



***TO: ALL STAFF***  
***From: Fred Williams, Interim Chancellor***  
***Date: February 29, 2016***

This has been an incredibly busy and historic month for the North Orange County Community College District. The theme for this Chancellor's Memo might well be "new and improved" since we have so many announcements and additions.

### **We have a new Chancellor!**

As you no doubt have heard, the Board of Trustees unanimously chose Dr. Cheryl Marshall to be the next Chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District. I think the Board chose the perfect person for us, and I couldn't be happier with this appointment. After the public forums, so many of you told me that Dr. Marshall was your first choice and that you were impressed with her warmth, knowledge, and focus on transparency. Since the announcement was made I've also heard from several of her colleagues at Crafton Hills College, who have congratulated us on our good fortune and expressed dismay at losing such a talented leader. In Dr. Marshall I believe we're getting an experienced and dedicated educator who excels at building partnerships, strategic planning, and putting students first. Welcome, Dr. Marshall!

### **A new Trustee was elected!**

On February 9 preliminary results from the Orange County Registrar of Voters indicated that Stephen T. Blount would be our elected official from Trustee Area 3. Last week the Registrar certified these results, and Mr. Blount will be sworn in at our Board of Trustees meeting on March 8. A 40-year member of the Cypress community, Mr. Blount has extensive experience in public service for educational institutions, including being a member of the Cypress School District Board of Trustees and a member of the California Science Teachers Association. His strong financial background will surely be useful, as Mr. Blount has over 34 years of experience in money and asset management. I look forward to working with Mr. Blount and having a full contingent of NOCCCD Trustees once again.

### **Relaunch of the District website!**

After nearly two years of development, I'm happy to announce that the new and much-improved [www.nocccd.edu](http://www.nocccd.edu) website is up and running. Not only is it beautifully designed, it operates much more effectively. We've added new gateways to streamline the user's experience, created a District-wide events calendar, featured job opportunities prominently on the homepage, and added important sections like Planning and Governance, Campus Safety, Sexual Misconduct and Title IX, and Professional Development. It was built as a one-stop-shop for all our District information, and I think it's a professional showpiece that we can all be proud of. Special thanks to Kai Stearns Moore and Melissa Utsuki from Public Affairs and the Website Alliance Committee for spearheading this project.

### **The first NOCCCD Great Teachers Seminar!**

In April, 30 of our talented NOCCCD professors will attend the District's inaugural "Great Teachers Seminar" at Lake Arrowhead. Hosted by the District-wide Professional Development Committee and the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, this will be an opportunity for our faculty to share their great ideas, best practices, and teaching techniques with each other in a relaxed environment. Fullerton College Staff Development Coordinator Jeanne Costello will be one of the facilitators, while Cypress College Staff Development Coordinator Mary Forman will act as the coordinator for the seminar. I look forward to hearing how this event goes.

### **Hiring of new faculty and staff!**

For the second year in a row we will be hiring a substantial number of new employees across the District. We plan to add 87 more faculty and over 40 classified and management to our ranks before the fall semester. And while I couldn't be more excited about all the fresh ideas and enthusiasm these new employees are sure to bring with them, I want to acknowledge everyone involved in this intense hiring process. So thank you to Human Resources for the extra-ordinary effort you've all put in to advertise, coordinate, process, and hire these individuals. And thank you to all of the members of the hiring committees for your valuable time and expertise. You are the reason thousands of people across the state want to work at NOCCCD!

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