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Aracely Mora Named Vice President of Academic Affairs at Santiago Canyon College

(Santa Ana)—Rancho Santiago Community College District announces the appointment of Aracely Mora, Ed.D., as vice president of academic affairs at Santiago Canyon College (SCC). In this influential role, Mora serves as the college's chief instructional officer. Her overall responsibilities include all aspects of academic programs and instructional support services, professional development, class scheduling, instructional budgets, allocation, and library services.

With 20 years of experience in higher education and 14 years of experience in K-12 education, Mora offers a wealth of experience, both as a faculty member and as an administrator. She worked on an interim capacity in her current position last year. Prior to that, she served as dean of arts, humanities, and social sciences at SCC. Previously, she was dean of exercise science, health and athletics at Santa Ana College. The athletic director at Irvine Valley College (IVC) for 10 years from 1991 to 2001, Mora also served as division chair of health sciences, physical education, athletics and taught physical education and health.

Mora earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at California State University, Long Beach and an Ed.D. in institutional management from Pepperdine University. An outstanding leader in her profession, Mora is active in many organizations, including a stint as president of the State Community College Organization of Physical Educators and the California Community College Athletic Directors' Association. She served as conference chair for the Association of California Community College Administrators Management Development Commission (ACCCA). She is a frequent presenter at national, regional and state conferences and has been a team member for several Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) accreditation visits to California colleges.

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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