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Southeast Texas Trustee Leadership Seminar

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Dr. Michelle Cantú-Wilson

Dr. Michelle Cantú-Wilson is an education and leadership consultant, and the owner of Vinda Linda Consulting.

Michelle proudly served San Jacinto College for almost ten years. She started in the ESL department at North Campus before becoming a College Prep adjunct and then full-time faculty member. In her most recent role, Michelle was the Director of Teaching and Learning Initiatives and Special Projects, functioning as the college liaison to important external partners in education such as Achieving the Dream, Frontier Set, Texas Pathways, AACC Pathways, AVID-Higher Education, the Houston Endowment and the Association for College and University Educators. Prior to her career with the college, Michelle was a junior high assistant principal and English teacher in Pasadena ISD.

Dr. Cantú-Wilson was elected to Position 2 of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees on May 6, 2023.

Elizabeth Chivers

Elizabeth Chivers serves as the Senior Director of Strategy & Policy Analysis at the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC).

Before joining TACC, Elizabeth spent almost four years with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, where she served in several roles, including program director as part of the data team and most recently as the Senior Director of Strategy & Major Projects. She also served as District Director of Institutional Research and a member of the college leadership team at Navarro College.

Elizabeth holds a Bachelor of Arts from Central College, a Master's in Sociology, with a focus on criminology and quantitative and qualitative methodologies from the University of Northern Iowa, and additional doctoral-level coursework related to furthering her expertise in qualitative methods, work & organizations, and social psychology from North Carolina State University.



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Dr. Jim Crumm

Dr. Jim Crumm serves as a Regent for Alvin Community College. Dr. Crumm is the staff veterinarian of the Veterinarian Hospital of Alvin. He is active in his community serving with the Galveston County Area Veterinary Medical Association and the Alvin Community College Foundation.

Dr. Crumm has an Associate's Degree from ACC, Bachelor's Degrees in Animal Science and Veterinary Science from Texas A&M University, a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University. Regent Crumm is married to his wife Mary Jane and has two children.

Dr. Linda García

Linda García is the Executive Director of the Center for Community College Student Engagement (CCCSE) at The University of Texas at Austin (UT). Prior to this role, she served as the Assistant Director of College Relations at CCCSE. Previously, Linda was Vice President of Community College Relations at the Roueche Graduate Center at National American University, and she has worked at Lone Star College, Maricopa Community Colleges, and The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

Linda's experience includes student development, instructional support, grant writing, and teaching. She served as a coach for the American Association of Community Colleges Pathways 2.0 and continues in this same role for the Texas Pathways Project. Linda earned a Bachelor of Journalism with a concentration in broadcast and a doctorate in higher education administration with a specialization in community college leadership from The University of Texas at Austin. Her Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree is from The University of Texas at Brownsville.

Dr. Brenda Hellyer

Dr. Hellyer has been instrumental in shaping the culture and community partnerships of San Jacinto College for more than 20 years. She began her involvement with the College as an inaugural director for the San Jacinto College Foundation and served in a number of executive positions before being appointed Chancellor in 2009.



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She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Fort Hays State University, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin, and a doctorate degree in community college leadership from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Hellyer serves as the head of the College and oversees our strategic vision and mission. She, along with the Strategic Leadership Team, supports the College in fulfilling its mission to ensure student success and enrich the quality of lives in our communities.

Ray Martinez

Ray Martinez serves as the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC), a comprehensive membership association comprised of a diverse mix of 48 community colleges from across Texas.

Before joining TACC, Ray served as Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Workforce Education for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, where he led the agency's critical functions in academic programs, workforce education, and postsecondary readiness and success. He previously served as President of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, and Chancellor of Western Governors University (WGU) Texas, and he has held senior government affairs positions at Rice University and Texas A&M International University. Ray has also served as the director of the Committee on Higher Education in the Texas Senate.

Dan Mims

Dan Mims has helped guide San Jacinto College for more than a decade in various leadership roles on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Mims also serves as Chair of the Building Committee and served as Board Chair from 2013 – 2017.

Mr. Mims is president of Mims Investment, Inc., a Houston area leasing and warehouse business. He served as president of Mims Meat Company, Inc. prior to its sale in 2010.

Mr. Mims serves on or has served on boards and committees for various organizations including Association of Community College Trustees, Community College Association of Texas Trustees, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Rotary Club of North Shore, Houston Restaurant Association, and UniPro Foodservice.



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Kerri Walsh

Kerri Walsh is the Director of Recruiting and Onboarding at Pinnacle and the Chairman of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development Committee. By partnering with other non-profits, local businesses and educational institutions, the committee works to shape the future of Pasadena's workforce and helps connect people to the resources they need.

Kerri is an alumna of Collin County Community College and has diverse work experience in recruitment and leadership roles. She joined Pinnacle in 2014 as a Recruiting Manager, then as Director of People & Development, including Recruiting, HR, Training, Benefits/Payroll, Global Mobility and Safety from 2017 to 2019. Pinnacle uses the lens of Data-Driven Reliability to view the impact of data across an organization's people, processes, and technology. Their framework for performance improvement ensures clients' data fuels the right models to help them make more confident, strategic decisions.

Teri Zamora

Teri Zamora serves as the Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs. Mrs. Zamora has more than 20 years of senior leadership experience in higher education. She oversees facilities services, contracts and purchasing, safety and risk management, budgets, accounting and financial services, and the police department. Mrs. Zamora holds a Master of Accountancy from the University of Texas – Pan American.