

Brenda Hellyer
Chancellor
San Jacinto College District

San Jacinto College's first woman and fifth chancellor, Brenda Hellyer assumed her role in May 2009. Her involvement with the college, now celebrating its 50th anniversary of serving east Harris County, began in 1996 as an inaugural director for the San Jacinto College Foundation. In 2000, she accepted the position of Executive Vice President for Resource Development; in 2003 she was named the Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs and served as the Chief Financial Officer for San Jacinto College for five years. She then assumed the role of Executive Vice Chancellor before becoming Chancellor.

Established in 1961, San Jacinto College is the seventh-largest community college in Texas, serving more than 30,000 credit students at three campuses and several extension centers. Hellyer's leadership and vision has been instrumental in developing a performance management system for staff and faculty with key performance indicators for every employee focused on the College's strategic goals and annual priorities, which are centered on student success, the P-16 pipeline, and workforce development. Hellyer was also instrumental in the development of the college's facility master plan, a \$295 million bond and construction program, recovery efforts after Hurricane Ike, and reaccreditation of the college in November 2008.

Prior to joining San Jacinto College, Hellyer worked in the corporate world as an accountant in both the private and public arena. Her experience ranged from mom-and-pop businesses to Fortune 500 companies to government agencies to entrepreneurial ventures in East Harris County. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas; a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Doctor of Education in Community College Leadership from the University of Texas at Austin. She received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the College of Education at The University of Texas in May 2009. She is involved with various commissions, committees, and boards at the national, state, and local level.

