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SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

(SAN JOSE, CA—January 3, 2011) The San José Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees voted unanimously at a special Board meeting held on December 22 to appoint Dr. Barbara R. Kavalier as the new president of San José City College. She will take the reigns on January 24, 2011.

Dr. Barbara Kavalier has a career that spans more than 25 years in community college leadership. She served most recently as Vice President of Student Services at San Diego Mesa College since January 2008, where she was acting president during the summer of 2010. During her tenure at Mesa College, she worked diligently to maintain student services while addressing severe budget shortfalls, and was instrumental in guiding the college in strategic planning and in the design of a new \$55 million Student Services building. Before assuming the vice presidency at Mesa College, Dr. Kavalier served as the Associate Vice President of Student Services at Tacoma Community College in Washington State, and has more than 15 years as an administrator with the Dallas County Community College District.

A native Texan, Dr. Kavalier received her doctorate from The University of Texas (UT) at Austin. As a Senior Roueche Fellow at UT, Dr. Kavalier collaborated on several national initiatives and participated in researching and writing about community college issues. She is the author of two books: *The Entrepreneurial Community College* and *The Hiring Game: Reshaping Community College Practices*, and currently serves as a faculty member for the doctorate degree program in Educational Leadership at San Diego State University.

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Of the appointment, SJECCD Chancellor Rita M. Cepeda said, “Barbara Kavalier is a proven leader of national renown. Her extensive background as a champion of student success is precisely what SJCC and the District needs as we transition to a new era. There could be no more opportune time than the present for someone of Dr. Kavalier’s caliber to step in as part of the college community.”

“I am delighted and honored to be given the opportunity to lead San José City College into an exciting new decade,” said Dr. Barbara Kavalier. “I am inspired by the college’s mission to affect social justice and appreciate its long and rich history of quality instruction and student services. I look forward to working with the Chancellor, the SJECCD Board of Trustees, and the college’s faculty and staff to build an even more vibrant, urban campus committed to serving the students and people of San José.”

Classes resume for the Spring Semester at San José City College on January 31, 2011.

About San José City College

San José City College serves approximately 13,000 students annually. The mission of San José City College is to effect social justice by providing open and equitable access to quality education and programs that both challenge and prepare individuals for successful careers and active participation in a diverse, global society. SJCC has been operating since 1921.

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