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YCCD Appoints New Trustee

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MODESTO, CA – Ms. Pat Dean of Sonora was appointed to the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees, following an interview of seven candidates for the position during the monthly YCCD Board meeting. The Board filled the position vacated by Mr. Joe Mitchell, who died in a traffic accident on May 16. Ms. Dean will be representing YCCD Area One, which includes all of Tuolumne County, a portion of Calaveras County (including Angels Camp, Murphys, and Arnold) and eastern Stanislaus County (including Knights Ferry, Hickman, and LaGrange).

A resident of Sonora since 1993, Ms. Dean will be retiring next week from her 10-year position as a health occupation program teacher at Sonora Union High School. She also has worked as a registered nurse and has served as the nursing director at Tuolumne General and Sonora Community Hospitals. Ms. Dean earned her associates degree in nursing (ADN) from Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, a bachelor's of science degree (BSN) from California State University, Fullerton, and a master's in public administration (MPA) with an emphasis on health science administration, from the University of San Francisco. She first moved to Tuolumne County in 1977.

According to YCCD Chancellor Pamila Fisher, "she is especially well qualified and possesses enthusiasm for the position. We look forward to working with her." Ms. Dean will be sworn in at the September 2003 YCCD Board meeting and will serve until November 2004, at which time she would have to run again to complete the last two years of the term for Trustee Area One.

YCCD is comprised of two comprehensive community colleges, Modesto Junior College and Columbia College, with enrollment exceeding 27,000 students. The District serves six counties and a population of over 550,000. The Board of Trustees oversees a budget of over \$100 million.

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