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The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is launching the LACCD Presidents Academy to fill an expanding leadership gap in many of California's community colleges. Understanding that the pathway to a successful presidency is challenging, LACCD and UCLA's Educational Leadership Program (ELP) have designed this new program to help fill this gap with well-qualified and skilled community college leaders.

The primary objectives of the Presidents Academy are to prepare senior level administrators to apply and to be appointed for a presidency, and to successfully navigate the terrain of the presidency. To do this, the Presidents Academy's facilitators will engage with participants to share the skills and knowledge that they need through a variety of real-world discussions and activities. The Academy also has a mentoring component and a continuous evaluation process to help meet participants' needs.

UCLA's ELP is well positioned to support the Presidents Academy. Since 1993, ELP has offered a Doctor of Education Program (Ed.D.) to meet the needs of educational practitioners and position them to lead community colleges and other types of educational organizations. Now, many of the 400 plus graduates of the Program's cohorts are leaders applying the theory, research and practice learned in ELP, to collaborate on actions that implement and sustain improvements.

The Presidents Academy is uniquely designed to connect acknowledged expert practitioners as you prepare for the presidency search process – and for being a community college president. The Educational Leadership Program and LACCD are combining their expertise to increase the pathway to the presidency and I welcome you to the journey!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda P. Rose".

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