



NEW PRESIDENT SELECTED FOR MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE

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MODESTO, CA – Dr. Richard D. Rose has accepted an offer by the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees to be the new president of Modesto Junior College (MJC) effective July 1, 2006. Rose will replace interim President Bill Scroggins, who began on July 26, 2004.

Rose is currently Vice President of Student Services at San Diego Mesa College in San Diego, California where he has served since 2002. Prior to that, he served as Dean of Counseling and Matriculation at De Anza College in Cupertino from 1999-2002 and Dean of Admissions/Records and Enrollment Services at Santa Rosa Junior College from 1981-1999. Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Chancellor Jim Williams interviewed four finalists for the position last week while they were in Modesto, presenting at the MJC Presidential Forums. Chancellor Williams expects to formally announce Dr. Rose as MJC's next President at the YCCD Board of Trustees meeting on April 12, 2006.

"I am very honored to have been selected to contribute my energy and expertise in developing a bright new era at Modesto Junior College," said Dr. Rose. Rose has over thirty years of community college experience serving as a classified employee, faculty member, department chairperson, academic senate president, statewide faculty leader, administrative dean and executive level vice president. "I appreciate and value the opportunity I received as a community college student. The education I received in the community college system opened doors for me and changed my life and career direction. I want to give back to the community college system and the community."

According to Chancellor Williams, "We had a strong pool of candidates. Dr. Rose is passionate about quality teaching and learning and the educational process and we feel he is the best person to lead MJC."

Rose received his Ed.D. from the University of San Francisco in Educational Administration (1991) with an emphasis in Higher Education & Organizational Leadership. He received an M.A. degree

from San Jose State University in Educational Administration (1983) and an M.S. degree from Cal State Hayward in Educational Psychology (1977). He also earned a B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Social Science from San Francisco State University (1975) and an A.A. degree in Liberal Studies from Fresno City College (1973).

Chancellor Williams affirms, "We are extremely pleased to have attracted someone of Dr. Rose's caliber. He has a track record of success in meeting students' needs in a variety of ways."

At San Diego Mesa College, the largest of three colleges in the San Diego Community College District, Rose was responsible for student service program areas and provided leadership and direction in Admissions, Matriculation, Counseling, Athletics, Student Affairs, EOPs, Financial Aid, Health Services, International Education, Tutorial Center, Writing Labs and programs for special populations.

"Having had the opportunity to serve in many different roles has given me the breadth in knowledge and information in community colleges and how much we influence the lives of people providing educational opportunities, whether for improving job skills, obtaining an associate's degree, enhancing their quality of life or preparing to transfer to a four-year college."

Rose's selection comes after a second nationwide search conducted by Dr. Abel Sykes, a consultant with the Association of Community College Trustees. The search began in November 2005 and produced 49 qualified candidates. After interviews, the pool was further narrowed to four finalists, who participated in campus forums held at MJC during the last week of March.

Dr. Rose today said, "I am very excited about joining the Modesto Junior College family. I am looking forward to demonstrating my commitment to educational excellence and extending the history of success found at the Yosemite Community College District and Modesto Junior College. MJC is an excellent institution and it's a great opportunity for me to come in and work with faculty, staff, students and the community to build the college in the future that will serve the community well."

That enthusiasm is shared by Chancellor Williams who believes that "Dr. Rose takes great pride in being an educator. He will be a strong visionary leader and advocate for MJC and a tremendous administrative asset to the YCCD administrative team."

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