

RESOLUTION

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 27, 2020

Irvine Valley College's 2020 Associate Professor of the Year **Gail Schwartz**

WHEREAS, while Gail Schwartz has taught at Irvine Valley College for less than two years, she already has a reputation for building community, teaching essential skills, and presenting engaging and relevant lessons; and

WHEREAS, when the award was announced, her class gave her a standing ovation and praised her abilities as an instructor, with many students stating it was the best class they had ever taken; and

WHEREAS, Gail Schwartz received her bachelor's from UCLA in anthropology, a master's from USC in urban planning, and a master's in TESOL from CSUF, as well as a TESOL certificate from UCI. She worked in marketing for an urban planning and architectural firm before teaching, then led the UCI Business English program for 10 years and taught academic and business English for 14 years. She was awarded UCI Teacher of the Year in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Gail Schwartz has developed rigorous curriculum and resources, and remains available to mentor students after her classes end. Many past students attribute their professional success to her classes; and

WHEREAS, Gail Schwartz's advice on building community online is a model for the IVC School of Languages and Learning Resources and the School of Humanities during their transition to online instruction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the South Orange County Community College District do hereby commend and congratulate Gail Schwartz as the Irvine Valley College Outstanding Part-Time Professor of the Year.

T.J. Prendergast III, President

Kathleen F. Burke, Chancellor

