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YCCD Names New Interim Chancellor

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MODESTO, CA –Dr. James H. Williams, President of Modesto Junior College (MJC) was selected by the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees to be the new Interim YCCD Chancellor effective June 1, 2004. Williams will replace retiring Chancellor Pamila Fisher who announced her retirement in May.

As Chancellor, Williams will provide leadership to the district, which covers six counties and 4,500 square miles with two colleges, Modesto Junior College and Columbia College, and approximately 29,000 students, a staff of over 1,300 and an annual budget of over \$100 million.

"I consider it an honor and privilege to step into the leadership role of one of the best community college districts in the State of California. I look forward to working with an outstanding Board of Trustees in the months ahead. Also, our community college district is very fortunate to have a very strong faculty that is committed to learning and teaching excellence. They are supported by a group of excellent staff, and administrators at Columbia College, Modesto Junior College and Central Services," said Williams.

Williams is currently president of MJC where he has served since January 2002. From 1999 to 2002, Williams was president of Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colorado and from 1995 to 1999, president of Spokane Community College in Spokane, Washington. Williams will serve in an interim capacity for a period not to exceed one year. The Board will be conducting a nationwide search for a new chancellor during the 2004-2005 academic year.

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