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***Message from CCSF Board President Shanell Williams***

Dear CCSF Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the **CCSF Chancellor Search Committee** has forwarded three (3) finalists to the Board for consideration as Chancellor of our District. On behalf of our entire Board, I thank each of you for your continued interest and support in the process to identify our next chancellor. In addition, **I express sincere gratitude to each member of the Chancellor Search Committee for their insight, hard work, and commitment during the search process.**

The finalists are listed below (alphabetically), and attached you will find their biographies and photos.

**Dr. David J. Martin**

**Dr. Christopher Villa**

**Dr. Kristina Whalen**

Separate public forums for each of the three finalists will take place virtually on **August 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>**, followed by final interviews with the Board in early September. We invite everyone to participate in the virtual open forums, which will be made accessible to all faculty, administrators, staff, students, and the public. **The schedule for the forums and how you can participate is forthcoming and this information also will be posted on the [Chancellor Search Website](#).** Please plan to participate.

I thank you again for your continued participation and look forward to a successful completion of the chancellor search process.

Sincerely,

Shanell Williams  
President, Board of Trustees



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#### **Dr. David Martin**



Dr. Martin has served as the Superintendent/President of Monterey Peninsula Community College District (MPCCD) since July 2019. During his tenure, the district has accomplished a comprehensive long-range planning cycle, including an educational master plan, as well as a facilities and technology master plan. Under Dr. Martin's leadership, MPCCD also has completed its full accreditation mid-term report, worked collaboratively with faculty and classified labor partners to achieve multi-year labor contracts, and successfully passed Measure V, a \$230 million facilities and technology bond on the November 2020 ballot. Most recently, Dr. Martin facilitated district-wide discussions and workshops that culminated in a long-range financial plan for MPCCD, which both the campus constituents and the Board of Trustees approved. Prior to accepting the

Superintendent/President assignment, Dr. Martin served as the Vice President of Administrative Services and Chief Business Officer, beginning January 2018.

Before joining MPCCD, Dr. Martin served as Chief Financial Officer and subsequently as Interim Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration at City College of San Francisco. Dr. Martin started his career in higher education with a regional public accounting firm, providing operational, financial, and compliance consulting services to numerous community colleges throughout California.

Dr. Martin earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from California State University, San Bernardino, a master's degree in business administration from California State University, East Bay, and a doctorate in higher education leadership from Drexel University. He is also a California certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner.

Dr. Martin is originally from Folsom, California and holds residence in the Bay Area with his wife Theresa, a California community college counselor. Dr. Martin enjoys running and cycling on local recreational trails and competing in Ironman triathlons across the county.

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#### **Dr. Christopher Villa**



Dr. Christopher Villa is an experienced higher education leader with 25 years of community college leadership, most recently as President of Portland Community College-Rock Creek. As a strong student advocate, he led campus support to close opportunity gaps through the *Yes to Equitable Student Success (YESS)* Initiative, an equity-minded framework grounded in cultural competency and strategic programming, and new *Guided Pathways* with wrap-around services intentionally focused on low income/first generation college students.

Dr. Villa's enthusiastic partnership with area K-12 leaders led to growth in both early college and dual enrollments. His networking with local businesses garnered major support for racial equity, workforce development, and entrepreneurship,

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including a new electric power generation training facility. His community engagement included serving as a board member of the City of Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, the Vision Action Network (aimed at mitigating poverty and homelessness), and the Five Oaks Museum, honoring the Tualatin Kalapuyan peoples who originally inhabited the land surrounding the college. As an equity advocate, he was appointed to the statewide Higher Education Council Equity Leadership Coalition, which works to close equity disparities in postsecondary education through policy and program development.

A native Californian, Dr. Villa served an accumulated 12 years as Vice President of Student Services for Los Angeles Mission College, Fresno City College, and Long Beach City College. He earned his bachelor's degree in social ecology from University of California, Irvine, a master's degree in public administration from University of Southern California, and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy from University of Utah.

Dr. Villa is a mentor with the National Hispanic Community Council and an adjunct graduate faculty in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at California State University, Northridge.

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### Dr. Kristina Whalen

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Dr. Kristina Whalen is currently the Vice President of Academic Services at Las Positas College in Livermore, CA. In that capacity, she serves as the Chief Instructional Officer and Accreditation Liaison Officer and provides direct support and supervision for Career, Adult, and Distance Education. Having worked as an educator in Florida for 8 years and California for 22 years, Kristina continues to be inspired by the community college mission of open access and the urgent necessity of equitable educational outcomes.

Dr. Whalen has developed a special commitment to using data informed practices to improve the student experience. She has worked locally, regionally, and throughout California to foster leadership development that can manage and guide student success initiatives. Kristina's years of debate training and argumentation around issues of social justice and equity have led to her affinity for data literacy and storytelling. She strives to bring those affinities to collaborative problem-solving and institutional effectiveness in the service of students.

Through a competitive selection process conducted by the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program, Dr. Whalen was chosen as one of the forty Rising Presidential Fellow in 2020-2021. Before serving as Vice President at Las Positas College, Dr. Whalen worked as a faculty member, SLO coordinator, department chair, dean, and associate vice chancellor at City College of San Francisco. She earned a doctorate and master's degree in speech communication from Florida State University and a bachelor's degree in socio-political communication from Missouri State University.

Dr. Whalen lives in San Francisco's Portola neighborhood with her partner of 17 years, Shawn. They have two children. Walker is a senior at Lowell High School and Finn will start his sophomore year at St. Ignatius this fall.