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# Board of Trustees Resolution

## Honoring 2026 Saddleback College Full-Time Faculty of the Year Taylor Brooks

*Whereas,* Professor Taylor Brooks has been named the 2026 Saddleback College Full-Time Faculty of the Year in recognition of his dynamic instruction, dedicated mentorship, and lasting impact on students' lives; and

*Whereas,* Professor Brooks exemplifies the highest standards of teaching by consistently prioritizing student success and well-being, and is widely respected for his accessibility, preparation, and ability to create engaging and effective classroom and lab experiences; and

*Whereas,* Professor Brooks' courses are known for combining real-world industry expertise with hands-on learning, helping students build both technical knowledge and practical skills while fostering confidence, curiosity, and a strong work ethic; and

*Whereas,* students describe Professor Brooks as a committed mentor who goes above and beyond to support their academic and professional journeys by offering guidance on coursework, career pathways, and employment opportunities, and helping many students successfully transition into the workforce; and

*Whereas,* Professor Brooks' impact extends beyond instruction, as he builds meaningful connections with students, encourages integrity and perseverance, and inspires them to take pride in their work and future, with many crediting Professor Brooks for changing their lives and shaping their career paths; and



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*Whereas,* as both a Saddleback College alumnus and Department Chair of Automotive Technologies, Professor Brooks brings a unique perspective, strengthening the program through industry-informed instruction, curriculum development, and a commitment to student success; and

*Whereas,* through Professor Brooks' mentorship, he has helped students gain confidence in their abilities, pursue meaningful careers in the automotive industry, and realize their full academic and personal potential; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved,* that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District does hereby congratulate and commend Professor Taylor Brooks on being named the 2026 Saddleback College Full-Time Faculty of the Year, and extends its sincere appreciation for his exemplary service, dedication, and enduring impact on the student body.

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