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Mary Benard Selected as New San Diego City College VP of Instruction



SAN DIEGO, CA – Following an extensive nationwide search, **Mary Benard** has been selected as the new Vice President of Instructional Services for San Diego City College, effective January 1, 2009.

San Diego City College enrolls approximately 17,000 students each semester and offers more than 100 Associate Degrees, 100 Certificates and 1,500 classes. With the student population expected to increase to 25,000 within the next decade, City College is currently undergoing a substantial campus expansion

Well prepared to oversee deans of six schools and 20 different departments Bernard brings nearly a decade of college administrative experience and 20 years of leadership experience in the San Diego workforce development industry to the position.

Prior to joining City College as the Dean of School of Science, Nursing, Health and Athletics at City College in 2006, Benard served as Dean of the School of Business, Math and Science and Dean of Technical Careers and Workforce Initiatives at San Diego Miramar College. Additionally she served as Director of Targeted Adult Programs for the San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc; Special Projects Manager for the Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT), San Diego City College; Operations Manager for the Comprehensive Training Systems (CTS); and as Hire-a-Youth Program Coordinator and Program Representative for the San Diego Consortium and Private Industry Council (PIC).

San Diego Community College District Chancellor Dr. Constance M. Carroll remarked, "City College is the district's oldest institution, with a diverse student population and an urban service mission. The new vice president will bring a wealth of experience, insight, and commitment that will serve the college well."

City College President Dr. Terrence Burgess added, "Mary brings a thorough understanding of budgeting and program development to this role. During these challenging economic times, her collaborative working style, professionalism and keen skills will guide the office of instruction to prepare students for our future work force needs."

Working closely with faculty, Benard also brings own teaching experience to the office. She has instructed at San Diego City College, Southwestern College, and Kelsey-Jenny in business classes and as an ESL (English as Second Language) instructor for the Center for Employment Training.

Benard earned her master's degree in business administration with a special area of study in international business at the University of San Diego, and her bachelor's degree in education, with a dual certification in special and elementary education from Buffalo State College. She is currently in progress on her doctorate in education through SDSU/Claremont Graduate University.

Originally from Buffalo, New York, Benard moved to San Diego in 1980 after spending close to 2 years in the cities of Quito and Esmeraldas, Ecuador, as a teacher in the Peace Corps. She and her husband Richard, the Chief Financial officer of the US Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum, look forward to their son, Phillip, completing his Ph.D. in chemical engineering at the University of Michigan and returning to San Diego.

Excited to start her new position in January, Benard commented, "City College is rich with diversity, and charged with creative energy focused on student learning. I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to provide instructional leadership for this campus community."

About San Diego City College

Founded in 1914, San Diego City College serves as the educational cornerstone of downtown San Diego. Home to 17,000 students, City College offers more than 100 Associate Degrees and 100 Certificates and 1,500 day, evening and weekend classes. City College is part of the San Diego Community College District, comprised of City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, and Continuing Education. www.sdcity.edu

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