



April 27, 2026

Board of Trustees Resolution

Honoring 2026 Saddleback College Emeritus Faculty of the Year John Huntington

Whereas, John Huntington has been named the 2026 Saddleback College Emeritus Faculty of the Year in recognition of his extraordinary dedication to students, passion for music, and enduring impact on the Emeritus community; and

Whereas, Mr. Huntington brings more than five decades of experience as a performer, director, and educator, sharing extensive knowledge of vocal arts, music, and theatre in ways that are both accessible and inspiring to students of all backgrounds and experience levels; and

Whereas, Mr. Huntington is widely admired for patience, encouragement, and ability to create a welcoming and inclusive learning environment where students feel supported, valued, and confident in developing their voices; and

Whereas, through engaging instruction, hands-on participation, and thoughtful guidance, Mr. Huntington helps students build confidence, improve technique, and find meaning and joy in their musical expression, often transforming beginners into confident performers; and

Whereas, students describe Mr. Huntington's classes as engaging, uplifting, and deeply rewarding, noting his ability to challenge and inspire them while maintaining a positive, respectful, and supportive atmosphere that fosters both personal growth and a strong sense of community; and

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Whereas, Mr. Huntington's work with the Saddleback Emeritus Chorale has created a vibrant and connected community of learners, bringing together individuals across generations and backgrounds to share in the joy of music, learning, and performance; and

Whereas, Mr. Huntington's dedication, enthusiasm, and genuine care for his students reflect the transformative power of lifelong learning, enriching the lives of students and strengthening the sense of community within the Emeritus Institute; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District does hereby commend and congratulate John Huntington on being named the 2026 Saddleback College Emeritus Faculty of the Year, and extends its heartfelt appreciation for his outstanding teaching, artistic leadership, and lasting contributions to the college and its community.

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