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Dr. Ding-Jo H. Currie started her full professorship in the Educational Leadership Ed.D. Program at California State University Fullerton's in the fall of 2011. This new chapter of Dr. Currie's career comes after she has earned the reputation as an outstanding national and international recognized leader in higher education with over 30+ years of distinguished service as Chancellor of Coast Community College District, President of Coastline College, and a number of executive level leadership roles. Dr. Currie is known as the first Asian American woman to be elected by her 1200+ peer CEO's as the Chair of American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and also served on the Board of Directors for American Council of Education (ACE). In addition to the HERS Board, Dr. Currie currently serves as a member of the Board of Visitors of Air University of US Air Force, Board member of Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and a number of other state and local boards. Dr. Currie has been the recipient of many prestigious local and national awards, including the Lovejoy Mentor Award, *Women Helping Women Award*, the *Outstanding Chinese Educator Award*, the *Small Business Administration District Director's Award*, the *Visionary of the Year Award*, the award for *Woman of the Year in Community Colleges and many more*.

Dr. Currie has been the host and institute coordinator for Kaleidoscope, a national leadership institute designed primarily for women of color in higher education with 20 years of success, now housed at CSU Fullerton. She is also the Founder and President of China's Higher Education Foundation promoting the enhancement of higher education through collaboration between the East and the West. Dr. Currie is a sought after keynote speaker on leadership, strategic planning, international/multicultural education, student success, and women leadership development. Behind her is a solid educational background with her Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in Intercultural/International Education and degrees in Mathematics, Psychology and Counseling.