



NEWS RELEASE

Dr. Jeannie G. Kim Appointed President of Santiago Canyon College

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(January 18, 2023) – Orange, CA - - At their first regular meeting of 2023, the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) approved the selection of Dr. Jeannie G. Kim as Santiago Canyon College's (SCC) new and permanent president. This champion of socio-economic mobility and advocate of building cultural and social networks via higher education, will be the sixth leader to serve as SCC president and step into her new role beginning Wednesday, January 18.

Dr. Kim will spearhead the SCC campus community with 30+ years of experience as a change agent and leader in private and public institutions of higher learning that include UC, CSU and Community Colleges. This synergy has fueled her insights into how best to create communities of innovation within bureaucratic structures. Dr. Kim's educational career has been dedicated to crafting equitable systems by identifying and dismantling barriers, while also rebuilding the appropriate infrastructure necessary allowing historically underserved and underrepresented students to thrive. She brings a proven track record in succession planning, establishing organizational infrastructure, facilitating culture shifts, developing strategic partnerships and evaluation systems for both institutional and program operations. Dr. Kim is also an expert in grant writing, program and research development as well as High Impact Practices, from service-learning to undergraduate research.

"I am honored to serve as SCC's president. I thank the search committee, Chancellor Martinez and Board of Trustees for entrusting me with this responsibility and pledge to do my very best to create an environment where every SCC student and employee, thrives." Dr. Kim emphasized.

Dr. Kim comes to SCC from the Riverside Community College District where she served as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Grants and Economic Development. Prior to this position, she was also the Interim Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Strategic Planning.

She holds a doctoral degree in higher education policy, evaluation and reform from Claremont Graduate University, a master's degree from California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) and a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), both in Cultural Anthropology with an emphasis on Asian-American Women.

"The RSCCD Board of Trustees and I are delighted to welcome Dr. Kim as Santiago Canyon College's new president," noted RSCCD Chancellor Marvin Martinez. "We know she's stepping into this position with the experience, confidence and strength necessary to lead SCC forward on its path to excellence," he added.

Dr. Kim's first RSCCD Board of Trustee meeting as SCC's new president is set for Monday, February, 13, 2023. For more information, go to: www.sccccollege.edu.