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Siskiyou Joint Community College District Announces New Superintendent/President



Weed / COS –During the regular meeting of the Siskiyou Joint Community College District Governing Board held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, Trustees approved Dr. Char Perlas as the new Superintendent/President for the District (College of the Siskiyous). Dr. Perlas will officially become the 13th Superintendent/President on July 1, 2022.

Dr. Char Perlas is a Filipina-American and first in her family to graduate with a college degree. As a product of the California Community College system, her efforts have focused on creating the optimal learning environment for disproportionately impacted students. She holds a Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Leadership in Higher Education from Capella University, a Master of Public Administration from CSU East Bay, a Master of Science in Counseling from CSU Sacramento, and a Bachelor of Art in Psychology from Fresno State University.

With twenty-three years of professional experience in the California Community College system, Dr. Perlas has served in many roles... as tenured faculty, program manager, accreditation lead and administrator. Dr. Perlas joined the Siskiyous staff in July of 2019 as the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Following the departure of the former Superintendent/President in early 2021, Dr. Perlas has served as the Acting-Interim Superintendent/President. During this time, she has provided leadership in the development of the ACCJC Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER), Integrated Planning Guide and the revision of the Strategic Enrollment Management plan all while, simultaneously, managing a global pandemic.

Since Dr. Perlas' time in Siskiyou County, she has been successful in establishing relationships with local organizations. She is an active member of the Weed Rotary, Siskiyous Foundation Board, North State Together, and is the incoming President of the American Association of University Women-Siskiyou Branch. Dr. Perlas is also very much involved with Fairchild Medical and Dignity Health Medical Centers in implementing efforts to save the College's nursing program. In attempts to secure

supplemental resources and work experience opportunities for students, she continues to maintain her strong connections with out-of-county industry partners, such as Google, LinkedIn, Intel, Cisco and Adobe. Furthermore, Dr. Perlas has strong relationships with the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) and currently serves as co-chair of the Telecommunications Technology Advisory Committee (TTAC) and was recently appointed to the California Community College CEO Board.

Dr. Perlas looks forward to continuing her efforts as the Superintendent/President of College of the Siskiyous. She acknowledges the continued dedication of the College's staff and faculty and strives to continue improving the College climate to provide students with the optimal learning environment. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Perlas on her new position.