

**NELIDA MENDOZA YANEZ**

Governing Board Member, Rancho Santiago Community College District, Trustee Area 3

For years my motto has been "Educate for Success". In 2012 you elected me to faithfully represent District 3. You placed in office, a dedicated representative who is a veteran, earned a teacher's credential, college education, community-involved, strongly cognizant of students' needs, proven leadership and is passionate about student advocacy.

Santa Ana has been my home for over 40 years. My family and I are rooted and invested in this community. As a mother, student, veteran, educator, and college trustee I experienced the same challenges you face today such as language barriers and financial hardships all while pursuing my educational dream of a Master's Degree and teaching credential.

I strongly advocate for affordable and high-quality college education. As your committed incumbent, I have delivered positive results to educate our students for successful careers and have celebrated significant accomplishments like the Santa Ana College Bachelor's Degree and Helmets to Hard Hats programs.

As your trustworthy Trustee I pledge to continue to:  
Inspire local high school graduates to pursue higher education.  
Increase the transfer rate to four-year universities.  
Focus resources on classroom instruction.  
Press state legislators to fully fund community colleges.  
Fight to preserve job training programs, English language and citizenship classes.

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