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Dr. Stanley Hodges Named YCCD Interim Chancellor

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MODESTO, CA –Dr. Stanley L. Hodges was selected by the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees at their Board Retreat on August 3rd, to be the new Interim YCCD Chancellor effective August 7, 2006.

“Columbia College, Modesto Junior College, and YCCD have a wonderful staff that I eagerly look forward to working with again,” said Hodges, who also served this past year on the District’s Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee.

YCCD Board Chair Anne DeMartini stated “we’re very excited and pleased that Dr. Hodges agreed to be Interim Chancellor.” According to Trustee Paul Neumann, “Dr. Hodges will bring stability to the District. He has a long history with MJC and the District in a leadership role.”

Hodges, a former Modesto Junior College (MJC) President replaces another former MJC President, retiring Chancellor James H. Williams. Williams announced in July that he would be stepping down as Chancellor because of medical reasons.

Hodges has served in many interim leadership roles since his employment as MJC’s President from 1987-1995. Most recently he was President and CEO of the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, and also worked in several capacities including: MJC Interim President and Athletic Director, and other interim management positions at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, Vista College in Berkeley, and West Hills College in Coalinga. He has a long history in the YCCD. Prior to becoming MJC’s President, he worked in the Agriculture Department since 1965, including three years as MJC’s Chief Instructional Officer.

According to Hodges, “a major goal of mine will be to provide assistance to the Colleges and District, especially in the area of selecting and hiring for critical positions that are presently vacant. It is my pleasure, once again, to work with the staff of the Yosemite Community College District.”

Hodges received his doctorate degree from Oklahoma State University (1974), master's degree from U.C. Davis (1967) and bachelor's degree from Chico State University (1960). He has been a leader in the local community, in addition to serving on numerous state and national committees.

He becomes the fifth YCCD top administrator since MJC and Columbia College merged to form the district in 1968. The first superintendent was Dr. J. Kenneth Rowland (1968-1976), who was followed by Dr. Tom Van Groningen (1976-1992), Dr. Pamila Fisher (1992-2004) and Dr. James Williams (2004-2006).

With regard to the future, DeMartini said "Dr. Hodges will serve in an interim capacity until a permanent Chancellor is hired, which the Board anticipates would occur within a year." A nationwide search will be conducted during the 2006-2007 academic year.

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