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## **Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees Names New Officers \*\* Three Incumbents Take Oath of Office \*\***

(Santa Ana)— On Monday, December 6, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) Board of Trustees, the Board nominated and approved the slate of officers for 2011. **Brian Conley, M.A.**, was unanimously elected as president. **Phillip E. Yarbrough** was elected as vice president and **Mark McLoughlin, CPSM**, was elected as clerk. Each will serve a one-year term. In addition, three incumbents – **John Hanna, Lawrence R. (Larry) Labrado** and **Yarbrough** - took the oath of office and will serve four-year terms. The seven-member Board also includes Trustees R. David Chapel, Ed.D. and Lisa Woolery, APR, M.A., as well as Nathan Selvidge, the student trustee.

“I am deeply honored to be chosen, once again, as Board president and look forward to leading the Board in 2011. I am proud of the collective good work of the Board of Trustees, district administrators, faculty and staff in providing quality programs and services to students. I look forward to continuing to advocate for policies that support completion and transfer opportunities to four-year institutions. I pledge to continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the colleges receive adequate state and federal funding, so that RSCCD will continue to provide leading-edge academic and workforce training programs,” commented Board President Conley.

Having been elected to the Board in 1988, Conley is the district’s most seasoned trustee. This election marks his fifth time serving as the Board president. A community college professor and long-time resident of Santa Ana, Conley has served on many local, regional and statewide educational committees and commissions, and is a former Governor appointee to the Board of Governors for the community college system of California. During his decades of service to the college district, Conley has received many awards and accolades, including the national Trustee

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Leadership Award from the Association of Community College Trustees, the Advocate of the Year Award from the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges and Outstanding Alumni Awards from both of his alma maters - Sacramento City College (SCC) and California State University, Sacramento (CSUS). He holds an associate degree from SCC, a bachelor's degree from CSUS, and a master's degree from California State University, Fresno. He also completed graduate studies at the UCLA School of Graduate Management, Pepperdine University's Graduate School in Education, and Beaux-arts in Geneva, Switzerland.

Yarbrough, elected to the Board in 1996, was chosen as Board vice president. A small business owner, Yarbrough taught economics courses as an adjunct professor at Santa Ana and Santiago Canyon colleges prior to being elected to the Board. In addition, he has held leadership positions on various community boards including the executive board for the Orange County chapters of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the American Lung Association. He also served as the Orange County coordinator for The Concord Coalition, a non-profit federal deficit reduction organization dedicated to eliminating federal deficit spending and balancing the federal budget. Yarbrough holds a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's degree in economics from California State University, Fullerton (CSUF).

McLoughlin, who was elected in 2008, will serve as Board clerk. McLoughlin brings more than 30 years of Fortune 500 corporate experience to the Board. A strong advocate for workforce development and career technical education, he serves on the executive board for the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. Moreover, he has held many leadership positions within the community, including co-chairing the successful Measure G capital building campaign for the Santa Ana Unified School District. He is currently the chair of the Measure G Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. A resident of Santa Ana, he is the president of the Floral Park Neighborhood Association, active in the historical society, and a facilitator for the Santa Ana Community Neighborhood Leadership Training Program. He holds a bachelor's degree in manufacturing/industrial engineering from Syracuse University and masters' degrees in operations research and business management from the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is also a nationally certified Supply Chain Management Professional.

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Labrado was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Board in January 1994 and was elected to the Board that November. He is the Board's immediate past president. A former educator, Labrado served as an outreach director at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) prior to his retirement. He is currently a small business owner with more than 20 years of experience in enrollment management. Labrado, a resident of Orange, has devoted decades to community service, has served on numerous local charitable and non-profit boards and has received recognition for his service and leadership. He is currently active in the American GI Forum and is serving as the director of the American GI Educational Foundation. In 2007, he was recognized by CSUF as one of the campus' top 50 Latino alumni. A resident of Orange, Labrado holds an associate degree from Santa Ana College and a bachelor's degree in ethnic studies from CSUF.

Hanna, a resident of Orange, was elected to the Board in 1998. In addition to his service to the college district, he serves on the board of directors for the Orange Community Foundation and the Lancers Orange Junior Soccer Club. Most recently, he was appointed to the Metropolitan Water District's Blue Ribbon Committee to help the region meet its long-term water needs. In the past, he has served on the planning commission and personnel board for the City of Santa Ana, and the Board of Directors of the Orange County Transportation Service Agency and the St. Joseph Ballet Company. An attorney in private practice, he holds a bachelor's degree from CSUF and a law degree from Loyola University School of Law.

**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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