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## **Dr. Gregory Anderson Appointed Saddleback College President**

Aug. 31, 2017 – Dr. Gregory Anderson has been appointed as Saddleback College’s new president following a unanimous vote by the South Orange County Community College Board of Trustees in a special meeting today. His first day on campus will be October 16.

Dr. Anderson has worked as a faculty member, director, dean, and vice president in the California Community Colleges for the past 12 years, most recently as vice president of planning, research, and institutional effectiveness for San Mateo County Community College District. Prior to that he served as vice president of instruction at Cañada College. In addition to gaining tenure and serving as president of the Academic Senate at De Anza College, Dr. Anderson taught for over 20 years and managed programs at colleges and universities in Southern California and around the world.

Interim Chancellor Debra L. Fitzsimons said, “We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Anderson to Saddleback College and the district after a competitive national search. He has a deep knowledge of instruction and the complex operations of a large community college. He fully understands the opportunities and challenges in serving a diverse population of students. We appreciated the widespread and thoughtful campus input throughout the search process that yielded four highly qualified finalists.”

Board President Tim Jemal added, “Dr. Anderson brings a wealth of experience working in higher education and the California community college system. We look forward to his leadership to continue to make Saddleback College one of the best community colleges in the state and nation.”

Dr. Anderson commented, “The privilege to serve the students and community of Saddleback College excites me beyond measure. I’m profoundly grateful for the confidence of the trustees and the support of the faculty and staff members who participated in this process.”

Dr. Anderson earned a Doctor of Education degree in higher education from the University of Southern California, a Master of Arts degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, and a Bachelor of Science degree in liberal arts – speech communication and English from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Anderson’s appointment is subject to a ratification vote by the full board in the regular board meeting scheduled for September 25.

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