



James Horton, Ph.D



James Horton, Ph.D. has an extensive background in education that includes international experience. He studied at the University of Illinois and earned his doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of North Texas. He became President of North Lake College (Irving, Texas) in 1982 and Chancellor of San Jacinto College District (Pasadena, Texas) in 1996. In 2002, Dr. Horton was offered the position of Vice Chancellor/CEO of the Higher Colleges of Technology in the United Arab Emirates, where he served until 2005. He returned to the United States to assume the position of President of Yavapai College in Prescott Arizona until his retirement as President Emeritus in June 2011. Currently, he is serving as Interim Chancellor at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC).

Dr. Horton's contributions extend beyond his professional career. He was appointed by the Governor of Arizona to the Arizona State Board of Education and the Governors Lumina Foundation Task Force for Higher Education. He has also served on a number of economic development boards in Houston, including the Clear Lake Economic Development Council, the Aerospace Academy and Advisory Council, and the East Harris County Economic Development Council.

Dr. Horton is married to Debbie and they enjoy a blended family of five adult, independent children and four grandchildren.



*Dr. Marie Kane
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Dr. Marie Kane, ACCT Consultant, retired in July 2007 after serving for more than six years as Superintendent/President of Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, California. During her tenure the district passed a \$230 million facilities bond, completed more than 20 facilities projects, including eight new buildings and acquired land for and began construction on a second campus. During the same period the college grew to a record enrollment and was recognized as a statewide leader in programs and services for basic skills students.

Prior to coming to Chaffey College, Dr. Kane served as the President of Phoenix College, Provost of the Norco Campus of Riverside Community College, and Dean of Instructional Services at San Joaquin Delta College. Her community service has included service on the California Community College CEO Board, the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce Board, and the board of the National Institute for Leadership Development.

Dr. Kane has been recognized as a Woman of Distinction for the 63rd Assembly District, the CEO of the Year for the Pacific/Western Region by the Association of Community College Trustees, the Mildred Bulpitt Woman of the Year by the American Association of Women in Community Colleges, and the Distinguished Alumna of the Year by the Arizona State University College of Education.

Dr. Kane has provided presidential search assistance to Muskegon Community College, MI and Rich Mountain Community College, AR.