



## **Frank Chong, Ed.D.**

### **Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education**

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Frank Chong began his duties as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges in the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, in January, 2010.

Prior to coming to Washington, D.C., Dr. Chong served as president of Laney College, the flagship of the Peralta Community College District in Oakland CA. Home to over 13,000 students and 400 faculty, Laney offers technical and vocational education and training programs, transfer opportunities to four-year colleges and universities, basic skills and ESL instruction and many life-long learning opportunities.

At Laney, Dr. Chong oversaw a comprehensive renovation of college facilities and dramatically expanded community partnerships and entrepreneurial opportunities. He forged partnerships with the City of Oakland Green Jobs Initiative, with Gateway to College, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and spearheaded efforts to create the East Bay Career Advancement Academy, a partnership among seven Bay Area colleges funded by the (CA) governor's Career Technical Education Initiative. Under his leadership, Laney College received a full accreditation and clean bill of health from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, one of only five California Community Colleges to be so recognized in 2009.

Chong's professional experience spans every level of education, from cradle to career. Prior to assuming the Laney College presidency, he served as president of Mission College in Santa Clara CA and Dean of Student Affairs at City College of San Francisco. He was an appointed member of the San Francisco Children and Families Commission, and was elected to the San Francisco Board of Education in 1998. From 1987 to 1991, he served as special assistant to Willie L. Brown, Jr., the Speaker of the California State Assembly.

Dr. Chong has served on numerous boards focused on higher education, including the Chief Executive Officers Board of the California Community Colleges and the American Council on Education Commission on Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity. He is the former president and founding member of Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE), a national advocacy organization.

Chong received a B.A. degree in Social Welfare and Asian American Studies from the University of California, Berkeley and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He also completed the Institute of Educational Management at Harvard's Graduate School of Education, and earned his Doctorate in Educational Administration, Leadership and Technology from Dowling College in Oakdale, NY.

Frank Chong is an accomplished public speaker whose guest lecture credits include San Francisco State University, Harvard University and the University of California, Berkeley.