

FROM THE OFFICE OF

Judy C. Miner, President

FOOTHILL COLLEGE

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Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I announce the selection of Katie Townsend-Merino as our Vice President of Instruction and Institutional Research, effective January 12, 2009!

Since January of 2006, Katie has served as the Dean of Humanities/Social Science at Cañada College and has also assumed a wide range of duties during the vacancy of their Chief Instructional Officer. Those latter duties include service as the Accreditation Liaison Officer; Instructional Administrative Chair for the Student Learning Outcomes Advisory Committee; coordinator of multiple Early College programs; and the Instructional Administrative Chair for Basic Skills.

Faculty and staff at Cañada enthusiastically praised her achievements in developing and implementing a highly organized and collaborative process for Student Learning Outcomes. A consistent characterization from her references is her ability to envision the big picture while never allowing details to fall through the cracks. She is commended for her open door policy, her willingness to listen, her generosity of spirit, and her ability to inspire hard work by her own example.

From 1986 through 2005, Katie was a Professor of Psychology at Palomar College in San Marcos, California. She demonstrated leadership abilities over the years there by serving as Department Chair, Diversity Coordinator, and Faculty Senate President. In 2004, Palomar presented her with the Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. She has been trained as a facilitator for Instructional Skills Workshop and the Great Teacher Seminars and has made numerous professional presentations on teaching and learning.

Please join me in a hearty welcome to our new colleague!

Warmest regards,

Judy

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