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CHANCELLOR RODRIGUEZ ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT FOR LOS ANGELES TRADE-TECHNICAL COLLEGE

LOS ANGELES— Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, Ph.D., today announced his appointment for the new President of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) was formally approved by the District’s Board of Trustees.

“After a nationwide search, vetting and interview process, I’m very pleased that we are able to attract someone of Dr. Katrina VanderWoude’s caliber to the District as our new President at Trade-Tech,” Chancellor Rodriguez said. “She has impeccable academic credentials with solid administrative experience at community colleges and she’ll be able to move the college forward with positive energy right away.”

The Board voted to approve her appointment during the regularly scheduled meeting January 8. Dr. VanderWoude’s official start date is Monday, February 24, which will allow for a transition period with Dr. Andrew Jones, the current Interim LATTC President.

Dr. VanderWoude has more than 20 years of executive and administrative experience, the last six years in California, providing strategic leadership and academic instruction in the community college, university and K-12 environments. Most recently, she was President at Contra Costa College, a designated Hispanic Serving Institution, in the San Francisco Bay community of San Pablo, Calif.

“Los Angeles Trade-Tech is one of the oldest and most unique community colleges in the nation with a proud history and a bright future. I am honored to have been selected as its next President and wish to thank the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees for their confidence. One of the first things I want to do is actively meet with, and listen to, the faculty, students and staff about their vision for the college as we begin our exciting new journey together,” Dr. VanderWoude said.

Dr. VanderWoude received her doctorate of education and master’s degree, both in educational leadership, from Eastern Michigan University, and a bachelor’s in social science from Michigan State University.

Prior to Contra Costa College, she served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Grossmont College from 2013 to 2018 and was Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives from 2011 to 2013 at Rochester College in Michigan. She has also worked on several regional or statewide committees and organizations benefitting higher education in California, including the California Community College Chief Instructional Officers Executive Board and as a liaison to the California Community College Association for Occupational Education.

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