

**Dr. Gail O. Mellow, President LaGuardia Community College  
Keynote Speeches, Presentations, Panels, Board 2011-2004**

**March 2011**

Gives keynote address at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Mid-Atlantic Slavic Studies Conference held at LaGuardia Community College.

Gives keynote address at the Fifteenth Annual National Learning Communities Conference in Bay City, Michigan. Conference theme: "The Transformative Power of Learning Communities"

Discusses globalization and higher education business models of the future as a participant in the National Association of College & University Attorneys Professional Development Session in Washington, DC.

**October 2010**

Give the keynote address on the role of two-year and other post-secondary institutions in enhancing their efforts to prepare the current and future workforce in a global economy at the National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) Fall Conference in Washington, DC.

Speaks about the need for two-year institutions to harness the power of people to address issues in education, health, and economic opportunity at the Education Development Center (EDC) Event in Newton, MA.

Discuss some of education's pressing needs and possible responses on a panel focused on the theme "Education in Crisis: The Unasked Questions" sponsored by the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

**July 2010**

Presents on presidential leadership and policies that enhance opportunities to pursue and achieve high-quality education and training beyond high school at the Presidential Business Roundtable hosted National Council for Public Policy and Higher Education.

## **June 2010**

Miller Center debate airs nationwide on June 13 on PBS.

Speaks about the challenges and struggles of students and ways educators can help at the 2010 Postsecondary Success Strategy Grantee convening in Seattle. Convention topic: *Supporting Student Success: Preventing Loss, Creating Momentum*.

## **May 2010**

National broadcast of Dr. Mellow's interview for an edition of PBS's FRONTLINE entitled "College, Inc." that examined how for-profit universities are changing the way people think about higher education.

## **April 2010**

Examines the cost of higher education with the presidents of Yale, DeVry, and the University of Maryland in a debate that was webcast live and co-produced by University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs and PBS's MacNeil/Lehrer Productions.

Speaks to over 200 well-wishers at the inaugural celebration for Community College de Santiago on the campus of Universidad Central in Santiago, Chile. Invited guests include government officials, business leaders and the board of trustees of Universidad Central.

Interviewed on U.S. Embassy Radio about the importance of Community College de Santiago and how it differs from Chile's technical schools. The interview was broadcast on over 100 radio stations throughout the country for the next month.

## **February 2010**

Discusses the LaGuardia-Universidad Central partnership to create the first community college in Chile with the North American Chilean Chamber of Commerce.

### **January 2010**

Elected to the Board of Trustees of Community College de Santiago, Chile's first community college created through a partnership between Universidad Central, Chile and LaGuardia. The new college will enroll its first cohort in March 2010.

Presents on "Models of Postsecondary Success for Low-Income Adults and Youth: Community College and Workforce System Partnerships" at a national conference on community colleges and economic development in Washington D.C. hosted by the Center for American Progress.

### **December 2009**

Joins Business Roundtable's Springboard Project Commission to announce recommendations on how to strengthen the American workforce in the post-recession economy. A key recommendation was the importance of providing post-secondary education and training to workers and the central role that community college must play in America's economic recovery.

Launches Global Skills for College Completion (GSCC), a collaborative project to develop a breakthrough curriculum and improve instruction in basic skills courses to help students develop math and writing skills receives \$3.6 million in funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Partners in the project are Knowledge in the Public Interest and League for Innovation in the Community College.

### **October 2010**

Elected to the Board of Trustees of The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

### **June 2009**

Served as a panelist at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's first annual summer conference to discuss issues concerning community colleges before an audience of higher education and business leaders. Entitled, Postsecondary Success Initiative: "Doubling the Numbers 2009," the panel included nationally recognized educators, in addition to Dr. Martha Kanter, the newly nominated undersecretary of education for the U.S. Department of Education.

Served as one of three panelists who will address the importance of access, diversity, and global awareness from the perspective of their institution at the New York State Association of College Admission and Counseling's conference.

Participated in a Business Roundtable along with CEOs of major companies at a meeting of The Springboard Project, which will focus on issues around the reshaping of the workforce development system in the U.S.

