



Assistant Chancellor of Information Technology Chosen

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MODESTO, CA – Sharon Blanton has accepted an offer by the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) to be the new Assistant Chancellor of Information Technology at YCCD. Her expected start date in this newly created position is April 1, 2005.

Blanton is currently Dean of Information Technology Services at Scottsdale Community College in Scottsdale, Arizona since 2003, where she was responsible for Scottsdale's operating budget of \$2.1 million and supervised 12 managers and a staff of over 70. For the past thirteen years, Blanton has worked her way through the ranks of Information Technology at Scottsdale Community College. Prior to her current position in the Maricopa County Community College District, Blanton continuously was promoted from Coordinator of Instructional Technology (1992-1995), to Director of College Technology (1995-2001), to Associate Dean of Information Technology (2001-2003). She has expanded many programs and services and according to YCCD Interim Chancellor, Dr. James Williams, " She has an outstanding reputation as a motivational team builder and thinker."

Blanton anticipates receiving her Ph.D. from Capella University in June 2005 with an emphasis on Higher Education Administration. She received her Masters of Education in 1990 from the University of Virginia in Instructional Technology and Bachelor of Arts degree in 1986 from Towson State University in Mass Communication and Instructional Technology. Prior to her community college employment, she also served as coordinator of the advanced learning technologies lab at Arizona State University.

According to YCCD Interim Chancellor Williams, " We are very fortunate to attract someone with of Ms. Blanton's caliber to fill this critically important leadership position at the district level." As evidenced by her recent accomplishments in Arizona, Williams adds, " She has received much praise for her humanistic approach to leadership and her 'can-do' attitude at Scottsdale." "We are very excited about Ms. Blanton joining the YCCD family."