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# SDCCE Welcomes College's First Afro-Latina President

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Dr. King is SDCCE's first female, Afro-Latina President since Dr. Lillian Beam in 1990. She succeeds Carlos O. Cortez, Ph.D. who became Chancellor of the San Diego Comm-



Tina M. King, Ed.D., San Diego College of Continuing Education President. Photo: Courtesy of SDCCE

unity College District (SDCCD).

"I am honored to join SDCCE which is woven into the history of America and to join a district known for its social justice values and who has always pushed students at the forefront," said Dr. King.

Bringing affordable housing to SDCCE campuses for students and employees, opening health and well-

ness centers, and restoring SDCCE's historic Educational Cultural Complex with a \$35 million renovation grant from Governor Gavin Newsom's 2021-22 State Budget are among Dr. King's key areas of focus during her first year as president.

SDCCE's work is deeply personal for King, who comes from a migrant family. Her grandparents on her mother's side, born in Jalisco,

Mexico, and Chihuahua Mexico were farm workers in the 1970s. Her father's parents came from the Southern states, Louisiana, and Mississippi, during an era of major racial oppression.

King's mother, Sylvia Perez, raised her and her 5 siblings while going back to school in her thirties at a non credit institution in Los Angeles to earn a high school diploma/equivalency and a certificate in management. The certificate opened doors for Sylvia to begin working at a Los Angeles Unified School District Cafeteria 30 years ago, where she will be retiring in a couple more years as manager.

Dr. King earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fullerton where her dissertation focused on the role of community college faculty in creating academic achievement for Black men. She holds a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Southern California, and a Multiple Subject Credential and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from California State University, Northridge.

Prior to her arrival at SDCCE, Dr. King served as assistant superin-

tendent/vice president of Student Affairs at Southwestern College, Interim Dean of Instruction and Student Services and director of Institutional Research and Planning for North Orange Continuing Education in Anaheim, and as a student affairs officer and advisor in the Educational Leadership department at California State University, Fullerton. Dr. King also has experience in K-12 education both as a learning facilitator with the Los Angeles Unified School District and as a middle school teacher at the Compton Unified School District.

Dr. King was named a 2021-22 Aspen Rising Presidents Fellow, a highly selective leadership program that prepares top education professionals to become highly effective leaders of community colleges.

Dr. King is a great fit for SDCCE, where students are among the most vulnerable populations in California. Half of the student body of 30,000 students at SDCCE is made up of immigrants, refugees, and English language learners.

"We are the people's college," said Dr. King. "That is what I love about SDCCE, it's heavily rooted in community, social justice, and activism."