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## **Director of Facilities Named**

I am pleased to announce that Joel Peterson will assume the position of Director of Facilities, subject to board action October 15, 2019. He will begin work at GCC on October 21, 2019.

Prior to joining Glendale College, Joel served as Assistant Vice President, Capital Projects and Facilities for Harvey Mudd College. In that capacity, he led and managed all aspects of new construction and facilities renovations as outlined in HMC's Master Facilities Plan. He also was responsible for all facilities operations, budgeting and finance for the College's \$800 million of facilities on its 45-acre campus with a staff of 48 individuals.

Before working at Harvey Mudd College, Joel served in various roles with major corporations where he was responsible for operations, including finance, technology, capital projects, global strategy, and marketing. During his U.S. Navy tenure, he was Director, Capital and Construction Programs and Physical Plant for a U.S. Navy Destroyer of the Pacific Fleet.

Joel's public service has been extensive. He has been on the board of the La Canada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce, and the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation. He served as an elected school board member of the La Canada Unified School District and on the L. A. County Office of Education Committee for School District Organization. He also is the author of an Amazon Best Seller novel, <u>Dreams of My Mothers</u>.

Joel has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics/Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia; Master's Degree in Business Administration from Virginia Tech; and has completed the course work for his Doctorate from Claremont Graduate University, School of Educational Studies.

Appreciation is extended to the Search Committee: Susan Courtey, chair, Merrilee Ahaus, Chris Cicutto, Gary Cinnamon, Susan Courtey, Donna Diamond, Agnes Eguaras, Julia Fong, and Brian Reff; and to Gary Cinnamon who has served GCC with distinction and dedication as Consultant/Interim Facilities Director.

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Superintendent/President