

Sunita Cooke

**Sunita “Sunny” Cooke, Superintendent/President
MiraCosta College (CA)**

Position: President of MiraCosta Community College since 2015. The single college district serves north coastal San Diego County with four campuses in Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Cardiff.

Previous positions: President of Grossmont College for 8 years; associate vice chancellor for workforce development at Lone Star Community College (TX); and dean of sciences, allied health and wellness at Lone Star-Montgomery College (TX); Biology and Biotechnology faculty member at Lone Star-Montgomery (TX) starting 1995.



Affiliations: Currently serves on the board of National Academies of Sciences Board on Science Education (BOSE); Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE); San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation; California Forward (CAFWD); Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Board; Biocom Board focused on representing CA biotech and life science companies;

Engagement within state: Chaired the CA Strong Workforce Taskforce to enhance and augment funding for the CA Community College System’s approach to workforce development; serve on the Economic Development/Workforce Development Advisory to the State Chancellor’s office; co-chaired the CEO Leadership Academy 2015-2019 and currently serve on a CEO Professional Development Advisory Committee.

List past AACC conventions attended by year: Have attended annual conventions since 2005.

List AACC Professional Development participation: Served on the AACC Board of Directors (2016-2019) and on the AACC Executive Committee (2018). Co-chaired and previously served on the Commission on Workforce and Economic Development; currently serve on the Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Attended Presidents Academy Summer Institute in 2018. Attended the New President’s Academy in 2007. Served on the AACC 100th Anniversary Planning Committee 2019 and the AACC Apprenticeship Taskforce 2019-2020.

Education: Ph.D. in Biology from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.; B.S. in Biology from American University in Washington, DC.

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