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California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Welcomes New Vice Chancellor

Debra Connick joins the Chancellor's Office with more than 30 years in state government

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office today announces the addition of Debra Connick to the role of chief information officer and vice chancellor of Technology, Research and Information Systems. Today is Connick's first day in her new position.

"I am thrilled to welcome Ms. Connick to the Chancellor's Office," said California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris. "She comes to us with a wealth of experience in state government, along with a passion for information technology and how it can be implemented throughout the state. We couldn't be happier to have such a highly qualified professional join our office."

Connick began her career in state government with the Department of Motor Vehicles, where she spent 23 years devoted to instructional design and delivery, policy development and publication, and project management. She also delivered more than 6000 hours of platform instruction throughout California, and was a pioneer and early proponent of computer based training and distance learning opportunities. Connick also served as a member of the statewide Internet standards committee, and contributed to the work of the first statewide portal. Connick was also the project manager for "Expediting the Sworn Hiring Process" which redesigned recruitment, hiring, retention and background investigations for sworn personnel throughout the state.

Following her time at the DMV, Connick spent four years doing data management and business/systems analysis for the Department of Public Health, Office of Systems Integration, and Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

In 2012, Connick joined the Department of Technology as a section chief for the IT Project Oversight Division where her team was responsible for oversight of the Transportation and General Government portfolios. In 2013, Debra became the Statewide IT Strategic Planner and has served in this position both in the Consulting and Planning Division and, most recently, External Affairs and Communications Division at the Department of Technology.

Connick will report to Theresa D. Tena, vice chancellor of Institutional Effectiveness for the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education in English and math, 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 <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges>, or <https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges>.

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