

## Bio for Carla Sanger

President and Chief Executive Officer of LA's BEST (Better Educated Students for Tomorrow) After School Enrichment Program for 17 years, Carla Sanger, M.Ed. has been a specialist in children's education policy and advocacy for more than 39 years in the public and private sectors. She has been a public school teacher, curriculum writer, supervisor of day care services for the state of New Jersey; former Executive Director of LA Child Care & Development Council, former President of the California Children's Council, former co-chair of the California State Department of Education Task Force on School Readiness and consultant to the City of Los Angeles, Community Development Department.

She co-founded a K-12 school (Nuevo Colegio Bilingue Larchmont) in Bogota, Colombia in 1969, which is still active today with 300 students.

A longtime activist on various community boards of directors which have included the California Women's Law Center, United Way Metro Region, Child & Family Services, Highland Hall School, Northridge Knights Youth Sports League, Getty House Children's Committee, Dolores Mission Women's Cooperative. She serves on numerous after school quality and evaluation advisory committees and task forces for the US Dept. of Education, the State of California and County of Los Angeles. She has been appointed by the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction to several task forces including the Title I Committee of Practitioners.

Ms. Sanger has been honored by the World Hunger Year organization (New York City) with its Community Action National award and had received numerous government commendations from federal, State and local legislators, the Wishing Well Award from the Los Angeles Women Police Officers, the Pursuit of Justice Award from the California Women's Law Center, a Treasure of Los Angeles award from the Central City Business Association of Los Angeles, an Angel Award for the Child Lifesaving Foundation as well as an Arts & Entertainment Channel Community Hero award.

She has been a featured speaker and conference presenter for numerous school districts throughout California, keynote speaker for the California State Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Education and countless community based after school organizations throughout the United States. BA – University of Pennsylvania; M.Ed. – Goucher College. Ms. Sanger is married to Academy Award winning film producer Jonathan Sanger; 2 sons, David & Christopher and 1 grandson, Harrison.