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Citrus College Welcomes New Dean of Students

An experienced student services administrator has been selected to serve as the new Citrus College dean of students.

The appointment of Dr. Maryann Tolano-Leveque was approved by the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees during its January 19, 2016 meeting. She fills a position left vacant when Dr. Martha McDonald was named vice president of student services in August.

Dr. Tolano-Leveque brings more than a decade of experience in higher education to Citrus College. Most recently, she served as director of the Honors Program at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC). Her professional background also includes time spent as director of Student Life at Mt. SAC, student activities coordinator at Mt. SAC, and student programs director at California Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly).

In her new position, Dr. Tolano-Leveque will be responsible for providing leadership in the areas of student life and leadership development, student government, student clubs, student discipline, the student health center and the Veterans Success Center at Citrus College.

“The mission of Citrus College is to foster a learning environment that supports college completion and student achievement. Effective leadership in the student affairs division is a crucial aspect of fulfilling this mission,” said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. “We are confident that Dr. Tolano-Leveque’s professional experience, academic preparation, and most importantly, desire to serve students, will enable the student affairs division to build upon its long history of success.”

A former community college student, Dr. Tolano-Leveque attended Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. She received both a Bachelor of Science degree in communications and a master of arts in education from Cal Poly, Pomona. She also holds a doctor of education in psychology degree from the University of Southern California.

In addition to serving as a college administrator, Dr. Tolano-Leveque has conducted several professional presentations, primarily centered on leadership education and student discipline. During her tenure at both Mt. SAC and Cal Poly, she was active in shared governance and in planning campus events.

“The Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome Dr. Tolano-Leveque into her new role as dean of students,” said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board president. “As a former community college student, Dr. Tolano-Leveque has a unique understanding of the challenges our students face. And, as an experienced college administrator, she has the valuable knowledge and skills to meet these challenges. We look forward to working her as Citrus College continues its efforts to increase college completion and student success.”



*Dr. Maryann Tolano-Leveque
(Photo by Ricky Lin)*