

NEWS RELEASE

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DEAC Announces Candidates for Election to Board of Directors

The DEAC Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for the DEAC Board of Directors:

Leslie Gargiulo

*Chief Executive Officer
California Intercontinental University*

Stella Garlick

*Vice-President, Administration & Compliance
Martinsburg College*

The Nominating Committee has worked closely with the Board of Directors to review and recommend candidates for the DEAC Board of Directors to serve as institution members. Throughout all of its deliberations, the Nominating Committee took into consideration the appropriate involvement of DEAC's communities of interest as well as the diversity of DEAC's membership and stakeholders. In addition, the Nominating Committee's work involved a meaningful assessment of the organization's present and future leadership needs reflective of mission; attention to continuity and orderly succession of the organization's leadership; and upholding a practice of good governance. DEAC is holding this election to fill a position currently held by Mary Adams, President, American Sentinel University when her term expires on March 31, 2016.

An electronic ballot will be available to all DEAC members beginning on April 11, 2016 at the Annual Business Meeting and continuing through 5:00 pm eastern time on April 12, 2016. Please look for DEAC's announcement of the Annual Business meeting for more details on the voting procedure. We hope you will join us in Washington!

Dr. Leah Matthews, DEAC's Executive Director, encourages members to attend the Annual Conference and contribute to ongoing discussions of the ever changing landscape in distance education. "Participating in the elections for new Directors is how institutions engage in leadership and governance of the DEAC," she said.

Background information for the candidates for the Board of Directors is provided on the following pages.

ABOUT DEAC

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DEAC's goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the more than two million students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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California Intercontinental University

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DEAC Commissioner Candidate

Summary Experience

Leslie Gargiulo, Ph.D.

CEO, California Intercontinental University



I am honored to have been voted as a candidate for an institution member DEAC Commissioner.

I want to serve the DEAC community in a formal, systemic manner to help strengthen and position the organization for future sustainable growth, and to give voice to a diversity of institutions based on my relevant experience.

I bring strength, leadership, and drive as a collaborative team member. The diversity of my education and experience will become a toolset for the DEAC Board of Directors from which to analyze problems and implement solutions. I hold a PhD, two masters, and have worked in public community colleges and research universities for fourteen years and within DEAC for eight years.

My breadth of exposure with DEAC schools will help me be an efficient and effective team member. I have been involved in distance education during a most tumultuous regulatory environment. DEAC schools from a variety of business models have asked me to navigate their accreditation needs successfully, including:

- small family-operated (first professional degree)
- large family-operated (high school, vocational, undergraduate)
- large corporate (high school, vocational, undergraduate, graduate)
- small corporate (graduate with Title IV)

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DEAC Board of Directors Candidate Summary Experience

Stella Garlick

Vice-President of Administration and Compliance, Martinsburg College



I am Vice-President of Administration and Compliance for Martinsburg College and have been involved with the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) since 2009. Prior to this, I was the institutional liaison to the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) since 1989. I've been responsible for leading the institutional re-accreditation process and have served as an evaluator on numerous accreditation site visits.

My professional life has been centered around education, initially as a public school teacher, followed by community college instruction. Since transitioning to institutional administration in 1989, I have held a diverse set of responsibilities, in a variety of settings, including placement, student services, educational management, franchise operations, and compliance. During my years of involvement in the education community, I have been actively involved in the accreditation process. In my current position, I am responsible for compliance to the accreditation standards, which requires an extensive knowledge of the DEAC standards.

I have been actively engaged in the accreditation process since 1989 and with DEAC since 2009. My institution applied for DEAC accreditation in 2009 after being accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) since 1985. I attended my first DEAC Annual Conference in April 2009. I have attended each DEAC Annual Conference since then and most of the Fall Workshops. Since becoming a member of the DEAC community, I have had the privilege to serve on five onsite evaluation teams in the capacity of Educational Standards evaluator on three visits and Chair on two visits. I participated in the Educational Standards Committee from 2010 through 2015. I was a member of the Educational Standards sub-committee on the revision of document C.14.

DEAC is a unique accrediting body and a unique educational community of which I am proud to be a member. I look forward to participating in the evolution and innovation that DEAC will put forward in the coming years in response to the rapidly changing conditions in our industry.