



## Candidate for President Scottsdale Community College

**Jan Gehler, Ed. D.**



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Jan Gehler is the longest sitting dean at the University of Alaska Anchorage, serving in that position from 2000-2006, and 2007 to present. As the chief academic officer of the Community and Technical College (CTC), UAA's second largest college, Jan directs programs delivering certificates, associate, bachelor and graduate degrees. Her college serves students in Anchorage, in rural Alaska and beyond.

CTC's academic divisions include Allied Health Sciences, Aviation, Construction and Design, Culinary Arts, Hospitality, Dietetics and Nutrition, Computer and Electronics Technologies, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Transportation and Power, College Preparatory and Developmental Studies, English as a Second Language; it is home to the U.S. Air Force ROTC program. The college also provides educational programs at Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson Army Post, Chugiak-Eagle River Campus, the Northern Pacific Fisheries Observer Training Center and the university-wide Learning Resource Center.

Recognized for her collaborative leadership style and fiscal management, Jan was asked in 2006 to serve as Interim Provost for the University of Alaska Anchorage, a 20,000 student Masters level institution within the University of Alaska system. In that role she assisted others to develop budget deficit reduction plans, co-chaired the Planning and Budgeting Advisory Council and launched *UAA 2017*, the school's latest strategic plan.

Jan received her BS in Home Economics from The Ohio State University, MA in Vocational Education from California State University, Long Beach, and Ed.D. in Vocational Education from Oregon State University. Previous positions include: Home Economics high school teacher and district grant writer, Orange School District, Orange, California; assistant professor and coordinator MA in Vocational Education, California State University, Long Beach; senior planner for health and human services, Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; assistant professor MS in Vocational Education, tenured associate professor of culinary arts and hospitality, and associate dean of the CTC at UAA.

Jan's affiliations include: Alaska Process Industries Careers Consortium (board member 2003-2005), Alaska State Vocational Association (President 92-93); Alaska Women in Higher Education and South-central Alaska Women in Higher Education 2002 - current (including Executive Council); American Association of Community Colleges; Association for Career and Technical Education (1989 to current); Anchorage Home Economics Association (President 1990); University of Alaska Fellows; Phi Kappa Phi (2006 - current); Honorary Commander Emerita, Elmendorf Air Force Base, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mission Support Squadron; Tanaina Child Development Center, board member; Day Break (Alzheimer's) Center board member; Dream Team (inaugural team) for UAA's nationally recognized Center for Community Engagement and Learning; Delta Gamma National Women's Fraternity, OSU (President 1967-68 and Outstanding Senior Woman 1968); Anchorage Concert Chorus (1985 – current; board member current).

*Information provided as submitted by candidate.  
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