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Chancellor Constance Carroll Honored with Leadership Award at “Woman of the Year” Event

San Diego Community College District (SDCCCD) Chancellor Constance M. Carroll has a new honor to add to an already impressive list: a Leadership Award from San Diego Magazine’s annual “Woman of the Year” event.

Chancellor Carroll received the award at the Sept. 24 “Woman of the Year” gala held at the Museum of Contemporary Art La Jolla. The event benefitted Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego.

“In honoring me, San Diego Magazine is actually honoring community colleges and I am happy to accept the leadership award in that spirit,” said Carroll. “Community colleges touch and transform the lives of many people, including the 100,000 San Diegans who attend City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges, and Continuing Education classes each semester. It is my great privilege to support and lead the work of our wonderful institutions.”

Since Carroll took the helm as chancellor 10 years ago, the SDCCCD has promoted student success, especially in the area of transfer to four-year institutions; secured voter approval of Proposition N, an $870-million construction bond that has enabled the SDCCD to upgrade classrooms, labs, libraries, and other facilities; and maintained quality and access while navigating five years of difficult state budget cuts.

Chancellor Carroll also has been at the forefront of statewide advocacy efforts to benefit California’s community colleges. She co-chaired a successful two-year equalization campaign which ended disparities in community college funding across the state. More recently, she has led an effort to pass legislation that would allow a limited number of community colleges to grant four-year degrees. Senate Bill 850 was passed by the state Legislature last month and is awaiting a signature from Governor Jerry Brown for it to become law.

In 2011, Chancellor Carroll was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the National Council on the Humanities. She also serves on the boards of the University of San Diego, the San Diego Foundation, the San Diego Museum of Man, the League for Innovation, and the Community College Humanities Association.

As the second-largest of California’s 72 community college districts, the San Diego Community College District serves approximately 100,000 students annually through three two-year colleges and San Diego Continuing Education. The three colleges, San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, and San Diego Miramar College, offer associate degrees and certificates in occupational programs that prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and entry-level jobs.

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