### **May 2009**

Joined senior White House staff, researchers and officers of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in a Brookings Institution forum in Washington D.C. to discuss a new report entitled, "Transforming America's Community Colleges: A Proposal to Expand Opportunity and Promote Economic Prosperity."

Delivered the commencement address at her alma mater Jamestown Community College in upstate New York.

Participated in a panel discussion on developing and sustaining higher education-community partnerships at the International Partnership Institute's conference in Portland, Oregon, entitled "Reciprocal Partnerships: Transforming Higher Education and Community for the Future."

### **March 2009**

Delivered the keynote speech “Community Colleges and a Passion for the Possible” at the League for Innovation in the Community College’s annual 2009 Innovations Conference in Tahoe, Nevada.

### **February 2009**

Delivered her keynote speech “Knowledge is Power: Advancing Competitiveness in Changing Times,” at Providential Community College System’s Colleges Ontario 2009 conference in Toronto.

### **December 2008**

Presented the keynote speech, “Chile and Community Colleges, La Universidad de Comunidad,” before an audience of academics, government officials, members of the military and leaders of the Chilean business community at a forum convened by Universidad Central in Santiago, Chile. Afterwards, Dr. Mellow met with the Chilean Minister of Education Monica Jimenez de la Jara who agreed that creating a pilot community college in Chile under the auspices of the Universidad Central would enhance social mobility in Chile, while also serving to spotlight the vital role community colleges play in educating the 21st century global workforce. The agreement includes an exchange of students and professors between LaGuardia and Universidad Central.

### **November 2008**

Hosted a Roundtable Discussion at LaGuardia Community College about the potential role of community colleges in Chile entitled “A Dialogue on A Community College System in Chile.” Panelists included prominent Chilean-Americans and LaGuardia faculty and students, joined via teleconference from Chile by Rector Alday, Academic Dean Quezada and faculty and administrators from Universidad Central.

Presented her keynote speech entitled “Reaching Across the Big Sky: Enhancing Adult Education in Montana,” at the Montana State University College of Billings’ state-wide conference to discuss the implications of “Reach Higher, America: Overcoming Crisis in the U.S. Workforce.”

Keynote speaker at the American Association of Women in Community Colleges' (AAWCC) annual conference in Oregon before an audience of 200 educators on the conference theme: "Perseverance, Power and Purpose—A New Conversation about Leadership."

### **October 2008**

Presented at the Association of Community College Trustees' 2008 annual Community College Leadership Conference in New York City.

Delivered the keynote speech on "The Role of Community Colleges in Workforce Development" at the Business and Education Council Conference Board Dinner in New York City.

Keynote speaker at "Leading to Serve Students in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The 1<sup>st</sup> Year Experience and Retaining to Future Success" conference at the Minnesota System of State Colleges and Universities.

Delivered keynote address about community colleges at Community College of Philadelphia's "First Recruitment for Faculty" event.

Attended the Council of Europe's "Forum on Converging Competencies: Diversity, Higher Education, and Sustainable Democracy" in Strasbourg, France. The Council's Directorate of Education, Higher Education and Research Division sponsored the forum, which was attended by 100 college representatives from 30 countries.

### **September 2008**

Presented to journalism fellows at Columbia University's Hechinger Institute conference in New York City entitled "Covering America, Covering Community Colleges."

### **June 2008**

Delivered keynote address at “Teaching for Change” conference in Park City, Utah.

### **May 2008**

One of three college presidents to present at the U.S. Business Roundtable Leaders Forum in Washington DC.

### **March 2008**

One of 150 U.S. college presidents selected by the State Department to participate at the Higher Education Summit for Global Development in Washington D.C., at which 150 college presidents from developing countries were also present.

Participated in a discussion on Serving Low Literacy Adults meeting at Austin Community College in Austin, Texas.

### **February 2008**

Delivered the Robert H. Atwell Lecture at the American Council on Education Conference “Each and All: Creating a Sustainable System of Higher Education,” to nearly 1,500 higher education leaders in San Diego, California. Dr. Mellow was the second community college president to deliver this prestigious lecture in its 90-year history.

### **2006**

Was the keynote speaker at “Reviving the Delphic Ideal” in Delphi, Greece.

### **2004**

Was a keynote speaker at the first-ever U.S.-China Community College Conference in Beijing in 2004.