



*The Village Demands*

*Congratulations!*

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**The Village Demands Statewide Coalition on Black American Affairs** is honored to congratulate Dr. Denise Whisenhunt and Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, two very outstanding black women, on their appointment to College President positions in California.

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## **Dr. Denise Whisenhunt President of Grossmont College**



With more than two decades as a collaborative leader serving marginalized and underrepresented students in higher education, Dr. Denise Whisenhunt has been selected as the next president of Grossmont College in San Diego.

Dr. Whisenhunt worked for the San Diego Community College District since 2001, most recently serving as Vice President for Student Services since 2013.

She participated in the Lakin Fellows Institute, which prepares Black senior-level community college executives for positions as chief executive officers. Among her many accomplishments and accolades, Dr. Whisenhunt was the recipient of the *San Diego Image Award*. She was also selected as the *2021 Administrator of the Year by the San Diego Chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges*.

President Whisenhunt started her term July 1st at Grossmont which serves more than 19,000 full and part-time students.

***The Village Demands Statewide Coalition Congratulates,  
President Denise Whisenhunt!***

Learn more about President Whisenhunt's many accomplishments at the following links:

## **Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza**

### **President of College of San Mateo**



Dr. Taylor-Mendoza has been an innovative and collaborative leader in higher education for over twenty years.

Dr. Taylor-Mendoza served as the Vice President of Instruction since 2017 at Skyline College in San Bruno. Prior to this, she served as founding dean of Academic Support and Learning Technologies (2014-2017) and the founding director of the Learning Center (2011-2014) at College of San Mateo.

In 2021, Dr. Taylor-Mendoza was named a winner of the Carter Doran Leadership Award, given to recognize leadership among statewide community college vice presidents of instruction. She is an Aspen Institute Presidential Fellow for Community College Excellence (2019-2020).

President Taylor-Mendoza started her term July 1st at College of San Mateo which serves more than 10,000 full and part-time students.

### ***The Village Demands Statewide Coalition Congratulates, President Taylor-Mendoza!***

Learn more about President Taylor-Mendoza's many accomplishments at the following links:

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