

# RESOLUTION

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 27, 2020

## *Saddleback College's 2020 Associate Professor of the Year* **Rebecca Leonardo**

*WHEREAS*, Rebecca Leonardo, a biology instructor at Saddleback College since 2016, has been named the Associate Professor of the Year; and

*WHEREAS*, Rebecca Leonardo is inspired by the core principle of biology: adaptation, and regularly applies that principle in considering whether her students are comfortable with new learning material, what may have happened in the news lately that affects her students or her subject, and what she says is the most complicated adaption of all: the individual needs of her students in the classroom;

*WHEREAS*, Rebecca Leonardo's quest to discover the individual needs of her students results in having real compassion for them; being a listening ear and pointing to resources to help them, checking in through email when she feels they may have checked out, and showing understanding and leniency for students in need who benefit from a little flexibility;

*WHEREAS*, Rebecca Leonardo creates better opportunities for her students to learn by adapting to their needs, which in turn instills a feeling of personal progress in her teaching; 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 Rebecca Leonardo as the Saddleback College Outstanding Part-Time Professor of the Year.

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T.J. Prendergast III, President

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Kathleen F. Burke, Chancellor

