

Naming of Buildings Nomination

Nominee

Dr. Barbara Fracisco Mertes

Description of Proposed Memorial and Rationale

Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts
(to be determined upon approval and in consultation with nominee)

The performing arts facility will serve as a symbol to the community of the college's commitment to Arts Education, naming the facility will provide greater awareness and distinction. Venues such as these are traditionally named i.e. Bankhead Theater, Van Trease Performing Arts Center, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts; ...

Evidence to Support Nominees Extraordinary Service and Contributions

Dr. Mertes was the founding Dean of Las Positas College – writing the Justification Statement and preparation of accreditation materials resulting in LPC becoming an accredited college in 1998.

She has a long and distinguished record of service to the College and the District. Her ongoing support, demonstrated through a record of excellence and extraordinary contributions to the college and community in her roles as a-

- Speech-Language Arts instructor and Speech Forensics coach;
- Dean of the Arts and Sciences;
- Founding Dean of Chabot College – Valley Campus,
- District Vice Chancellor for Institutional Planning and Facilities Development; and
- Chabot-Las Positas Community College Trustee

During her tenure, she wrote master plans for both colleges and secured over 100 million dollars for major building renovation and new structures.

In addition, she created working partnerships between the College and the local national laboratories, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and the University of California at Davis.

Dr. Mertes' recognitions include the National Freedom Foundation Award, National Endowment of the Humanities Award, California Council for Humanities Award and several Civic recognition awards. She is widely published and has received awards and local television Emmys for her achievements in screen writing.