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## **Rancho Santiago Community College District Names Director of Grants**

(Santa Ana)—Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) has appointed Tustin resident Sarah Santoyo as its director of grants. Since 2006, she has served as the interim resource development coordinator for the college district where she coordinated efforts of administrators, faculty, and staff, and external partners to design programs and develop grant proposals. Additionally, she researched grant opportunities, interpreted request for proposals, helped review grant programs and budgets, and served as a liaison between the district, its colleges, and funding agencies and partners.

In her new role, Santoyo will manage the Resource Development Department, including preparing grant proposals, negotiating awards, providing fiscal oversight, and interfacing with project personnel and funding agencies. In 2008-2009, RSCCD secured a total of \$30,490,294 in grants to support the programs and services of the college district and its two colleges—Santa Ana and Santiago Canyon colleges.

Prior to 2006, Santoyo was a special project specialist for RSCCD. In that role, she prepared key sections of grant proposals, including budget narrative and detail. She also helped monitor complex project budgets to ensure that the district met funding agency guidelines and regulations. She also was responsible for preparing subcontract agreements for board approval.

She holds an M.A. in English from the University of Nebraska, a B.A. in comparative literature from the University of California, Irvine, where she graduated cum laude. Santoyo is an alumna of Santa Ana College where she obtained an associate degree in liberal arts.

### **About the Rancho Santiago Community College District**

*The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is to respond to the educational needs of an ever-changing community and to provide programs and services that reflect academic excellence. Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of RSCCD, which serve the residents of Anaheim Hills, East Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, customized training for business and industry, and programs to train nurses, firefighters and law enforcement personnel.*

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