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NAMES NEW PRESIDENT: *Dr. Stephanie Droker selected as President***

Novato, CA – The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) is pleased to announce it has named Dr. Stephanie Droker as President-Elect. Her term as President will begin on July 1, 2020, upon the retirement of current President Dr. Richard Winn. Dr. Droker brings more than 20 years of experience in higher education and accreditation to this leadership position.

Dr. Droker currently serves as ACCJC Senior Vice President, having joined the ACCJC staff in August 2016 as Vice President for Policy and Research. As Senior Vice President, Dr. Droker has provided organizational and regional leadership in the development and support of ACCJC’s strategic priorities and accreditation initiatives. She has worked with agency staff, Commissioners, and institutional representatives from across ACCJC’s membership, including private colleges and those in the Pacific region, to affect change and foster innovation in both ACCJC operations and within member institutions.

Dr. Droker’s dedication to accreditation in higher education reaches beyond ACCJC’s service region and extends to the national stage. In January 2019, Dr. Droker was appointed by the board of the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as a member of their committee on recognition. CHEA is the only national association of degree-granting colleges and universities to recognize institutional and programmatic accrediting organizations that advocate promotion of academic quality through peer-review.

“I’m delighted that the Board has selected Dr. Stephanie Droker to be the next President of ACCJC,” said Dr. Ian Walton, Board Chair. “She brings a proven skill set to all of our operations, with recent knowledge of our California colleges, understanding of our private and Pacific colleges, and her work at the federal level with CHEA and the Department of Education. She is perfectly situated to lead ACCJC forward while most importantly maintaining the cooperative culture and philosophy of accreditation that we have built with our members in the last few years.”

Prior to joining the Commission, Dr. Droker held senior-level college administration and faculty positions within the California Community College system. She holds a Doctor of Education from California State University Fresno and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from California State University Dominguez Hills.

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges accredits two-year institutions in California, Hawai’i, the Territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. ACCJC works with its member institutions to advance educational quality and student learning and achievement. This collaboration fosters institutional excellence and continuous improvement through innovation, self-analysis, peer review, and application of standards.