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Jena Jensen Joins Santa Ana College Foundation Board of Directors *CHOC executive hopes to “inspire future generations of clinicians and healthcare innovators” at SAC*

Santa Ana, Calif. – The Santa Ana College (SAC) Foundation is excited to announce the appointment of Jena Jensen to its board of directors. Jensen, a native of California, is the chief government relations officer at Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC). In her current leadership role, Jensen serves as the central resource for legislative advocacy and is responsible for cultivating and maintaining relationships with federal, state and local elected officials, as well as government officials, opinion leaders and the surrounding community.

As a nonprofit hospital, CHOC relies on community support to ensure that every child in Orange County – infants, children and adolescents - have access to outstanding first-class care and state-of-the-art facilities close to home. In overseeing government relations for CHOC’s extensive healthcare system (which includes the main hospital in the city of Orange, a second in Mission Viejo, as well as 14 primary healthcare centers and multiple community clinics) Jensen is dedicated to creating awareness, building relationships, and generating financial support for the hospital.

Those actions are also in line with what the SAC Foundation does on behalf of its students at Santa Ana College. “We are more than thrilled to have Jena Jensen as part of our board of directors for the Santa Ana College Foundation,” says Christina Romero, executive director of the SAC Foundation and Office of College Advancement. “Jena brings a wealth of experience and a depth and breadth of knowledge to the board that allows us to be more connected to our healthcare industry partners like CHOC. Most importantly, Jena understands the importance of community relations within public/private partnerships, and how that contributes to resource development for students and post-secondary education institutions like SAC.”

Jensen joined CHOC as director of marketing and public relations in 1992. Prior to joining CHOC, she provided public relations/public affairs consulting services to the organization, along with a variety of other multi-sector Orange County clients. Her 27-year career in healthcare began at United Western Medical Centers (now Orange County Global), based in Santa Ana, California.

“I’m delighted to be joining the SAC Foundation board,” says Jensen, adding that she looks forward to “working with Santa Ana College President Dr. Linda Rose, the board, and the entire SAC team to get the word out to our community about the many wonderful and exciting things going on at SAC. I’m also extremely excited to explore how CHOCs leaders can share our knowledge and experience with SAC students to help inspire future generations of clinicians and healthcare innovators.”

Jensen, a longtime resident of North Tustin earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of California, Berkeley. She currently serves on the boards of directors of the Orange County Business

Council (OCBC), Orange County Forum and Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce; is the immediate past chair of the Provider Advisory Committee for CalOptima, Orange County's County Organized Health System (COHS), and serves as a member of Orange County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee. Other professional affiliations include the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), California Hospital Association (CHA), California Children's Hospital Association (CCHA) and the national Children's Hospital Association (CHA).

About the Santa Ana College Foundation

The Santa Ana College Foundation is committed to ensuring that no student is denied educational opportunities due to financial constraints. The SAC Foundation strives to maintain, expand and enhance the educational opportunities at Santa Ana College and link together community resources including: organizations, businesses, private partners and other funding sources, as well as alumni and staff - affirmatively preserving its long-standing tradition of: "A History of Success, A Future of Promise." For more information about the SAC Foundation or for sponsorship opportunities, please call (714) 564-6091, or email Foundation@sac.edu .

About Santa Ana College

Santa Ana College (SAC), which turned 100 years old in 2015, serves about 18,000 students each semester at its main campus in Santa Ana. The college prepares students for transfer to four-year institutions, provides invaluable workforce training, and customized training for business and industry. In addition, another 11,000 students are served through the college's School of Continuing Education located at Centennial Education Center. Ranked as one of the nation's top two-year colleges awarding associate degrees to Latino and Asian students, the college is also recognized throughout the state for its comprehensive workforce training programs for nurses, firefighters, law enforcement and other medical personnel. SAC is one of two comprehensive colleges under the auspices of the Rancho Santiago Community College District.

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