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YCCD Chancellor Finalists Named (PHOTOS BELOW)

MODESTO, CA – The Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) has narrowed the field of candidates to become permanent YCCD Chancellor to two – Dr. Joan E. Smith, currently Interim YCCD Chancellor; and Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, currently Vice President for Instruction, Clatsop Community College.

Open forums for the two finalists are scheduled for February 10-11, 2011 at Columbia College and Modesto Junior College locations. Each finalist will be given an opportunity to discuss their preparation for the position, their education and leadership philosophy, and respond to questions from the forum attendees. Attendees will be given the opportunity to complete a comment card that will be given to the Yosemite Community College Board of Trustees. The forums will be open to the public.

The schedule and locations for the candidate forums are as follows:

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Location: Modesto Junior College – East Campus (Student Center, Fireside Lounge)

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Dr. Joan E. Smith

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker

Location: Modesto Junior College – West Campus (John Muir Bldg, Room 163)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dr. Joan E. Smith

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker

Friday, February 11, 2011

Location: Columbia College (Manzanita Building, 2nd Floor, Community Education Room)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dr. Joan E. Smith

Finalist Profiles:

Dr. Joan E. Smith

Education:

- Ed.D. in Higher Education, Nova (Southeastern) University, Fort Lauderdale, FL (1988)
- M.S. in Vocational Rehabilitation, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI (1976)
- B.S. in Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI (1975)

Professional Experience:

- Interim Chancellor, Yosemite Community College District, Modesto, CA (2010 – present)
- President, Columbia College, Columbia, CA (2006 – 2010)
- Executive Vice President, Student Learning, Ventura College, Ventura, CA (2002 – 2006)
- Dean of Business, Industry, Technology and Off-Campus Programs, Ventura College, Ventura, CA (2000-2002)
- Dean of Institutional and Student Services, Oxnard College, Oxnard, CA (1997-2000)
- Project Director, Workplace Learning Resource Center, Center for International Trade Development and Contract Education, Oxnard College, Oxnard, CA (1993-1997)
- Institutional Researcher, Title III, Matriculation, Oxnard College, Oxnard, CA (1991-1992)
- Counselor/Instructor, Educational Assistance Center, Oxnard College, Oxnard, CA (1980-1992)

Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker

Education:

- Ed.D. in Higher Educational Administration, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (2004)
- M.S. in College Student Personnel Administration, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL (1982)
- B.A. in Sociology, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT (1980)

Professional Experience:

- Vice President of Instruction, Clatsop Community College, Astoria, OR (2007 – present)
- Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay, OR (2005–2007)
- Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences, Albuquerque TVI (now Central New Mexico Community College), Albuquerque, NM (1999-2005)
- Adjunct Faculty Member – Three community colleges in New Mexico, NM (1999-present)
- Legislative Intern – New Mexico Association of Community Colleges, NM (2003)
- Interim Associate Director of Student Services, University of New Mexico – Valencia campus, Valencia, NM (1998-1999)
- Human Rights and Social Services Analyst, City of Salem, Salem, OR (1992-1998)
- Assistant to Dean of Students, Western Oregon State College (now Western Oregon University), Monmouth, OR (1994-1997)
- Director of Student Development, Western Oregon State College, Monmouth, OR (1990-1992)

Finalist Photos:

- **Dr. Joan E. Smith** - (Interim Chancellor – Yosemite Community College District)



- **Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker** - (Vice President, Instruction – Clatsop Community College)



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