



## **An Important Message**

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with a great deal of pride and a tinge of sadness that I announce that Dr. Julianna Barnes will soon step down as President of Cuyamaca College to take on an exciting new role. Dr. Barnes will become the next Chancellor of South Orange County Community College District beginning August 1, 2022.

President Barnes has served in higher education for more than 30 years serving in a number of leadership roles. Since 2015, she has provided innovative, transformational leadership as President of Cuyamaca College. She is known for her inclusive collaborative style, feisty energy and her deep commitment to student success and equity. Under her leadership, Cuyamaca College has become a recognized leader both statewide and nationally for acceleration in English and math and many innovative programs that have significantly improved outcomes for students. She has been a strong advocate for a racially-equitable higher education landscape, never wavering in her convictions. She is highly respected both regionally and statewide.

We will miss Dr. Barnes dearly, and we are grateful for her dedication and distinguished service all these years. She will leave Cuyamaca in a strong position, fiscally and organizationally to usher in the next generation of leadership.

As for our District's next steps, we will immediately begin planning for an interim president with continuity our top priority, while also launching a search for the next permanent president in early fall.

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