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California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley Announces Three Key Executive Staff Hires

Sacramento, Calif. – The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has added new talent and energy in executive leadership positions to help the system of 114 colleges achieve ambitious student completion and equity goals contained in the newly adopted [Vision for Success](#), state Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley announced today.

Dr. Daisy Gonzales, a former foster youth whose extensive professional experience includes posts as principal consultant for the California Assembly Appropriations Committee and as associate director for the nonpartisan research center Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE), is the California Community Colleges' new deputy chancellor. Christian Osmeña, a principal program budget analyst at the California Department of Finance, is the California Community Colleges' new vice chancellor for finance and facility programs. Dr. Alice Perez, the former Dean of Educational Programs at Santa Barbara City College, is the California Community Colleges' new vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"As the largest higher education system in the nation that is serving some 2.1 million students, the California Community Colleges demands the best and the brightest in its leadership positions, and that is exactly what we have in Dr. Daisy Gonzales, Christian Osmeña and Dr. Alice Perez," said [Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley](#). "All three bring a wealth of experience and diverse backgrounds, and we are happy to welcome them aboard as we work toward the goals articulated in our Vision for Success."

Deputy Chancellor Dr. Daisy Gonzales is responsible for coordinating the divisions of Academic Affairs, Student Services and Special Programs; Economic Development and Workforce Preparation; and Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI). Her primary duties involve implementing and tracking the Commitments and Goals in the Vision for Success.

Prior to joining the Chancellor's Office, Dr. Gonzales was the principal consultant for the Assembly Appropriations Committee for the California State Legislature. In that role, she was responsible for subject matter



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expertise, analysis and political strategy in the areas of higher education, K-12 education and jobs and economic development. At PACE, Dr. Gonzales was responsible for presentations and briefings at statewide taskforces, technical advisory committees and State Board of Education meetings while serving as associate director of the organization.

Other previous posts include serving as a budget consultant for the California State Assembly Budget Committee, where she was responsible for overseeing \$11.2 billion in state and federal funds and negotiating the state Assembly's funding priorities for 45 state departments, boards and commissions. Dr. Gonzales earned her bachelor's degree in public policy from Mills College and her master's degree and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Facilities Planning Christian Osmeña

will oversee the division responsible for formulating policies that determine the distribution of local assistance and capital outlay funds for the state's 72 community college districts, along with the construction and remodeling of new buildings and centers. Osmeña will be responsible for aligning budget policy with the Vision for Success. He comes to the California Community Colleges from the California Department of Finance, where he served as a principal program budget analyst responsible for the office's analyses of issues related to higher education. Osmeña has worked at the Department of Finance since 2011 as an analyst responsible for various education programs and as a liaison to the Legislature. Prior to joining the Department of Finance, he served in the California Office of the Governor, first as the assistant to the governor's chief of staff and later as a deputy cabinet secretary. Osmeña earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in education at the University of California, Davis.



Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Dr. Alice Perez will lead and oversee the Academic Affairs division and its state level review of community college curriculum and instructional support activities. In this role, Perez will provide leadership and technical assistance to enhance the capacity of the community colleges in the areas of academic planning, review and approval of credit degrees and certificates, library and learning resources, technology strategic planning, basic skills/ESL intersegmental policies, program development and coordination, credit/noncredit adult education, and the Fund for Student Success (that supports the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement program, Puente Project and the Middle College High School program).



Dr. Perez will also be leading the Chancellor's Office efforts to eliminate the silos that exist between academic affairs, student services and career education. Perez earned a bachelor's degree in humanities from the University of California, Berkeley, a master's degree in English with a concentration in poetry from San Francisco State University and a Ph.D. in English at the University of California, Davis. She was named dean of Arts and Humanities at Santa Barbara City College in July 2006 and left the college as dean of Educational Programs.

About California Community Colleges

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 114 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit

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