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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE PRESIDENT TED MARTINEZ, JR.,
LEADS REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION**

El Cajon – Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., president of Grossmont College, has been elected president of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCCA).

SDICCCA includes six college districts and their nine colleges in San Diego and Imperial counties. SDICCCA has been instrumental in establishing networks through a consortium approach to important topics, such as access, transfer, and funding, that affect community college students throughout this region.

“There are many serious issues facing our community colleges,” said Martinez, “While I am pleased with the progress we have made strengthening our ties with other systems to ensure access to higher education, we will need to continue our emphasis on the grave inequities in state funding. Our colleges are among the lowest funded in the state. We will continue to work together, and with other colleges outside our region who are also affected by the unfair state formula.”

More than 200,000 students attend community college in the SDICCCA region, and SDICCCA colleges are the largest providers of workforce preparation in the two-county area, enrolling more than 100,000 students each year in career-linked courses.

Martinez said SDICCCA will continue to sponsor an internship program to increase faculty diversity and prepare instructors for community college teaching, as well as the innovative agreements with San Diego State University and the University of California-San Diego to assess courses and program links.

In addition to Grossmont College in El Cajon, SDICCCA members include Cuyamaca College in Rancho San Diego; MiraCosta College in Oceanside; Palomar College I San Marcos; San Diego's Miramar, Mesa and City Colleges; and Southwestern College in Chula Vista and Imperial Valley College in Imperial, CA. Ex-officio representatives are from California State University, San Marcos; San Diego State University; University of California, San Diego; and the San Diego County Office of Education.

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