



May 19, 2025

Board of Trustees Resolution

Saddleback College Manager of the Year Christina Hinkle

Whereas, Christina Hinkle serves as the Executive Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at Saddleback College, leading one of the largest and most diverse academic divisions with clarity, compassion, and visionary purpose; and

Whereas, Dean Hinkle is deeply respected across the college for her strategic leadership, transparent communication, and tireless advocacy for students, faculty, and staff. She leads with integrity and empathy, consistently creating a culture of collaboration, trust, and inclusion; and

Whereas, her background as a former Saddleback student, faculty member, and now administrator uniquely equips her to lead with insight and heart. She is admired for her unwavering dedication to student success and for fostering a supportive environment that empowers faculty to innovate, collaborate, and grow; and

Whereas, Christina has played a critical role in championing transformative academic programs, supporting faculty-led research, and securing funding for initiatives that have elevated Saddleback's reputation—including student presentations at prestigious conferences, the development of the Latinx Voices Journal and Podcast, and the establishment of interdisciplinary research and capstone opportunities; and

Whereas, under her leadership, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences has flourished. From unifying the former Liberal Arts and Social & Behavioral Sciences divisions into a cohesive academic community, to revitalizing physical spaces like the BGS building with inclusive, student-centered design, Christina's work has left a lasting impact on the college's culture and campus; and

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Whereas, Dean Hinkle is celebrated for her ability to see both the big picture and the individual, mentoring and uplifting her team with patience, precision, and positivity. As one colleague stated, “She has all the skills needed to ensure high quality, successful outcomes for all... and the heart to help others see their own light”; and

Whereas, her leadership style – marked by accountability, humility, responsiveness, and genuine care – has not only advanced student equity and access, but created a thriving, inclusive workplace where every voice is heard and valued; 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 Christina Hinkle as the Saddleback College Manager of the Year for 2025, in recognition of her leadership, tireless dedication, and enduring contributions to the college and its mission.

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