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RSCCD Board Appoints Arianna P. Barrios to Trustee Vacancy

(Santa Ana)—At a specially scheduled meeting on August 29, the Board of Trustees for Rancho Santiago Community College District appointed Arianna P. Barrios to the vacant trustee position for area three. The board interviewed three applicants for the non-partisan trustee position in its open session. Barrios, a marketing and communications consultant with over 20 years experience with educational, non-profit and for-profit organizations, was selected to complete the term of Lisa Woolery, APR, M.A., who resigned her position effective August 23 to spend more time with her young children.

Barrios, a resident of Orange and owner of Barrios & Associates, has served as a communications consultant for several school districts, including the Compton Unified School District during its reorganization in the 1990s. Previously, she served as marketing director for Taylor Woodrow Homes. Prior to that, she served as communications director for HomeAid America, a nationwide nonprofit working with the building industry to build and renovate homeless shelters. Previously, Barrios was the director of communications for the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda. She has also served as a substitute teacher for the Orangewood Children's Home and the Orange County Juvenile Detention Center.

In addition, Barrios has been a dedicated community volunteer. She has served as a parent member of the Legislative Coalition, as well as the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Community Advisory Committee in the Orange Unified School District. She has also served on the Community Foundation of Orange Board of Directors for five years and is the past president of the YWCA Central Orange County. As a board member with the YWCA, she championed the YWCA's Beverly's House program that provided housing and educational opportunities for emancipated foster youth.

"I am deeply honored to serve on this respected board and look forward to sharing unique perspective in pursuit of the district's academic goals," said Barrios.

Barrios was sworn into office at the board meeting last night.

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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