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# Dorothy Aiken named to YVCC board of trustees

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Sunnyside's Dorothy Aiken has been appointed to serve on Yakima Valley Community College's Board of Trustees by gubernatorial appointment, according to Dr. Phil Tullar, college president.

Mrs. Aiken replaces Joan Harris of Sunnyside who has served on the board for the past 10 years.



Dorothy Aiken

Mrs. Harris served as president of the college board of trustees and was president of the state association of college trustees.

Dr. Tullar described Mrs. Harris as a good soldier. "Joan has served the college in a distinguished manner and it is certainly with mixed emotions that we see her leave the board. She has been a friend to the college and is a fine professional person," Dr. Tullar said.

Mrs. Aiken will join the board in January and will undergo orientation to the board, Dr. Tullar said. "She has good credentials and we are anxious to work with her and to get to know her," he said.

Mrs. Aiken, a long time Sunnysider, has been active in American Legion Auxiliary, serving as president; was on the staff of Evergreen Girls State and was an advisor to the Mock Government House of Representatives at Evergreen State for more than 10 years. She has been a substitute teacher for 20 years and currently volunteers her time at Washington School to work with the reading program. She is co-producer of the Valley Musical

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Comedy Company's spring production, "Bells are Ringing." She has also been active in Nouvella Club of the Lower Yakima Valley and in her church.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from George Washington University and did her graduate work on a teaching fellowship at Washington State University. She served as secretary to the Pro-Sunnyside Pool Committee, an indication of her long time interest to water safety. She has been active as an American Red Cross volunteer for more than 20 years.

"I'm committed to the availability of education for all Valley residents regardless of

their financial situation," she said. She said she is very interested in the Grandview campus and the satellite programs in Toppenish and Sunnyside.

Mrs. Aiken and her late husband, William Aiken, have four children, Katherine Aiken

Schwartz, an assistant professor at the University of Idaho; Mary Fishback, an English teacher at West Valley; Sally Fitterer, a pathologist with the King County Medical Office, and Jerome Aiken, an attorney in Yakima.

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