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Three University Presidents Join California Campus Compact Executive Board

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Palo Alto, CA — Three nationally-recognized university and college presidents committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education have been named to the Executive Board of California Campus Compact — a coalition of leading college and universities representing thousands of students throughout California.

The three new board members are Dr. Judith Maxwell Greig, President of Notre Dame de Namur University, Dr. Dorothy Leland, Chancellor of the University of California Merced and Dr. Leroy M. Morishita, President of California State University, East Bay. They join a distinguished group of leaders from across California representing all sectors of higher education. The board guides California Campus Compact in its mission to build the collective capacity of colleges and universities to advance civic and community engagement throughout the State, recommends programs, plans and budgets that sustain and promote the vision and mission of the organization, and exercises oversight and stewardship of the resources of California Campus Compact.

“We are absolutely thrilled to have these dedicated and accomplished leaders join our board,” notes California Campus Compact Executive Director, Elaine Ikeda, “Our board represents the different sectors of higher education, and reflects the power of collaboration across private, public and community college lines. We are honored to have these individuals with us.” Drs. Greig, Leland and Morishita are assuming the seats on the board previously held by Dr. Mary Lyons, President of the University of San Diego, Dr. Gene Block, Chancellor of the University of California, Los Angeles, Dr. John Welty, President of California State University Fresno, and Dr. Gregory Gray, Chancellor of Riverside Community College District.

Judith Maxwell Greig – Notre Dame de Namur University

The Notre Dame de Namur University Board of Trustees selected Judith Maxwell Greig, Ph.D. as president of NDNU in February 2009 following her role as acting president. Dr. Greig has served NDNU for 25 years

through the professorial ranks, as senior advisor to the president, dean of the School of Education and Leadership, and provost before becoming president. As a faculty member, she served on numerous governance committees, and was president of the Faculty Senate between 1996-1999.

Under her leadership NDNU has seen significant growth in enrollment. NDNU is one of the only private colleges in Northern California designated by the federal government as a Hispanic Serving Institution, emphasizing its historic mission of access and social justice. The Sister Dorothy Stang Center for Social Justice and Community Engagement provides opportunities for students to learn and serve in the local community.

Dr. Greig serves on the board of Joint Venture Silicon Valley. She holds a B.A. in education from Wheaton College (IL), M.A. in reading education from Santa Clara University, a second M.A. in philosophy and a Ph.D. in philosophy of education from Stanford University.

Dorothy Leland - University of California, Merced

In 2011, Dorothy Leland became the third chancellor of the University of California Merced. From 2004 through 2011, Dr. Leland was the president of Georgia College & State University. Dr. Leland increased funded research and graduate programs, for which the university received national distinction. Under President Leland's leadership, Georgia College expanded experiential learning opportunities through undergraduate research, residential learning communities, service-learning activities, internships and study abroad programs. President Leland's efforts have also impacted the surrounding communities by introducing initiatives focused on economic development and educational attainment.

Prior to leading Georgia College, Dr. Leland served as vice president of the Boca Raton Campus of Florida Atlantic University. At FAU, she also served as associate provost, executive director of university strategic planning and director of the Women's Studies Center.

Dr. Leland is a graduate of Purdue University, where she earned a B.A. in English in 1971, an M.A. in American studies in 1973 and a Ph.D. in philosophy in 1979. After completing her studies at Purdue, she held visiting faculty positions at California State University-Northridge, California State University-Chico and the University of California, Santa Cruz. She returned to Purdue in 1983 as co-director of its Doctoral Program in Philosophy and Literature, and as an assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy.

Leroy Morishita – California State University, East Bay

Leroy M. Morishita was appointed president of California State University, East Bay (Cal State East Bay) in 2012, after serving as the university's interim president in 2011. Prior to his arrival at Cal State East Bay, he served as executive vice president for Administration and Finance and chief financial officer of San Francisco State University after holding positions of successive responsibility during 29 years at the institution.

Dr. Morishita serves on several committees for the California State University 23-campus system. He is a member of the CSU President's Council on Underserved Communities and the Presidential Coordinator for the Asian American/Pacific Islander Initiative. In addition, he serves on the Human Resources Advisory Committee, the Shared Services Committee and the Admissions Advisory Council.

In addition to being a member of the California Campus Compact Executive Board, Dr. Morishita is a founding member of the Chabot Space and Science Center Leadership Council, a trustee of the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, and serves on the board of directors of the Bay Area Council and the East Bay Leadership Council. He is a member of the Executive Committee and a board member for the East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

Dr. Morishita holds an Ed.D. in administration, planning and social policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education; a M.S. in counseling from San Francisco State University and a B.A. in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley.

About California Campus Compact

California Campus Compact is a coalition of leading colleges and universities that works to build the collective commitment and capacity of colleges, universities and communities throughout California to advance civic and community engagement for a healthy, just and democratic society. Through innovative programs and initiatives, grant funding, training and technical assistance, professional development and powerful research studies and publications, California Campus Compact each year invests in and champions more than 500,000 students, faculty members, administrators and community members involved in diverse and ground-breaking activities that support and expand civic and community engagement throughout California. For more information, please visit www.cacampuscompact.org.

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