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Elyse K. Chaplin, Ph.D., Named Associate Dean of Student Services at Santa Ana College

(Santa Ana)—Rancho Santiago Community College District announces the appointment of Elyse K. Chaplin, Ph.D., as associate dean, overseeing psychological services, campus health services, the Veterans Resource Center, and disabled student programs and services at Santa Ana College. In this role, Chaplin is responsible for the supervision and administration, personnel, programs and services, budgets, and overall leadership for all four departments.

With 18 years of experience in higher education, Chaplin offers a wealth of experience, as a researcher, counselor, faculty member, and as an administrator. Since 2008, she served as principal for Chaplin Educational Services providing higher education consulting to post-secondary institutions, high schools, as well as providing individual coaching and counseling to college students. Earlier career experiences included teaching in a TRIO program at the University of Maryland College Park, conducting educational and psychological research at several postsecondary institutions, and serving as an assistant dean of students at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Chaplin earned a B.A. in psychology at York University in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She earned an M.A. in education and human development and is all but dissertation (ABD) on an Ed.D. in higher education administration and leadership from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Chaplin completed her Ph.D. in higher education theory and policy studies at the University of Toronto with a focus on students' use of success attributes in their transitional experiences to college. A leader in her profession, she is active in many academic organizations and is a frequent presenter on inspiring and promoting student success and retention, students' psychological and physical health, as well as issues focused on crisis leadership in higher education.

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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