CSU Trustees Appoint Mildred García as President of Cal State Fullerton

The California State University Board of Trustees has named Mildred García, president of California State University, Dominguez Hills, as president of California State University, Fullerton, effective after June 1. García, who is the first Latina president in the CSU system, has been CSUDH president since 2007.

“I am extremely honored to be selected as president of another outstanding institution within the California State University, and look forward to working together with the entire CSU Fullerton campus community as we build on its strong foundation,” said García.

García was among the finalists for the position to succeed retired President Milton A. Gordon, who served as CSUF president since 1990. The Board of Trustees will set García’s compensation during its March meeting.

“Dr. García brings unbounded energy, excellent leadership skills and an impressive record of achievement to her new role as president of Cal State Fullerton,” said CSU Trustee Lou Monville, chair of the presidential search committee. “Her student-focused approach, commitment to scholarship and strong administrative experience will be tremendous assets to the campus.

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CSU Dominguez Hills Names New Provost

After an extensive nationwide search, California State University, Dominguez Hills President Mildred García has announced the selection of Ramon Torrecilha as the university’s provost and vice president for academic

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affairs. He began the position on February 20.

“Dr. Torrecilha brings with him a wealth of experience and a strong track record of working collaboratively across divisions and in the external community to develop innovative programs that benefit students.

He is a respected professional in the field of higher education, and I am confident he will serve this university well for many years to come,” said García.

The provost and vice president of academic affairs is a key position in the university administration, responsible for providing strategic leadership and oversight of the university’s academic vision. Torrecilha will oversee all academic-related divisions, programs and activities, including recruitment and retention of faculty, with the goal of ensuring that teaching and research at CSU Dominguez Hills meets the highest academic standard, and that the university offers a high quality of academic programs to attract, retain and graduate students. The position of provost also serves as the second highest-ranking administrator for the university.

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Olympic Hopeful Carmelita Jeter Returns to Her Alma Mater
A bit of perspective has helped Carmelita Jeter (Class of '06, B.A. physical education) find her way to the front of the pack again.

Returning to her alma mater to address a standing-room-only audience as the speaker of the Alumni Spotlight series on Thursday, Feb. 9, Jeter, who in June will participate in the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100 meter and 200 meter sprints with her eye on competing in the London Summer Olympics this August, discussed how her successes and failures while at CSU Dominguez Hills, and later as a professional athlete, have taught her that it’s not always how fast you run that wins races.

Introducing Jeter at the Alumni Spotlight was her former mentor, CSU Dominguez Hills head track and field coach Warren Edmonson. He recalls a talented runner, but an unfocused one at times. During her first year on campus, Jeter obtained two-time All-American status. When she competed at the Division II championships that year and didn’t win, Edmonson recalled how Jeter stormed off the track and told him she wasn’t going to the victory stand as a runner up.

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2012 CSU New York/Tri-State Alumni & Friends Reception

The CSU hosted a reception for alumni and friends of the CSU living in the New York Tri-State area on Feb. 27. Thank you to all CSUDH alumni who were able to attend the 2012 CSU New York/Tri State Alumni & Friends Reception. We look forward to strengthening our relationship with our alumni and friends of the Tri-State community. A special thank you to Dr. Mildred García and Chancellor Charles Reed. Please click here for additional photos.
Alumni Notes

**Romeo Lagmay Jr. (B.A. ‘98)** recently achieved All-time ‘Winningest’ Women's Basketball Coach in Talladega College history. His victory over Morris College of South Carolina in Tornado Alley gave Coach Lagmay the all-time honor of being the coach with the most wins for women’s basketball in Talladega College’s 145 year history. Coach Lagmay achieved his 64 wins within 3 1/2 seasons with the Lady Tornadoes. He broke the former school record of 63 wins in six seasons.

**Pete Menjares (M.A. ‘92)** was appointed as Fresno Pacific University’s new president. Prior to his appointment, Menjares was a teacher and administrator at Biola University in Southern California for 16 years. Most recently he served as vice provost for faculty development and academic effectiveness at the private Christian college in La Mirada.

**Yvonne Robinson (B.S. ‘99)** has been selected as a recipient of the 2012 “Homer L. Garrott Community Service Award” by the Southern California Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (“NOBLE”). Detective Robinson began her career with the Long Beach Police Department 13 years ago, and has worked the past seven in her current position with the Youth Services Detail. She is very active in the community, and dedicates her time to improving the lives of others. Detective Robinson was recognized at the Eleventh Annual Achiever’s Dinner on Saturday, March 10, 2012.

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**Ongoing Banner Campaign Raises Funds for Student Scholarships**

For more information about the campaign, see this post on the Dateline Dominguez News site.