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Dr. Diana Pino Named Vice Chancellor Student Services for HCC

Track Record Demonstrates Diverse Student Development

HOUSTON, TX (November 19, 2009) – The Houston Community College Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. Diana Pino as Vice Chancellor of Student Services at its November board meeting . Dr. Pino served as the founding Dean of Student Services for Lone Star College – CyFair. Dr. Pino’s extensive experience as Director of Advising services for Northwest Vista College, one of the colleges within the Alamo Community College District in San Antonio, Texas and as a recruiter and advisor at Our Lady of the Lake University, played a vital part in her selection.

Pino’s experience includes strategic planning in enrollment management and retention, facilities planning and design, fundraising, budget management, and program development and assessment. A milestone in Pino’s career was the development of a student services division within a new institution, which served as a model for community colleges nationwide. Pino has also served on the steering committee of an Achieving the Dream college and initiated a case management model of advising as part of Achieving the Dream. She has been highly involved in her community, including service as a trustee with the CyFair Educational Foundation and a member of the CyFair Chamber Education Committee.

Originally from Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dr. Pino holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin, followed by a Master of Science in counseling psychology from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, and a doctorate in educational administration, from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Pino brings to HCC expertise and specialization in diversity issues, having completed her dissertation on first generation Mexican American students in higher education. Dr. Pino is also a licensed professional counselor (LPC).

"It is an honor to be selected to serve as the new Vice Chancellor of Student Services," said Dr. Pino. "As a Hispanic and a woman, I understand the obstacles some students must overcome to obtain a higher education. My passion is leading initiatives to enhance the educational opportunity and degree attainment of underrepresented populations."

Dr. Mary S. Spangler, HCC Chancellor, said, "Dr. Pino understands our commitment to the community and the vital role HCC plays in the success of its students and the Greater Houston area."

Dr. Pino will assume the role of Vice Chancellor of Student Services, effective December 1, 2009.

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Dr. Diana Pino, Vice Chancellor Student Services, Houston Community College

About HCC

HCC is one of the country's largest singularly-accredited, open-admission, community colleges offering associate degrees, certificates, workforce training and lifelong learning opportunities for 65,000 students each semester. HCC is composed of six colleges that serve the greater Houston area's diverse communities by preparing individuals to live and work in today's increasingly international and technological society. To learn more go to hccs.edu.