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### **College Welcomes New Vice President of Administrative Services**

Weed / COS - College of the Siskiyous is pleased to announce Darlene Melby has been hired as the new Vice President of Administrative Services. Ms. Melby will begin her duties as the new Vice President on July 17. She brings to COS over 20 years of professional expertise in the private sector and 14 years of experience in the California Community College System and Proprietary Education. Ms. Melby holds an Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in International Management from Argosy University is also a graduate of the ACCCA Mentor year-long training program on leadership.



Most recently, Ms. Melby served as the Acting Vice President of Business Services at Ventura County Community College District in Moorpark California. She was with the District for ten years and also served in the position of College Business Manager. Prior to Ventura County CCD, Ms. Melby was the Chief Financial Officer for the Art Institute Director of Administrative and Financial Services/CFO EDMC, Art Institute & Argosy (The Ventura Group and The Connecting Link) and Argosy University. She also has past work experience in private industry working as an Accountant, Accounting Manager, and Corporate Controller.

An active and involved member of the community who has a passion for giving back to the community, Ms. Melby has served as a member of the Moorpark College Foundation Board of Directors as administrative support, Vice Chair and most recently Treasurer (a role she hopes will continue at College of the Siskiyous as a member of the COS Foundation Board of Directors). She has also been involved with the American Cancer Society, Make a Wish Foundation, School on Wheels Program, Adopt a Family Program, Saint Francis Horse Rescue, and Food Share Program and looks forward to becoming a member of Siskiyou County and joining local organizations and supporting her new community.

“My first attraction to the College of the Siskiyous was the beauty of the surrounding area. The College itself promotes a strong sense of pride with an inclusive and collaborative environment. I have always felt strongly about supporting student success which goes hand in hand with being an active part

of the college community and I see many opportunities at the College of the Siskiyous. Finally, the individuals that I have met at the college and within the community have been unbelievably kind, helpful and welcoming and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve alongside the constituents at the College of the Siskiyous, supporting student success and living within such a wonderful community. “