



New Interim President at Cuyamaca College

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Jessica Robinson, MSW, has been appointed interim president of Cuyamaca College, starting July 18, 2022.

Ensuring continuity of operations and services is critical, and I am confident that Dr. Robinson will



continue to move the college forward in several areas, including equity-minded teaching and learning, social justice, student success, innovation and excellence. She will also oversee the effort to seek state approval of a BA program in Water and Wastewater Technology.

Dr. Robinson will bring an important perspective to the position, as a first-generation Latina college student and Cuyamaca alumna. She earned an associate degree in general education at Cuyamaca, before transferring to San Diego State. Dr. Robinson's experience as a student at Cuyamaca made a profound impact on her life, starting her on a path to educational and professional success. She went on to complete bachelor's and master's degrees at SDSU. She later returned to earn a doctorate in educational leadership and post-secondary education. Dr. Robinson completed the prestigious Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship and the Community College League of California's Aspiring CEO Program.

"This means so much," she said. "I'm pinching myself. It's a dream."

Dr. Robinson is highly regarded among her peers and colleagues for her strong commitment to student access and retention. She also strives to increase the visibility of the college in our community. For her interim role, she will also focus on critical projects such as completion of the Student Services Building and finalization of a new integrated Integrated Strategic and Facilities Master Plan.

Dr. Robinson was selected from a strong pool of candidates. She will serve as interim president through June 2023 until a new permanent president is appointed. The District will launch a national search for a permanent president starting this fall.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Robinson to this important role.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Ceresino Neault, Ed.D., Chancellor