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State Staff Development Organization Honors Grossmont College President

El Cajon, CA - Citing his “significant contribution to staff and organizational development through outstanding leadership on campus,” the California Community College Council for Staff and Organizational Development (4CSD) selected Grossmont College President Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., as the recipient of the 2003 Outstanding President Award. Martinez was honored during an award presentation at the 4CSD Spring Conference March 17.

According to 4CSD Awards Chairperson, Jim Martenay of Los Angeles Valley College, “The purpose of the award is to recognize and reward excellence in leadership by a college president in the California Community Colleges and to provide outstanding leadership role models in staff development.” Martenay introduced Martinez to the audience by sharing some of Dr. Martinez’s personal history and milestones in his educational journey. The fact that Martinez represents a first-generation college success story, one enriched by the influence of mentors, was not lost on Martenay or the

audience. He praised Martinez for sustaining his commitment to staff development and his recognition that staff development is integral to excellence for faculty and staff.

According to Martinez, “This honor from staff development professionals is especially gratifying because it is given by those upon whom we depend to help us improve. I am especially proud that Grossmont College Instructor Barbara Chernofsky has been invited to serve on the board of this important organization. I continue to support, and to advocate for staff development because staff development helps everyone do a better job, and the beneficiaries are always our students.”

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