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Paul Elsner was Chancellor of the Maricopa County Community College District 1977-1999. He received his doctorate from Stanford University in 1964. Elsner graduated from Harvard's Institute for Educational management. The Maricopa Community Colleges are internationally recognized for leading-edge performance in technology transformation, workforce training and economic development.

Elsner is the immediate past Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Educational Testing Service (ETS), serves on the Fetzer Institute's Formation Advisory group, served on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and as President of the Board of Trustees for American College Testing (ACT). He was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Council on International Intercultural Education, is a member of the Board of Directors, League for Innovation in the Community Colleges, and also served as League President. He was elected to the Board of Trustees of SIAS International University, Zhengzhou, China 2006.

Dr. Elsner also serves on the Board of Advisors of the American Student Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Educations (ACE) Commission on Leadership Development and the ACE's Business-Higher Education Forum. He has served as a member of the Invest Learning Community College Advisory Board, and is a past member of the Executive Committee of Campus Compact - The Project for Public and Community Service, Education Commission of the States.

Dr. Elsner also served on the Governing Board of the New Standards Project that operated on a grant awarded by The Pew Charitable Trusts and the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. He was appointed to the New York Regents Commission on Higher Education, served as a Board Member of the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) and for the American Council on Education. Dr. Elsner also serves on the advisory boards of Eduprise, Protocol, and the National Governor's Association and the American Society of Training and Development's Commission on Technology and Adult Learning. This past year his consultancies and speaking took him to China, South Africa, The Netherlands, Ireland, Barcelona, Japan and the United Arab Emirates.

Paul Elsner is a recipient of the Anderson Medal for co-founding a nationally recognized partnership, The Think Tank. He is the author of a 21st Century morality play on the future of higher education entitled *Le Movement*. Dr. Elsner was listed as one of the most effective college leaders in the nation in the November, 1996 edition of The Chronicle of Higher Education and he was cited as one of the twenty most influential leaders by Change Magazine. He has received numerous awards, including the Association of Community College Trustees Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer Award, the Valley Leadership Visionary Award for positive and long-term community involvement, an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Arizona State University, an Honorary Professorship from La Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, the American Association of Community Colleges' Leadership Award, and the 1999 McGraw-Hill Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. In addition, he was presented with an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Northern Arizona University at their commencement ceremony in May of 2000.