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Contra Costa Community College District Announces Finalists for Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services

MARTINEZ, California – The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) has announced the selection of two finalists for the position of Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services. The finalists are: Allan Garde and Micaela Ochoa, Ed.D..

To learn more about each candidate, two separate public forums via Zoom have been scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Each public forum will be recorded and last 60 minutes, and will be open to the community, students, faculty, and staff. The detailed public forum schedule, zoom links to the public forums and recordings, and opportunity to provide input on the finalists, will be available on the District website at www.4cd.edu.

FINALISTS

Allan Garde



My values, support to the local community, desire to have agencies be operationally sustainable and systemically equitable, extensive education, work experience and commitment to social justice are what drive me to be a part of the 4CD community.

Having attended my local community college to help reestablish my educational and career goals, I was put on a pathway to obtain my MBA, school business management certification, and be in an industry that I love. I believe in the vital role community colleges play to strengthen the local economy and break down barriers for the goals of its students.

Beginning my educational work experience in the attendance office and rising to be Chief Business Official of multiple K-12 school districts, I also see the potential in creating a more robust pathway to support our current and future generations. It takes a village and I am excited to learn more about the 4CD community and identify ways I can support its commitment to social justice and educational excellence, while we contribute to the economic vitality for all of our students and the surrounding community.

Dr. Micaela Ochoa



Dr. Micaela Ochoa has over 25 years of experience working at federal, state, and local levels of government, and in the private sector. She is an experienced leader in higher education and K-12 public school districts with equity, diversity and inclusion at the forefront of her decision making. Her expertise includes almost 20 years of senior cabinet level experience responsible for business and administrative services and operations, financial management, policy review and analysis, student services, strategic planning, and business process re-engineering. Dr. Ochoa provides systemic strategic leadership that is collaborative, results-oriented, transparent, and student equity focused.

Currently, Dr. Ochoa is the Vice President of Administrative Services (VPA) at the College of San Mateo (CSM). During her time at CSM, she has served in dual roles as VPA and Vice President of Student Services overseeing multiple areas including Admissions and Records; Wellness Center; Financial Aid; Veterans Program; Response and Evaluation of Students (CARES) team; and as the Student Disciplinary Officer.

Prior to her current role at CSM, she served as Deputy Superintendent, Interim Superintendent, Chief Business Official/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services in K-12 school districts in Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties. Dr. Ochoa has also taught in higher education at Notre Dame de Namur University.

Prior to her work in K-12, Dr. Ochoa served as an administrator in higher education at Stanford University and UC Berkeley. She also worked as a management consultant for KPMG Consulting, and Fiscal and Policy Analyst for the Legislative Analyst's Office.

Dr. Ochoa earned her Doctorate Degree from UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Education; Master of Science Degree from Carnegie Mellon University, and her Bachelor's Degree from UC Berkeley.

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The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The 4CD serves a population of 1,019,640 people, and its boundaries encompass all but 48 of the 734-square-mile land area of Contra Costa County. 4CD is home to Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, as well as educational centers in Brentwood and San Ramon. The District headquarters is located in downtown Martinez. For more information visit www.4cd.edu.

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