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Caprice Young to Join Fordham Trustees

WASHINGTON – The Board of Trustees of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute has elected Caprice Young as its newest member. An exceptional education reformer with extraordinarily wide-ranging experience, Ms. Young is currently CEO of Distance Learning, Knowledge Universe’s online K-12 learning subsidiary.

“We are honored to have Caprice join the Fordham Board. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise, as well as energy, commitment and personality, that will advance our work and benefit our organization in myriad ways,” said David H. Ponitz, Chairman of the Board.

Ms. Young has been CEO of the California Charter Schools Association and president of the Los Angeles Board of Education. She has also served as strategy consulting group manager of IBM’s West Coast e-Business Innovations Design Center and assistant deputy mayor of Los Angeles.

“Nobody surpasses Caprice in passion to revitalize American education and create quality opportunities for needy youngsters,” said Chester E. Finn, Jr., president of Fordham Institute, “and nobody has wider, deeper experience with charter schools, big-city districts, state policy, the business world and the political realm. I am truly thrilled to welcome her to the Fordham team.”

“I have always respected the rigor and courage with which Fordham takes on the tough challenges in education,” said Ms. Young. “Fordham is a think tank that actually puts ideas into practice and learns—all in pursuit of academic achievement. It is a tremendous honor to join a board with such drive and intellectual honesty.”

Ms. Young earned a bachelor’s degree from Yale, an MPA from the University of Southern California and an EdD from UCLA. She serves as a board member of such other organizations as the Children’s Museum of Los Angeles and Coro Southern California.

Ms. Young’s term on the Fordham board will commence in June 2010.

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