

Conversations

Women's History Month

March 31, 2010

Events of the Day

12:30 - 1:00PM: Reception
1:00PM: Keynote Address

“Leadership in Public Higher Education Today”

- Mary Jane Saunders, PhD

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Around or a little after 2:00PM - 3:30PM

Table	Host	Topic
<i>One</i>	<i>Connie Hollinger</i>	<i>Role & Status of Women at CSU - Let's talk about the past, current and continuing status of women in leadership positions, as members of the workforce, as students, and as members of the CSU community</i>
<i>Two</i>	<i>Elice Rogers & Mittie Davis Jones</i>	<i>Women and tenure: What is it? Is it really life or death to the career? Let's talk about it</i>
<i>Three</i>	<i>Pam Rutar</i>	<i>Women's Health: What do you know? Let's talk about it.</i>
<i>Four</i>	<i>Lisa Gaynier</i>	<i>Women and Diversity - Let's talk about it.</i>
<i>Five</i>	<i>Phyllis Benjamin</i>	<i>Women in Public Education - Let's talk about our place, our achievements, the road behind and the road ahead</i>
<i>Six</i>	<i>Roberta Steinbacher</i>	<i>Women in Politics - Let's talk about Now and Then; Why and Where; Who and How</i>
<i>Eight</i>	<i>MareyJoyce Green</i>	<i>Women who have been civic and political leaders in NE Ohio's Let's talk about the prices paid.</i>
<i>Nine</i>	<i>Kathy Judge</i>	<i>Women and Aging - What happens to women as we age? Let's talk about where we're heading.</i>
<i>Ten</i>	<i>Christine Sell</i>	<i>Women, Collective Bargaining/unions and Professional class do women in higher education need unions? Let's talk about it.</i>

Mary Jane Saunders, PhD

Since 2007, Mary Jane Saunders, PhD has been Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cleveland State University. Dr. Saunders first came to the University to serve as Director of the Biomedical and Health Institute (BAHI) and then became Founding Dean of the new College of Science before becoming Provost.

Dr. Saunders is a Full Professor in the Biological, Geological and Environmental Science Department. Before coming to the University she served as Deputy Division Director of the Division of Biological Infrastructure, National Science Foundation; Director, University of South Florida Institute of Biomolecular Science; Assistant/Associate Professor in the University of South Florida Biology Department; and Assistant Professor at Louisiana State University Botany Department.

At CSU Dr. Saunders has brought about significant changes. She has instituted general education reform; started the Learning Communities; and supported new Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor degree programs geared to the needs of students and the region. She initiated the first CSU partnerships with NEOUCOM (North East Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy) in both pharmacy and medicine; and started the Center for eLearning. She also developed a summer undergraduate research program to enhance connections between students and faculty.

Dr. Saunders is a graduate of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2008 and sits on the Boards of Cleveland Museum of Natural History, OhioLink/Ohio Learning Network, Great Lakes Science Center, and BioEnterprise. She has developed and taught over twenty different courses in science and technical writing; received over twenty grants for scientific research, equipment, travel, and programs; and presented over fifty national and international scientific talks at universities, scientific meetings and government agencies. She is the author of over 25 scientific articles in the area of plant cell biology and microscopy.

Dr. Saunders, who grew up in Worcester MA, holds a BA in Biology from Boston University; MS and PhD in Botany from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Saunders leaves CSU to take up the position of President at Florida Atlantic University. For her leadership and support of women, students, and academic excellence at the University, we are grateful and on behalf of the entire university community, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Best wishes for success and continued achievements at FAU!