



Dr. Noelia Vela
Cerritos College
President/Superintendent

Dr. Vela is now in her third year as the President/Superintendent of Cerritos College. Prior to joining Cerritos College, she served since 1997, as president of Pima Community College's Downtown Campus in Tucson, Arizona, president of Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, California, Vice President of Student Services at Irvine Valley College and in numerous other administrative and faculty positions during her 33-year career in education.

Among her many achievements, Dr. Vela led and completed the physical and program transformation of the Pima's Downtown Campus. Dr. Vela has served Cerritos College by leading campus transformation planning, ensuring that students have access to the best instruction, learning resources and leadership development opportunities, linking the planning process with the budget process and in increasing the number of e-classrooms.

In addition to her time as president at Pima College, Dr. Vela served two elected terms on the Association of California Community College Administrators Association, has been a participant and frequent presenter and staff member for the National Institute for Leadership Development and the California Community College Women's Leadership Conference (Asilomar Leaders), has served as a member of the American Association of Community College Research Commission, as a member of the Presidents' Academy Executive Board responsible for Professional Development and Training of community college presidents and most recently is serving as a member of the Global Education Commission. She also serves on the Board of the National Institute for leadership development and the national community college hispanic council. And is currently a member of the Community College League of California's Advisory Committee on Legislation.

In Tucson, she served on the Stone Avenue Corridor Study committee, the Advisory Board for the University of Arizona's Millennium Projects 1 and 2 and on the President's Diversity Advisory Council for the University of Arizona. She served as the chair-elect of the Metropolitan Education Commission and was on the Boards of the Carondelet Health Network (3 hospitals) and GTEC (Greater Tucson Economic Council).

Dr. Vela was honored as a "Woman on the Move" by the Tucson YWCA, was named to the prestigious group of "Mujeres en la Cumbre" (Women at the Pinnacle) in the Americas and was inducted in the Hall of Fame of the College of Education at Illinois State University.

A native Texan, Dr. Vela grew up in Chicago and received her doctoral degree in leadership behavior from the University of San Diego. Dr. Vela is a resident of Cerritos, California and is endeared by Cerritos College students, faculty and staff for her positive attitude and winning approach to maximizing the college's resources and opportunities.



DR. DAN SMITH
DEAN, HEALTH, PHYSICAL
EDUCATION/ATHLETICS

The Health, Physical Education & Athletics Division is designed to give students the knowledge necessary to develop healthy lifestyles that will lengthen and enhance the quality of their lives. Within this division, courses are popular with both students and faculty alike. Nineteen sports are offered to the Cerritos student body. During the 2006-2007 school year, the college athletic programs finished fifth in State Supremacy Award points based on their finish in State Championship competitions and marks the school's highest finish ever. In 2006, both the women's track and men's soccer teams won state titles.

In 2002 Dr. Smith came to Cerritos College from Nanyang Technical University in Singapore where he coordinated the Master's of Science Program in Exercise and Sport Studies within the Division of Physical Education and Sport Science. During that time, he also served as a part-time Adjunct Professor, teaching management psychology, at the Singapore Institute of Management.

A sports enthusiast, Smith was a former head basketball coach at Brockport State University and at Brigham Young University in Hawaii, an assistant basketball coach at University of Illinois, women's volleyball coach at Rio Hondo College and a former men's volleyball coach at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona.

Smith has extensive consulting experience in sport psychology with professional teams including the Buffalo Sabres, the Chicago Bulls, the Indiana Pacers and the Chicago White Sox.

He holds a PhD in Physical Education from the University of Illinois with an emphasis in sport psychology, and Bachelor and Masters degrees in Physical Education from BYU. Smith is also a Certified Consultant of the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology and he recently authored one of the top texts in this field of study.



JEANINE PRINDLE
PE DEPARTMENT
CHAIRPERSON

Jeanine Prindle will be taking on her third administrative position within the HPE/Athletic Division since her retirement from coaching volleyball. She has held various positions in the division, including the Interim Division Dean and Athletic Director. She is currently the Physical Education Department Chair and is responsible for the division's class and teaching schedules, as well as curriculum development. Additionally, Prindle also teaches classes in fitness and self-defense.

In her 22 seasons as the volleyball coach, Prindle compiled a 335-106 record including a state championship in 1992 when she was also named the Coach of the Year. She guided her teams to eight straight South Coast Conference champions and led eight teams to the state tournament. In one three-year span, they advanced to the championship match, while they also went four straight seasons undefeated in conference play.

Prindle received her Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Physical Education from California State University, Long Beach, where she was a setter on the school's first National Championship team. She also earned her Master's degree in Counseling from Azusa Pacific University. After she finished her playing career at Cerritos College, Prindle was a two-year starter at setter on the volleyball team and was inducted into Long Beach State's Hall of Fame.



JEFF SMITH
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

After spending 21 years as the Cerritos College wrestling coach, Jeff Smith is now beginning his sixth year as the department's Athletic Director after spending a year as an Athletic Coordinator. Smith has announced that this will be his last year, and is retiring at the end of the 2007-08 school year. His duties include helping with facilitating needs of the department in a wide variety of aspects. In addition, Smith also serves as the advisor to the wrestling program and also teaches classes within the department. He remains involved in the progress of the wrestling team and is close to the wrestlers. In his 21 years as the Cerritos College wrestling coach, Smith led the Falcons to 12 South Coast Conference championships, as well as one State Championship and two dual state championships. In 1998, his final season, the Falcons placed fourth in the state championships, after winning the title in 1995. Prior to winning the championship, the team had finished second for three straight seasons.

Smith has had a long list of former wrestlers who have gone on to great accomplishments after their days as a Falcon. Several names include Heath Sims (2000 Olympics Greco-Roman team), George Williams (1992 Olympic Alternate in Greco Roman and 4-time USA Wrestling All-American), Greg Jackson (NCAA Division II National Champion), Rudolph James (NAIA Division I All-American) and Anthony Hamlett (USA Wrestling All-American).

Smith was also an outstanding wrestler in his days, as he was a State Champion and All-American for the Falcons during the 1966-67 season. He then moved onto Michigan State University, where he was a two-time Big Ten Champion and named the conference's Most Outstanding Wrestler. Also a two-time All-American, Smith went on to win national titles in Freestyle and Greco Roman styles of wrestling and was a four-time USA Wrestling All-American. He was also Pan American Games gold medal winner in free style wrestling and was an alternate on the 1972 Olympic Team.



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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATE CHAMPIONS

1966	State Community College Baseball Champions
1966	State Community College Water Polo Champions
1968	State Community College Men's Basketball Champions
1970	State Community College Baseball Champions
1971	State Community College Wrestling Champions
1973	State Community College Baseball Champions
1974	State Community College Baseball Champions
1975	State Community College Baseball Champions
1978	State Community College Softball Champions
1979	State Community College Coed Badminton Champions
1979	State Community College Baseball Champions
1981	State Community College Women's Tennis Champions
1983	State Community College Men's Basketball Champions
1983	State Community College Women's Tennis Champions
1985	State Community College Baseball Champions
1985	State Community College Dual Meet Wrestling Champions
1987	State Community College Baseball Champions
1989	State Community College Baseball Champions
1989	State Community College Men's Basketball Champions
1992	State Community College Men's Basketball Champions
1992	State Community College Volleyball Champions
1993	State Community College Dual Meet Wrestling Champions
1995	State Community College Wrestling Champions
1999	State Community College Men's Basketball Champions
2002	State Community College Wrestling Champions
2006	State Community College Women's Tennis Champions
2006	State Community College Men's Soccer Champions
2007	State Community College Women's Soccer Champions

