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DR. NICOLE ALBO-LOPEZ SET TO BECOME THE NEW VICE CHANCELLOR FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS FOR LACCD

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Nicole Albo-Lopez as the new LACCD Vice Chancellor of Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness (EPIE). Dr. Albo-Lopez's tenure begins on July 1.

"Dr. Albo-Lopez's extensive higher education career is one marked by strategic thinking and centered on solutions that improve educational opportunities and access for our students," said Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez. "As our chief academic officer, LACCD will tremendously benefit from her thoughtful engagement with multiple internal and external stakeholders, as she leads our educational division to the next level."

"The Board of Trustees is thrilled with Dr. Albo-Lopez's appointment. In her other roles across the District, she has identified and removed barriers for our students and faculty and fulfilled our commitment to student success by increasing educational opportunities," said LACCD Board of Trustees President, David Vela. "We know she will continue to ensure our students receive a top-notch education throughout the District and continue to provide successful outcomes for LACCD."

"I strongly believe in the LACCD mission of advocating for access, equity, success, and upward mobility for all our students," said Dr. Albo-Lopez. "As the chief instructional officer in one of the most diverse college districts in the nation, I will continue to advocate for our students as well as our faculty and staff that work together to support our educational mission."

As a known and trusted campus leader, Dr. Albo-Lopez joined LACCD as a Dean of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development at Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTTC). She also served in the positions of Vice President of Academic Affairs (Mission), Interim Vice President of Student Services (Harbor), and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development (Harbor) - all colleges within LACCD. Most recently, Dr. Albo-Lopez filled the role of Interim Vice Chancellor for Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness (EPIE) for LACCD.

Before coming to LACCD, Dr. Albo-Lopez, graduated from Spokane Community College with a certificate in dental assisting before enjoying a ten-year career as a certified Dental Assistant. After that, she returned to Arizona and began teaching for Rio Salado College (RSC) as an adjunct professor and became the Clinical Dental Assisting Program (CDA) Director. In 2003, she shepherded the program through its inaugural Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accreditation. She went on to earn her Master's degree in Health Professions Education from Midwestern University and subsequently became full-time residential faculty. As a full-time faculty member and department chair, Dr. Albo-Lopez assisted the American Dental Association (ADA) with the pilot Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) program in partnership with urban,

rural, and tribal communities, Temple University, UCLA, and the University of Oklahoma. Additionally, she created a dual enrollment CDA program allowing high school seniors to graduate with their certificate and high school diploma concurrently. Leveraging the success of these innovative technical education programs, she worked with the college's adult basic education program to create a contextualized program modeled off IBEST, affording students with the opportunity to earn their GED and dental assisting credentials simultaneously.

Congratulations and welcome, Dr. Albo-Lopez.

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LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 210,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Learn more about our L.A. College Promise program of free tuition at [OurPromiseYourPath](#).

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