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# Mann, Berlam appointed to Edison College board

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Edison College District President Kenneth P. Walker announced that Mary Lee Mann of Alva, and Ann E. Berlam of Naples, have received gubernatorial appointments as members of the College's District Board of Trustees.

"Mrs. Mann has served Edison College for two decades in various capacities, and I am pleased that Governor (Charlie) Crist has recognized her experience and insights with this reappointment," said Walker. "The addition of Mrs. Berlam makes an exceptional board stronger still."

Mann was reappointed to serve a term beginning Aug. 31 and ending in 2011. She served as Trustee from 1991 to 1999, was reappointed by Governor (Jeb) Bush in 2003 and elected chair for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Mann was a founding member of the College's Foundation for the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in 1990, and later served as the group's President. Following the merger of the College's two direct support organizations, she has served as an Edison College Foundation, Inc. board member and was the founding chair of the successful "Edison POPS @ Sunset" concert held each October at the Lee campus.

"I have enjoyed working with President Walker, Edison's outstanding administrative team and fellow board members, and look forward to implementing the College's new strategic plan and serving even more students," said Mann.

Berlam, a retired director of government relations for the North Carolina State Board of Education, fills an open seat from Collier Campus for a term beginning Aug. 31 and ending in 2009. She was elected as a member of the Edison College Foundation, Inc. District Board of Directors in 2002, and served as District Chair from 2005 to 2007.

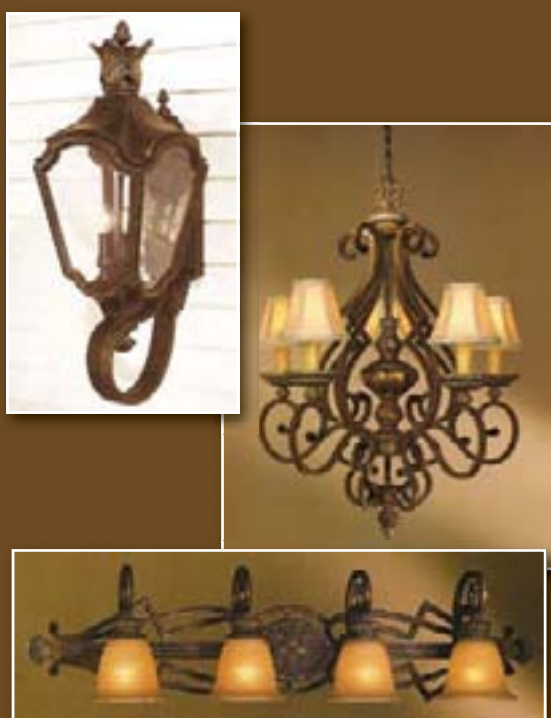
"It's an honor and privilege to be appointed to the District Board of Trustees," said Berlam. "Edison College has a fine tradition of providing outstanding service to its students and the community. I hope that my professional experiences in education and my background working in government will assist me in continuing the College's rich heritage."

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