



A FOND FAREWELL TO JENNIFER DANKS



A retirement party was held to honor Jennifer Danks, Chancellor/Governing Board Office Supervisor, who retired after 15 years with the District. Chancellor Cindy Miles said Danks is “the oil that has been keeping the Chancellor’s Office running” and praised Danks’ dedication to the District and her positive attitude when dealing with the demands of the office.

Miles noted that Governing Board members heaped praise on Danks at the November board meeting. “She made each of them feel like royalty,” Miles said.

“It’s been an honor to be here with all of you,” Danks told the group. “You all are a great bunch of people.”

Among those who joined in the celebration were Danks’ husband and mother and Paula Tillery, formerly executive assistant in Business Services before her retirement.



DISTRICT COMMENDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN RIDE SHARE WEEK

Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges received recognition from SANDAG iCommute for participating in Ride Share Week Oct. 1-5. The Public Safety Department led the effort to encourage people to choose alternative forms of transportation.

Users from each campus pledged to try an alternative method of transportation to and from work. MTS, Uber and other companies offered free rides in an effort to convert more people to ridesharing, even if only for a short time. Ridesharing alleviates traffic and reduces our carbon footprint.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES



Daniel Ciesla, payroll director, has an extensive background in payroll and accounting with over 17 years of experience. He has worked in retail, biotechnology, electronics communication, software technology and manufacturing industries.

Daniel has a B.S. in business administration and is currently working toward a second bachelor's degree with a goal to obtain a master's degree in accounting. He also received his Certified Payroll Professional designation through the American Payroll Association.

Anaid Northcraft, professional development specialist, was previously the People and Culture Manager at Pendry San Diego, where she oversaw the daily HR operations for a 550-member team. She has more than 10 years of HR experience, with specialized knowledge in both recruitment and talent development.

Anaid has a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in counseling and social change. She also holds a DISC certification in Behavioral Analysis and is fluent in Spanish.



Rebecca Bianconi, operations specialist at the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges, previously worked as project coordinator at the San Diego Workforce Partnership. In that job, she supported the executive team and boards, worked with Human Resources, and on data management with the IT department.

Shalia Matthews, interim operations specialist for the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges, previously worked as a currency clerk at the Riverside Transit Agency. She received her master's degree in social sciences from California State-San Bernardino.

