



Dr Doris Pichon Givens Named Interim President at WLAC

The Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees yesterday voted to select Dr Doris Pichon Givens, as the interim president of West Los Angeles College Dr Givens most recently served as the president of Los Angeles City College

She came to Los Angeles from Spokane Community College, where she served as President from June 2000 until August 2003

Dr Givens was a student at West Los Angeles College and later received an A A degree from Grossmont Community College in San Diego County, BA and MS degrees from San Diego State University, and the Ph D degree in Community College Leadership and Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin

She was an instructor at San Diego City College for 13 years where she taught psychology and sociology primarily in the Black Studies Department that she chaired for 8 years She entered into administration as a result of her efforts to assist Students of color achieve their academic goals A highlight in her career as president at Spokane Community College shared governance was fully implemented At LACC her accomplishments included establishing a culture of honesty, complete review of the Facilities Masterplan, and fully opening up the shared governance process to include all constituents at the college

In 2000, Dr Givens was recognized as an outstanding alumna from Grossmont College, San Diego State University and the University of Texas In addition to serving as program coordinator and department chair at San Diego City College, Dr Givens also served as the dean of human arts and sciences at Palomar College in San Marcos from 1992-2000 prior to becoming president at Spokane

At Spokane established a number of collaboratives to fund programs One of the most celebrated was an agreement with the United States Navy to train all of its electronics recruits