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Dr. JoAnna Schilling Named President of Cypress College

Anaheim, Calif. –Dr. JoAnna Schilling has been named as the new president of Cypress College. She will assume her new position in July 2017.

Schilling's appointment was announced Monday morning by the NOCCCD Board of Trustees. The Board will formally approve Schilling's appointment at its regular meeting on April 11. "Dr. Schilling brings a wealth of experience as an educational leader with strengths in partnership development, enrollment management, and accreditation," Chancellor Cheryl Marshall wrote in a memo announcing the appointment. "The people who have worked with her describe her as a transformational leader who is collaborative, empowering, inclusive, visionary, and personable. I believe she will build on Cypress College's successes and lead the College forward to its desired future."

Dr. Schilling has spent the last 15 years as an instructor and college administrator, most recently serving as the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Rio Hondo College, where she also previously served in multiple roles as the Dean of Arts and Cultural Programs, Continuing and Contract Education, and Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs from 2006-2012. From 2012 to 2016, Dr. Schilling served at Cerritos College as Vice President of Academic Affairs/Assistant Superintendent.

"I am thrilled to be joining the team at North Orange County Community College District and Cypress College," said Dr. Schilling. "I look forward to working with the excellent faculty, staff, and administrators at Cypress and to continuing the great work begun under current president, Dr. Bob Simpson.

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Cypress students deserve our full commitment to their success, and it will be my honor to ensure each student has the opportunity to reach their academic and career potential.”

Schilling’s academic credentials include a doctorate in Education from Oregon State University, a master of fine arts in Playwriting from Carnegie Mellon University, and a bachelor of arts in English from Smith College. She currently serves as the co-chair on the Chancellor’s Office Curriculum Inventory project (COCI) and also sits on the statewide Chief Instructional Officers (CIO) Executive Board representing the Orange County/Los Angeles County region. Other previous statewide community college committees include the strategic planning committee for the LA/OC regional consortium, and as the CIO rep on the 3CSN advisory committee.

Schilling also has served on the boards of the Rio Hondo Symphony Association, the East Whittier Arts Foundation, as well as serving as a juror for the Newport Beach Film Festival and on the California Arts Council. She and her husband are members of the Society of Fellows at the Huntington Library and Gardens in San Marino, CA and are strong supporters of the arts in their community.

NOCCCD Background

Two of the state’s premier colleges and most extensive continuing education program combine to provide the quality educational programming of the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD). Nearly 85,000 students enroll each term at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and the School of Continuing Education. College students are able to shape their futures in programs leading to associate degrees, vocational certificates, and transfer opportunities. Life-long learning also is possible in continuing education programs that range from high school completion and basic skills mastery through an array of vocational training and self-development courses. The NOCCCD campuses serve an area of over one million diverse people – each pursuing their own, unique ambitions.