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## Coming & Goings: 2016 in Review

As we begin the New Year, California Community Colleges have experienced numerous leadership changes over the past twelve months. Thirteen (13) new CEOs were announced among the 72 Districts and ten (10) new Presidents occurred in 2016.

## Review of Personnel Changes Across 2016

<b>JAN</b>	<b>Kindred Murillo</b> announces she will be stepping down as Supt./President at Lake Tahoe CC
	<b>Dale “Paul” Pernel</b> from Norco College appointed Chancellor of State Center CCD
<b>FEB</b>	<b>Helen Benjamin</b> Chancellor at Contra Costa CCD announces retirement
	<b>Bernie Luskin</b> appointed Interim Chancellor at Ventura County
<b>MAR</b>	<b>Mojdeh Mehdizadeh</b> from Contra Costa CC selected President at Contra Costa CC
	<b>Cheryl Marshall</b> from Crafton Hills College appointed Chancellor at North Orange CCD
	<b>Cynthia Azari</b> from Fresno City College selected President at Oxnard College
	<b>Greg Schula</b> from North Orange CCD selected President at Fullerton College
<b>APR</b>	<b>Samia Yaqub</b> from Butte College selected Supt./President at Butte College
	<b>Thuy Nguyen</b> from the State Chancellor’s Office selected President at Foothill College
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Anthony Beebe</b> from San Diego CC selected Supt./President at Santa Barbara City College
	<b>Lori Bennett</b> from Moorpark College selected President at Clovis Community College
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Melinda Nish</b> resigns as Supt./President at Southwestern College
	<b>Linda Rose</b> from LA Southwest College selected President at Santa Ana College
	<b>Kathleen Rose</b> from Gavilan College selected Supt./President at Gavilan College
	<b>Wei Zhou</b> from Cuyamaca College selected President at Crafton Hills College
	<b>Diana Rodriguez</b> from Los Positas College selected President at San Bernardino Valley College
	<b>Debra Daniels</b> of Joliet College (IL) selected Supt./President at Taft College
	<b>Sandra Mayo</b> announces resignation effective immediately as President of Moreno Valley College
	<b>Jamillah Moore</b> from San Mateo CCD selected President of Cañada College
	<b>Frank Gormish</b> Chancellor at West Hills CCD announces retirement in 2017
	<b>Joi Lin Blake</b> from the College of Alameda selected Supt./President at Palomar College
<b>JUL</b>	<b>Carole Goldsmith</b> from West Hills College selected President at Fresno City College
	<b>John Weispenning</b> from Santiago Canyon College appointed Chancellor at Coast CCD
	<b>Eloy Oakley</b> from Long Beach City College named CCC State Chancellor
	<b>Chancellor Gary Poertner</b> announces retirement from South Orange County CCD
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Chancellor Sandra Serrano</b> announces retirement from Kern CCD
<b>OCT</b>	<b>Tod Burnett</b> announces he will be stepping down as President of Saddleback College in 2017
	<b>Fred Wood</b> from Univ. of Minnesota Crookston appointed Chancellor at Contra Costa CCD
<b>NOV</b>	<b>Kindred Murillo</b> from Lake Tahoe CC selected Supt./President at Southwestern College
	<b>Tom Burke</b> Vice Chancellor at Kern CCD appointed Chancellor at Kern CCD
	<b>Rachel Rosenthal</b> announces retirement as President at Folsom Lake College
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Scotty Thomason</b> announces retirement as Supt./President from College of the Siskiyous
	<b>Jeff DeFranco</b> VP of Admin Services at Lake Tahoe CC selected Supt./President at LTCC

### CEO Search’s Pending:

- Ventura County Community College District Chancellor
- Long Beach City College Supt./President
- South Orange County Community College District Chancellor

## Article of Interest

Seeing the list of individuals above, it seems timely to review the report developed and presented last year by the Community College League of California (CCLC) regarding CEO tenure & retention. The medium tenure length for CCC CEOs was 2.5 years in 2013 and 3.5 years in 2014. As a result of the diminishing tenure, a study was conducted by the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) of the CCLC to determine consequences and ways to improve recruitment and retention among CCC CEOs.

Interestingly, if you remove the years of service from the individuals listed above who are leaving, the medium tenure length for CCC CEOs from the study are dramatically reduced.

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## Finally

### Upcoming Events in January 2017:

- January 3:** Legislature Returns
- January 10:** Governor’s Budget Proposal Released
- January 17-18:** Board of Governors Meeting
- January 18:** ACBO Budget Workshop, Sheraton, Sacramento
- January 19:** Consultation Council
- January 29-30:** League Legislative Conference



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