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Caroline Durdella Named Assistant Dean for Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment at Santiago Canyon College

(Santa Ana)—Rancho Santiago Community College District announces the appointment of Caroline Durdella, Ph.D., as assistant dean for institutional effectiveness and assessment at Santiago Canyon College (SCC). In this role, Durdella oversees and implements college-wide planning, assessment and research activities to increase student success and overall institutional success. She coordinates strategic planning processes that integrate program review to establish annual and long-term goals.

With 15 years of experience in higher education, Durdella served as the dean of institutional research at Santa Monica College. Prior to that, she served as director of research and planning at Cerritos Community College District. From 1991 to 2001, she served as the director of institutional research for North Orange County Community College District. In addition, she has experience in teaching research methods and statistics for the College of Education at California State University, Fullerton. Additionally, she was an assistant clinical professor in the Benerd School of Education at the University of the Pacific where she taught quantitative research design and statistics to doctoral students. Previously, she was an instructor of statistics for the California State University, San Marcos. She also taught sociology at Fullerton College. She has also served as consulting editor and reviewer for the *Community College Review* and on numerous institutional advisory and planning committees at Santa Monica College, Cerritos Community College, and Cypress Community College.

Durdella earned a B.A. in anthropology and an M.A. in sociology at California State University, Fullerton. She obtained a Ph.D. in higher education administration at University of California, Los Angeles.

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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