



Evergreen Valley College

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EVC Names Interim President

(San Jose, Calif.) — A new interim president has been named for Evergreen Valley College (EVC). Keith Aytch, who has served as vice president of academic affairs at EVC since 2011, was appointed interim president by a unanimous vote of the San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) board of trustees during its July 11 meeting.

“We are very fortunate to have someone of Mr. Aytch’s caliber to serve as interim president of EVC while we conduct a search for the next full-time president,” said SJECCD Chancellor Dr. Debbie Budd. “EVC has a strong history and a bright future and Keith’s qualifications, expertise, and experience will serve the college well.”

In addition to serving as vice president of academic affairs, Aytch has also held the positions of dean of language arts, dean of library and learning resources, and English literature and composition instructor at EVC, where he has worked since 1993.

“I am thrilled to have been selected as interim president and thankful to the board and chancellor for their confidence in me,” Aytch said. “It will be an honor and a privilege to serve in this new role alongside my colleagues on the faculty and staff to continue moving the college forward.”

Aytch holds a Master of Arts in English from California State University, Sacramento; a Bachelor of Arts in English, also from CSU Sacramento; and a K-12 administrative credential from National University. He is a regular presenter at statewide and national conferences.

“I am so delighted and proud of Mr. Aytch’s ascension to the next level of collegiate leadership—serving as interim president of EVC,” said SJECCD board President Craig Mann. “There is an African proverb which says, ‘the road to success is always under construction,’ and Keith’s success over more than 20 years in ever increasingly responsible positions of leadership is surely a testament to such.”

Aytch was selected from a diverse pool of more than two dozen qualified applicants. He succeeds Henry Yong, who accepted a position as chancellor of Yosemite Community College District after serving as president of EVC for six years.

A committee will be formed in the fall to begin the search for EVC's next full-time president.

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About Evergreen Valley College

Park-like Evergreen Valley College opened in 1975 and is located in southeast San José, near the foot of the Diablo Mountain range at the intersection of Yerba Buena and San Felipe Roads. In 2016, EVC celebrated the grand openings of the Automotive Technology Building, Central Green in the center of campus for better social interaction and connectivity to various buildings, the Math, Science, and Social Science (MS³) Building, Fitness Center, and the Veterans Freedom Center.