

# **Regents Lead at National Conference of Governing Boards**

**Susan Moore-Fontenot Elected to ACCT National Board of Directors**



**Dr. Lynda Villanueva, Lee College president, with Vice Chair Susan Moore-Fontenot, Lee College Board of Regents, at the ACCT Leadership Congress.**

The Lee College Board of Regents represented southeast Texas and the state at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress in Las Vegas. The ACCT is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical and junior colleges in the United States and beyond.

The ACCT Leadership Congress is the largest professional development opportunity for over 1,500 community college trustees and presidents, as well as leaders from philanthropic organizations, government agencies and other national non-profits. It is a time for these community college leaders to share experiences and expertise, network with people from around the country and expand knowledge of the community college sector.

"It's important for my colleagues and me to meet our peers from around the country and learn what challenges they are facing," said Lee College Board of Regents Chair Daryl Fontenot. "While no two institutions are identical, defined themes and trends emerge at national meetings like ACCT."

During the congress, Regent Susan Moore-Fontenot was elected by her peers to the ACCT Board of Directors as one of only three Directors-at-Large. In this new national role, Regent Moore-Fontenot will advocate for students from across the nation. She was elected with the highest vote total of the three available positions.

"It is an honor to represent Lee College, the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT), as well as those colleges in the six national regions across the United States," Moore-Fontenot said. "Serving at this level not only affords me the opportunity to share the great successes that make our college great, but it will also give me a chance to contribute to improving policy governance, impacting federal legislation and sharing best practices across the country. As the only national organization focused specifically on community college governance, trustee education is a core component of the ACCT mission and expertise; therefore, I look forward to the various opportunities that serving on this board will provide."

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**Top photo, from left:** Regent Pam Warford, Regent Gilbert Santana, Dr. Lynda Villanueva, Lee College president; Regent Mark Hall, assistant secretary; Regent Judy Jirrels, and Regent Gina Guillory at the ACCT Leadership Congress.