

FKCC Board Chooses DC College CEO as Sixth President



KEY WEST, FL, April 28, 2012— After months of sifting through dozens of candidates through extensive reviews, online interviews, town hall forums, and ultimately formal interviews, the Florida Keys Community College Board of Trustees has selected the sixth president for the 46-year-old institution. Dr. Jonathan Gueverra, Chief Executive Officer of the Community College of the District of Columbia, was the board's unanimous choice. With island roots, a New England education, and an impressively effective track record in numerous leadership and faculty positions at nearly a dozen colleges, Gueverra was determined to be the best fit for the future of FKCC.

The two other finalists were Dr. George Bishop, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Learning Support at Gulf Coast State College, and Dr. Allen Witt, President of the South Shore Campus of Hillsborough Community College.

Originally from Trinidad and Tobago, Gueverra has a Doctorate of Education and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts, as well as a bachelor's degree from Providence College and an associate degree from Newbury College. In 2009, he was recruited from his position as Provost at Northern Virginia Community College's Alexandria Campus to lead the creation of the District of Columbia's first community college, which was built from existing programs under the capital city's university. In three years under his leadership, enrollment tripled, programs and locations expanded and over \$10 million of outside funds were raised.

Gueverra has also served on numerous boards, including the American Association of Community Colleges, the New England Educational Assessment Network, the Alexandria and Arlington Chamber of Commerce, and Washington DC's Economic Development Partnership Board and Workforce Investment Council. In 2008, he was awarded a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from Wentworth Institute of Technology and a "Highly Commended Award" at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence.

"We are very excited to have someone with Dr. Gueverra's experience, energy, and enthusiasm, lead FKCC to the next level," said Ed Scales, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Gueverra will succeed Dr. Larry Tyree, who is retiring on June 30 after a 45-year career in the community college industry including nine presidencies and 11 community colleges.

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