Friday, September 23  Highlights

8:30 Plenary Session: Dr. Mildred García, President of California State University, Dominguez Hills
Finding a Home in Higher Education

Mildred García, Ed.D., is the seventh president of California State University, Dominguez Hills and the eleventh female president—the first Latina president—in the California State University system. Named to Hispanic Business magazine’s 100 Most Influential Hispanics list for 2007, President García has a strong commitment to multicultural alliances and believes that these coalitions strengthen students’ self-development and opportunities, as well as strengthening institutions and communities. An educator foremost, García is a scholar in the field of higher education. Her research has concentrated on equity in higher education and its impact on policy and practice. Among the books she has authored are Succeeding in an Academic Career, which focuses on how faculty of color can succeed in higher education; Assessing Campus Diversity Initiatives (co-authored); and Transforming the First Year of College for Students of Color. Most recently, she was a speaker at the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Annual Conference, presented a plenary at the Association of American Colleges and Universities Annual Meetings, and delivered the keynote address at the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Annual Conference.

Consecutive Morning Breakout Sessions at 9:45 & 11:00
9:45 Topic Focus: Quality of Life (Individual Session Topics TBA)
11:00 Topic Focus: Practicalities of Work (Individual Session Topics TBA)

Lunch

Afternoon Breakout Session at 1:45.  Topic Focus: Identity and Work

3:00 Closing Plenary Session: Dr. Lesia Crumpton-Young, University of Central Florida
Smart Moves for Smart Women
Dr. Lesia Crumpton-Young serves as Professor the Industrial Engineering and Management Systems Department at The University of Central Florida and is the author of the “You’ve Got the Power” Workbook Series. Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young is the recipient of the 2006 Women of Color Educational Leadership Award. Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young received the 1999 Janice A. Lumpkin, Educator of the Year Golden Torch Award from the National Society of Black Engineers. Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young received the 1997 Black Engineer of the Year Education Award. This award is given to the candidate whose qualifications place him/her in the ranks of the nation’s highest achievers in the field of engineering. Also, Dr. Crumpton-Young was the 1st African American female to receive a Ph.D. in Engineering from Texas A&M University.