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Sue Mendizza Named Associate Dean of Instruction and Student Services for Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education

(Santa Ana)— Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) has appointed Sue E. Mendizza as associate dean of instruction and student services for Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education. In this role, she supervises the planning, funding, coordinating, staffing, delivery and evaluation of Continuing Education programs and staff and closely monitors and controls program expenditures and budget. Additionally, she resolves student complaints or problems and maintains related records and reports.

With 29 years of experience in community college instruction and program coordination, Mendizza has served as associate professor and faculty coordinator for the Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education. As the School of Continuing Education’s faculty coordinator, she provided leadership for the following programs: the Inmate Education Program, the Adult Basic Education/GED Program, the Workplace Learning Resource Center, the Older Adult Program, Health and Safety, and Business Skills. In addition, she evaluated adjunct instructors and provided leadership for curriculum development.

She has worked closely in the development of a number of instructional programs, including the Skills for Success Program that integrates reading, math, ESL, GED, Adult Basic Education (pre-high school) and high school subjects. She also led the curriculum team in conjunction with the Santa Ana Police Department that developed the Stay Out of the System (S.O.S.) instructional program for local offenders. Mendizza also developed the “Attitudes for Success” class offered through the Student Transition and Retention (S.T.A.R.) Program and for special populations of students working to complete their high school diplomas in conjunction with residency in the Santa Ana City Jail, Phoenix Halfway House and the Villa.

Prior to joining the faculty at Santa Ana College in 1989, she taught ESL, German, and Spanish at San Gabriel High School and was an adjunct instructor of ESL at Long Beach City College.

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Mendizza earned an M.A. from the University of Toledo in German; a B.A. in German and Spanish from Bowling Green State University; TESOL certification from California State University, Los Angeles; and English certification from California State University, Long Beach.

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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