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# Board of Trustees Resolution

## Honoring 2026 Saddleback College Associate Faculty of the Year Fariba Bolourich

*Whereas,* Dr. Fariba Bolourieh has been named the 2026 Saddleback College Associate Faculty of the Year in recognition of her outstanding commitment to student learning, mentorship, and community-centered education; and

*Whereas,* Dr. Bolourieh is widely respected for her supportive and engaging teaching style, creating welcoming classroom environments where students feel comfortable, valued, and confident in developing their English language skills; and

*Whereas,* Dr. Bolourieh's instruction is characterized by clarity, patience, and encouragement, helping students build both language proficiency and self-confidence, while fostering active participation through interactive and meaningful learning experiences; and

*Whereas,* students consistently describe Dr. Bolourieh as a compassionate and dedicated educator who genuinely cares about their progress, providing guidance, encouragement, and individualized support that extends beyond the classroom; and

*Whereas,* Dr. Bolourieh's ability to connect with students from diverse backgrounds, including multilingual and adult learners, creates a strong sense of belonging and community, allowing students to overcome barriers, find their voice, and achieve personal and academic growth; and

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*Whereas,* Dr. Bolourieh's teaching philosophy reflects her commitment to equity, empowerment, and holistic learning, drawing on her own experiences to help students navigate new opportunities and engage more fully in their communities; and

*Whereas,* through Dr. Bolourieh's dedication, warmth, and innovative approach to instruction, she inspires students to believe in their abilities, pursue their goals, and realize their full potential; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved,* that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Fariba Bolourieh on being named the 2026 Saddleback College Associate Faculty of the Year, and extends its sincere appreciation for her exceptional teaching, mentorship, and lasting impact on her students and the college community.

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