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Board of Trustees Resolution

Honoring 2026 Irvine Valley College Teacher of the Year Deanna Valdez

Whereas, Deanna Valdez, as a dedicated full-time mathematics instructor at Irvine Valley College (IVC), consistently demonstrates exceptional enthusiasm and commitment to teaching, fostering an engaging and supportive learning environment for her students; and

Whereas, her ability to make complex mathematics concepts—from precalculus through differential equations and multivariable calculus—clear and accessible builds student confidence, encourages curiosity, and inspires a lasting passion for mathematics; and

Whereas, Professor Valdez’s student-centered teaching approach, including the implementation of a flipped classroom model, promotes active learning, collaboration, and immediate feedback, ensuring all students, regardless of prior experience or confidence in mathematics, feel supported and empowered to succeed; and

Whereas, her dedication extends beyond the classroom through her creation of the widely recognized YouTube channel Math with Professor V, providing tens of thousands of learners worldwide with access to high-quality mathematics instruction and supporting her students’ learning both inside and outside the college; and

Whereas, she launched IVC’s first annual high school math contest, connecting local students with the college, promoting STEM engagement, and establishing a strong foundation for continued growth and community impact; and

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Whereas, her students consistently recognize her impact, describing her as “incredibly dedicated, patient, and positive,” with one student sharing, “I could not imagine having gone through IVC math without Professor V as my calculus and differential equations professor. More than just any regular math class, her warmth and good humor made for a special and meaningful sense of classroom “community”; 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 Deanna Valdez for her exemplary contributions as the 2026 Outstanding Full-time Teacher of the Year at Irvine Valley College and honor her service as this year’s Commencement Keynote Speaker.

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