



Dr. Jane G. Pisano
President and Director
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Dr. Jane G. Pisano took office as the President and Director of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County on November 1, 2001. Her top priorities are to create a new model for a natural history museum in the 21st Century; build an institution that realizes the Mission “to inspire wonder, discovery and responsibility for our natural and cultural worlds”; and renovate and build new facilities needed to serve the community.

Dr. Pisano served as the University of Southern California's Senior Vice President for External Relations from February 1998 through October 31, 2001. She had previously served, since 1994, as Vice President for External Relations and, from 1991 to 1998, as Dean of the USC School of Public Administration. As Senior Vice President for External Relations, Dr. Pisano provided strategic and administrative leadership for the university's External Relations programs, including alumni relations, civic and community relations, government relations, and public relations.

Before 1991, Dr. Pisano headed Los Angeles 2000 and The 2000 Partnership, a civic organization working to improve the quality of life in Southern California. She led the development of a civic action agenda based on the policy recommendations in "L.A. 2000: A City for the Future," a report prepared by the Los Angeles 2000 Committee.

Dr. Pisano is past chair of the Board of Governors of the California Community Foundation. She is President of the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation Board of Trustees. She was elected to the National Academy of Public Administration, where she served as Chair of the Board, and to the Council on Foreign Relations. Dr. Pisano also serves on the Board of Directors of WellPoint, Inc.

Prior to her arrival in Los Angeles, Dr. Pisano was on the faculty of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and served as a White House Fellow on the National Security Council staff.

She earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University, and a B.A. degree in political science from Stanford University.