee responsible for all of the pre-K-20 public education budgets. His leadership as chair of the education committee resulted in what remains the largest community college budget in the history of the state; and earned him the Oregon Community College Association's annual award as statewide community college advocate of the year.

Upon earning his Ph.D. from Portland State University's School of Urban and Public Affairs, Dr. Galizio was hired by the Oregon University System's Chancellor's Office as director for strategic planning before being recruited in 2010 for his current position as president of Clatsop Community College on Oregon's North Coast. He serves as a commissioner for the Northwest Accreditation Commission on Colleges and Universities, vice-chair of the Oregon President's Council; AACC's Task Force on the Higher Education Reauthorization Act and has served on the executive committee of the Oregon Community College Association. Dr. Galizio is married and has three children.



**Thuy Nguyen, Interim President and CEO, Community College**

**League of California:** As Interim President and CEO of the Community College League of California since January, 2015, Thuy Thi Nguyen serves as the primary representative of the League. In collaboration with its boards and dedicated staff, Thuy executes the League's mission of providing leadership development, advocacy, policy development and district services for the 72 community college district in California.

Previously for over eleven years, Thuy served as General Counsel for the Peralta Community College District where she oversaw all legal matters and provided legal advice to the Board of Trustees, Chancellor, College Presidents, and the Peralta College Foundation. She also supervised Peralta's risk management department and the general liability insurance program, and was an alternate board member of Peralta's JPA insurance carrier (Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs). At various points in her tenure as General Counsel, she also served Peralta as Acting Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, District-wide Strategic Planning Manager, and legislative liaison. Thuy co-led Peralta's accreditation Self-Study in 2009.

Thuy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Yale and a Juris Doctor degree from UCLA School of Law. She co-published a book entitled "25 Vietnamese Americans in 25 Years," a book which is archived in the Library of Congress. On behalf of the State Bar, Thuy created the innovative statewide 2+2+3 *Community College Pathway to Law School*. She has taught education law as an adjunct faculty member at California State University, East Bay (Hayward). In 2002, Thuy was listed among "30 Most Influential Asians." In 2002, Thuy was listed among "30 Most Influential Asian Americans Under 30" nationally by Political.Circus.com, a publication of the Rainmaker Political Group. In 2007, she was named one of eighteen "Best Lawyers under 40" in the country by the National Asian American Bar Association.



**Robert Oakes, Executive Director of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA):**

As the leader of CBHDA, Mr. Oakes advocates for public mental health and substance use disorder programs in California. Before joining CBHDA, Mr. Oakes was Vice President and General Counsel for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AICCU) for nine years. AICCU represents California's WASC-accredited non-profit private colleges and universities. From 1986-2010 he was an adjunct faculty member at

McGeorge School of Law, where he has taught *Alternative Dispute Resolution*, *Legal Research and Writing*, and other courses in advocacy and public agency law; he has also taught *Business Law and Negotiation & Conflict Management* courses at CSU-Sacramento.

Mr. Oakes served as Governor Gray Davis' Regional Director of the Governor's San Francisco Bay Area Office, where he directed the development of California's strategic plan to foster the biotech industry. He served as a Settlement Judge Pro-Tem in Santa Barbara Superior Court, where he also created the Court Administered Dispute Resolution program creating civil case settlement options to improve outcomes and lower costs. Mr. Oakes also served as the

Legislative Liaison for San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan, and the District Representative for U.S. Congressman Robert T. Matsui,

Mr. Oakes transferred from Columbia Community College to graduate cum laude from the University of the Pacific in Stockton. He earned his law degree from the Pacific-McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento and his Master of Business Administration from Sacramento State.

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You are invited to attend the forums where these finalists will speak and answer questions. Comment cards will be available so that you can provide written feedback about their strengths and weaknesses. Additionally, you are welcome to share your thoughts at any time with members of the League Board of Directors.

We look forward to the next exciting stage in the League's history and our continuing effort to serve all of California's community colleges. Thank you for your participation and support.

Thanks, Cheers, and Onward!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Jaffe".

Louise Jaffe  
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