



# LaGuardia Community College

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## Dr. Gail O. Mellow, President LaGuardia Community College Keynote Speeches, Presentations, and Panels 2008-09

### 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.