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## **Avie Bridges Named Dean of Exercise Science, Health and Athletics Division at Santa Ana College**

(Santa Ana)— Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) has appointed Avie Bridges as the dean of exercise science, health and athletics division at Santa Ana College (SAC). With 24 years of experience in college administration, Bridges has served as interim dean since fall 2006.

Prior to assuming the role of interim dean, she had served as the director of athletics at SAC since May 2002. Bridges came to SAC from Allan Hancock College where she served as athletic director from January 2000 through April 2002. Previously, at Santa Monica College, Bridges was administrative director of athletics from 1998 to 2000, physical education department chair from 1992 to 1998, and women's basketball coach from 1986-1996. Prior to that, she implemented the first women's athletic program at Livingston University in Alabama.

As dean, she will provide direction and support to faculty in the development, revision and evaluation of curriculum and materials for academic programs serving some 5,100 students annually through more than 170 courses. Additionally, she will provide review of the college's 21 athletic teams and programs to ensure compliance with state and federal laws, regulations and guidelines.

Bridges earned a master's degree in education from Tennessee Technology University and a bachelor's degree in education from Judson College in Alabama. She was the first California community college basketball coach to serve on the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Executive Board

### **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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