

# LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*Community College Education Expert*



**LaGuardia President Dr. Gail O. Mellow** is co-author of *Minding the Dream: The Process and Practice of the American Community College* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2008), a definitive examination of the successes, failures and potential of community colleges to positively impact the lives of Americans. She is nationally recognized as an expert on the history, development and future of the American community college. Dr. Mellow is in demand as a speaker on issues facing American community colleges and the vital role they play in educating students for a global economy and spurring job creation. She has shared her expertise before national and international audiences.

- Was the second community college president to deliver the prestigious Robert H. Atwell Lecture in its 90-year history to nearly 1,500 higher education leaders at the American Council on Education Conference in 2008
- Joined senior White House staff, researchers, foundation officers and nonprofits in a Brookings Institution forum in Washington D.C. to discuss how investments in community colleges can strengthen the American economy
- Served as a panelist at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's first annual summer conference with nationally recognized educators and newly nominated undersecretary of education for the U.S. Department of Education Dr. Martha Kanter
- Met with the Chilean Minister of Education Monica Jimenez de la Jara to sign an agreement creating the country's first community college under the auspices of Universidad Central featuring an exchange of students and professors between LaGuardia and Universidad Central
- Attended the Council of Europe's "Forum on Converging Competencies: Diversity, Higher Education, and Sustainable Democracy" in Strasbourg, France at the invitation of the Council's Directorate of Education, Higher Education and Research
- Selected by the State Department to participate in the Higher Education Summit for Global Development in Washington D.C., along with 150 college presidents from developing countries
- Along with CEOs of major companies, is a member of The Springboard Project, a Business Roundtable initiative focusing on reshaping the workforce development system in the U.S.
- Co-author of over thirty articles on community colleges, economic development and job training, diversity, faculty development and pedagogical innovation

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