



NEWS RELEASE

Santiago Canyon College Foundation Board Welcomes New Members

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ORANGE, Calif. (August 24, 2023) - The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) Foundation Board of Directors recently appointed three new voting members to oversee the Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization tasked with raising funds to support programs at the college.

Nathan Kim, Sandeep Madhavan and Nicole Matthews were unanimously approved to join the Board.

Nathan Kim is Principal at Gensler, a global architecture firm. Mr. Kim combines more than 15 years of experience with a deep conviction in the power of education and the promise of its global impact. His work includes the California State University system, community colleges, K-12 and charter schools. Mr. Kim currently serves on the Board of the DaVinci Schools in Los Angeles.

Sandeep Madhavan is a wealth advisor and owner of Merit Wealth Management, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC in Tustin, CA. He has served on the Alumni Board of Webb Schools in Claremont and as Treasurer for the Tustin Western Little League Board. Mr. Madhavan is a graduate of Babson College in Boston with a bachelor's in finance and statistics.

Nicole Matthews has worked in education for 15 years, the majority spent supporting student populations in socioeconomic areas throughout Orange County. She earned her bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in education from Concordia University and holds a CA Clear Teaching credential. She also became certified as an Independent Educational Consultant through the University of California, Irvine.

Ms. Matthews has worked to foster a passion for reading and learning among disadvantaged youth, as well as provide students with guidance in pursuing higher education, firm in the belief all students can achieve when provided support, resources, and a nurturing environment.

"We are excited to add such a diverse and talented group of incoming directors to our board," said SCC Foundation Board President Beatriz "Betty" Valencia, Ph.D. "Each of them brings a passion for higher education and they all understand how educational empowerment, particularly in marginalized communities, prepares students for successful careers. I look forward to working with them to support the SCC students of today and tomorrow."

Dr. Jeannie Kim, SCC President added, "Santiago Canyon College is in the process of aligning our academic programs and systems to better serve our adult learners (ages 25 and above) who comprise over 55% of our student body of over 29,700. Our new foundation board members are focused on supporting and providing the workforce development experiences that are necessary now and in the future. I am thrilled to have them onboard."

To learn more about the Santiago Canyon College Foundation, please visit sccollegefoundation.org/. To learn more about SCC, visit sccollege.edu/. Questions about this press release can be directed to Eugene W. Fields, public information officer at fields_eugene@sccollege.edu.

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About Santiago Canyon College

Santiago Canyon College (SCC) is designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and is one of two colleges in the Rancho Santiago Community College District, serving approximately 17,000 students annually. Accredited in 2000, this dynamic and award-winning institution is located in the city of Orange and provides an array of educational opportunities to more than 195,000 residents comprising the community. SCC offers 221 degree and certificate programs (including 28 associate degrees for transfer). SCC has been ranked among the "50 Best Community Colleges" in the U.S. by College Choice, recognized multiple times by The Chronicle of Higher Education as one of "The Great Colleges to Work For," received Gold-level status as a Military Friendly School®, and boasts award-winning, dedicated faculty, high-quality and student-centered education, and has an excellent university transfer rate supported by transfer-guarantee programs.