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CHANCELLOR

March 7, 2024

President Annebelle Nery  
Santa Ana College  
1530 W 17th St.  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear President Nery,

Congratulations! On behalf of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, I wish to personally congratulate you on the conditional approval of Santa Ana College's proposed baccalaureate degree program (BDP) in Paralegal Studies. On January 31, 2024, your provisionally approved BDP was presented to the Board President and was granted conditional approval, pending receipt of an ACCJC substantive change approval letter. After receipt of this approval letter from ACCJC, your program will be fully approved and can launch.

It is anticipated your program will be presented to the full Board of Governors as an informational item at their March meeting.

Research has shown that community college BDPs excel at providing affordable, flexible higher education opportunities to students who are often nontraditional, low-income and place bound. By serving a racially diverse student population, community college BDPs also play a crucial role in closing equity gaps, which aligns with the goals of Vision 2030. Santa Ana College's program in Paralegal Studies will help graduates qualify for high-wage positions in their region, bolster their upward mobility, and strengthen their communities.

We look forward to seeing your program flourish and enable more Californians to realize their educational dreams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonya Christian".

Sonya Christian  
Chancellor

Cc: Dr. Marvin Martinez, Chancellor RSCCD