

New Faces on CAAPS Board

The California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools welcomes Kristina Lopez, Laura Soloff and David Vice as new Board Members. Of the newly-elected members, Robert Johnson said, "I am pleased to see people of such fine caliber elected to our Board and I look forward to working with them."

Kristina Lopez joins CAPPs from ITT Technical Institute, where she is currently Director of their Rancho Cordova campus. Kristina has been employed by ITT Technical Institute since October 2001 and is also a part-time lecturer for the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Sacramento State University. She has a Master of Arts in Education with an emphasis in Higher Education Leadership, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies, both from Sacramento State University. Said Kristina, "I'm extremely excited to be a part of CAPPs and represent our sector at a statewide level".

ITT Educational Services, Inc., is a leading private college system focused on technology-oriented Associate and Bachelor degree programs. Headquartered in Carmel, Indiana, ITT has been actively involved in private postsecondary education since 1969. ITT has more than 100 campuses and operates in 30 states.

Laura J. Soloff joins CAPPs from the Art Institute of California – Los Angeles, where she has been President since 2003. Prior to Los Angeles, she served as President at the Art Institute of California's Orange County campus, was Director of Human Resources at Sony Pictures, held numerous positions at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM), and worked in Human Resources at Broadway Department Stores. Laura earned her bachelor's degree from UCLA and holds a teaching credential.

The Art Institute of California – Los Angeles is an educational institution for career preparation in the visual and culinary arts, offering diploma, Associate of Science, and Bachelor of Science programs. The Art Institute of California – Los Angeles is a member of the Art Institutes system.

David Vice, President of Tech Skills - Sacramento, said of his election to the Board, "I look forward to becoming more involved in our sector and encouraging schools who are not yet members to join CAPPs." Tech Skills - Sacramento offers programs in Information Technology, Office Administration, and Medical and Health Services.

CAPPs Board Member Wins AACS Director of the Year Award

The California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools is pleased to announce that CAPPs Board of Directors' member, Lynelle Lynch, has been named Director of the Year by the American Association of Cosmetology Schools (AACS).

2008 has proven to be an amazing year for Lynch and her Poway-based San Diego Beauty Academy. In addition to winning Director of the Year, her Poway Academy of Hair Design was named School of the Year by MODERN SALON Media in June.

"I am thrilled and deeply moved to receive this prestigious award for Director of the Year from the American Association of Cosmetology Schools," said Lynch. She continued, "The opportunity to make a difference in this industry, and being recognized for these achievements by my peers, is truly a high point in my career. Volunteerism and making a difference are what matter to me. I'm sharing this award with my team; together, we are revolutionizing Beauty education."

"I'm very proud of the fact that one of our Board members has been chosen for this award. I'm also impressed by the way in which Lynelle propels cosmetology education to the next level," said Robert Johnson, Executive Director of CAPPs.

Congrats Lynelle!