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DR. A. SUSAN CARLEO NAMED PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

VALLEY GLEN, CA — The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees approved Wednesday, April 15 the selection of A. Susan "Sue" Carleo., Ph.D., as the President of Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC). Dr. Carleo has served as Acting President since June of 2008.

"During her short tenure, Dr. Carleo has not only raised the visibility of the Valley College and reduced its budget, but worked diligently with college faculty and staff to raise enrollment to 20,000 students—the college's highest in five years," said Dr. Marshall E. Drummond, Chancellor of the LACCD. "I could not wish for a more capable person on my team."

Dr. Carleo brings to Valley College a wealth of experience in fiscal management, fundraising, personnel and faculty relations, and business and community outreach. With more than 20 years of service at LAVC, she has a unique blend of knowledge about the college, its programs and the community it serves. This year, she will be launching the college's 60th anniversary celebration, which will begin later this year.

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"Dr. Sue Carleo is a proven leader who will revitalize Valley College's efforts to meet the growing and changing educational and training needs of San Fernando Valley," said Kelly G. Candaele, president of the LACCD Board of Trustees. "The Board unanimously selected her as the best candidate to launch the college's renewed efforts to meet the diverse needs of the communities it serves."

Dr. Carleo has more than 30 years of experience in the field of higher education, including 20 years working at Valley College. Most recently, she was the LACCD Senior Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources. Her experience at Valley College includes being its Vice President of Academic Affairs, Director of the Center for the Advancement of Business, Labor and Education and, Chair and Professor of the Family and Consumer Studies Department. She has also been a Dean, Associate Dean and Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs at Los Angeles Harbor College and a Dean of Academic Affairs at New York's Schenectady County Community College.

She currently serves on boards of the Valley Economic Alliance, Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), and California Entrepreneur Women.

"I would like to thank the Board, Chancellor and Los Angeles Valley College for giving me this opportunity to continue serving Valley College, its students and the community," said Dr. Carleo. "As the college begins to celebrate its 60th year, I look forward to securing Valley College's status as the leading educational and training institution in the San Fernando Valley for the next 60 years and beyond."

Dr. Carleo has a doctorate in education from University of California, Los Angeles, and earned her master's of science and bachelor's of arts degrees from San Diego State University.

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About Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC)

Los Angeles Valley College, established in 1949, is a public two-year community college situated in the heart of the San Fernando Valley. As one of the largest campuses in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), it serves more than 20,000 students in the communities of Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Valley Village, Panorama City, Burbank, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, and Encino. Valley College provides residents of the San Fernando Valley community with transfer education, career technical education and training, and lifelong learning opportunities. It offers more than 100 associate degree programs and 62 certificate programs in in-demand career fields. The college is currently undergoing a \$620 million renovation and building project funded by voter-supported Proposition A/AA and Measure J. For more information, visit www.lavc.edu.

About the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)

Los Angeles Valley College is one of nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District, which is the largest community college districts in the country and educates more than 140,000 students each year. For more information about the LACCD, visit www.laccd.edu.