

**Chaffey College Governing Board**  
League of Women Voters of the Claremont Area Observer Report  
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Board Members: President, Kathy Brugger; Vice President, Gloria Negrete McLeod; Clerk, Gary C. Ovitt; Members, Katie Roberts and Lee C. McDougal. Student Trustee, elected by the student body, Diana Contreras.

Superintendent/President: Dr. Henry Shannon

Ms. Brugger, Ms. Roberts and Mr. McDougal have served on the Board since the mid-1990's; Mr. Ovitt and Ms. McLeod were elected in 2015.

The terms of Ms. Brugger and Ms. Roberts expired this year. There was no opposition to their re-election, indicating the community's continuing support for this board. Another indication of community support is a survey to determine voter opinion on a \$930 million bond measure to be put on the November ballot. More than 55 percent of voters indicated support for the measure.

The college consists of three campuses, the main one in Rancho Cucamonga and additional campuses in Fontana and Chino. Total enrollment is 21,103 students.

This year Chaffey was one of eleven colleges statewide to receive the Chancellor's Innovation Award. In 2017, Chaffey was rated one of the top ten community colleges in the country by the Aspen Institute, an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, DC. The college is again under consideration for the coveted Aspen prize. These are notable achievements, especially considering that some 17 years earlier Chaffey was in danger of losing its accreditation.

This Governing Board has shown considerable support and encouragement for Chaffey's faculty and staff. For example, Laura Hope, who began her career as an English instructor, advanced to dean of the English department, then to other administrative posts, finally becoming Dean of Instructional Support. Last year the Chancellor's Office in Sacramento hired her as Executive Vice Chancellor of Educational Services. Ms. Hope is but one example of the many accomplishments of Chaffey personnel, far too many to be enumerated here.

The Board shows considerable support for students. One example is formation of a Behavioral Intervention Team to identify and assess students who may need help with mental health or academic issues. Board members have responded positively to requests from the more than 900 DACA students for a Dreamers' resource center. Board members attend the many fund-raising projects of the Chaffey Foundation, which awarded \$598,000 in student scholarships during the 2016-17 fiscal year. Student government awarded scholarships totaling \$110,000 during the same period.

Observing Chaffey's Governing Board meetings has been enjoyable, informative and heartwarming. During my 23 years of teaching at Chaffey, I experienced some of the most dismal, self-serving, non-supportive board members in Chaffey's history. By contrast, this board has proved what a thriving community asset Chaffey College can be.