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Dr. Kathleen Burke Appointed Chancellor of South Orange County Community College District

May 1, 2018 – Dr. Kathleen Burke has been appointed to serve as chancellor of the South Orange County Community College District following a unanimous vote by the board of trustees. She will begin employment on July 1. The chancellor acts as chief executive officer of the district, overseeing an \$800 million budget, nearly 4,000 employees, and operations for the district, which includes Saddleback College, Irvine Valley College, and the Advanced Technology and Education Park.

Dr. Burke has over three decades of experience as a community college administrator and educator and comes to the district from Los Angeles Pierce College, where she has served as president since 2010. She was previously the vice president of academic affairs and vice president of institutional effectiveness in colleges throughout the Los Angeles Community College District, including Los Angeles Trade Technical College, East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles City College, and Los Angeles Mission College. Prior to that, she served as dean of academic affairs at East Los Angeles College, and for 10 years was the chairperson of the visual and performing arts division at Glendale Community College, where she also served as president of the board of trustees.

Board President Timothy Jemal stated, “I am pleased to welcome Dr. Burke as chancellor of the South Orange County Community College District. I am confident her depth of experience as a community college administrator and commitment to student success will serve our faculty, staff, students, and community well.”

Dr. Burke said, “This is an exciting time in higher education as we focus on increasing opportunities and success for our students. I’m grateful to have been selected to serve as the chancellor of the South Orange County Community College District and to work with a board of trustees that is so dedicated to the communities we serve.”

Dr. Burke earned a doctorate of education from Pepperdine University; a Master of Arts degree in art from California State University, Northridge; and two bachelor’s degrees from University of California, Irvine: one in art history, and the other in studio art with an emphasis on drawing and painting. She also earned an Associate of Arts degree in humanities from Glendale Community College.

South Orange County Community College District serves more than 60,000 students per year and is comprised of Saddleback College, Irvine Valley College, and the Advanced Technology and Education Park. The district serves nearly one million residents and employs approximately 4,000 faculty and staff.

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