



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

December 18, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

### **Dreamscape Learn Virtual Reality Mobile Pod Ribbon Cutting**

Earlier this month, Kern CCD celebrated an exciting milestone with the ribbon cutting of our new Dreamscape Learn Mobile VR trailer, equipped with 16 state-of-the-art virtual reality learning stations. This innovative mobile unit represents our continued commitment to expanding immersive learning opportunities for students across the district.



We were pleased to welcome several dignitaries to the event, who joined us not only for the ribbon cutting but also for the chance to experience the virtual reality technology firsthand. Their enthusiasm underscored the transformative potential of VR in education, and we look forward to seeing how this mobile platform enhances teaching and learning across our colleges.



### **Welcome Dr. Rian Medlin our new Vice Chancellor, Human Resources**

When we return from the holiday break, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Rian Medlin. We are excited for the leadership and expertise she will bring to our Human Resources

division in the new year. Dr. Medlin will officially begin her role with Kern CCD on January 12, 2026.

Dr. Medlin joins us from Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital in Valencia, California, where she serves as Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer. She brings more than 20 years of progressively responsible experience in human resources, including her prior service as Vice President of Human Resources at College of the Canyons. She holds a Doctorate in Organizational Change and Leadership from the University of Southern California (USC).



### **Looking for Jack Hernandez Phronesis Nominations**

The Jack Hernandez Phronesis Award and Lecture honors a Kern CCD employee who exemplifies *phronesis*—the Greek concept of “practical wisdom”—by using their professional expertise and academic training to make a meaningful, real-world impact in our district and community. Each year’s recipient is recognized by the Board of Trustees in the spring and delivers a lecture in the fall.

As you move through the new year, please keep an eye out for colleagues whose work reflects this kind of thoughtful, applied wisdom. A call for nominations and a link to the nomination form will be emailed to all employees early in the spring semester, so now is a great time to start thinking about potential nominees.

### **Important Dates**

- January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Annul Kern CCD Board Retreat

As we approach the end of the year, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for the dedication, resilience, and passion each of you brings to serving our students and our communities. Your hard work throughout this year has strengthened our colleges and advanced our mission in countless ways. I am deeply grateful for all that you do.

With all three colleges closing for the final two weeks of the year, I encourage you to take full advantage of this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful moments with your loved ones. Stepping away from work is essential for our well-being, and I hope this break provides the space for renewal as we prepare to begin an exciting new calendar year together.

Thank you again for your commitment to Kern CCD. I look forward to all that we will accomplish in the year ahead. Wishing you and your families a joyful and restorative holiday season.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Bloomberg  
Chancellor

