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Leadership Transition at Columbia College: Dr. Chad Redwing Named Interim President

Dr. Redwing brings over 20 years of experience in education to Columbia College.

MODESTO, CA. – Columbia College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Chad Redwing as Interim President, effective immediately following Board approval on July 9, 2025.

Dr. Redwing has over two decades of distinguished leadership and teaching experience in higher education and a proven record of fostering academic excellence, innovation, and community engagement. Most recently, Dr. Redwing served as Interim President of Modesto Junior College, where his tenure was marked by strategic planning, increased enrollment, and enriched student support initiatives.

Dr. Lena Tran, Interim Chancellor of the Yosemite Community College District and former President of Columbia College, remarked: "Dr. Redwing's leadership and vision will help Columbia College continue to thrive. I am confident he will inspire our campus and empower every student to succeed."

In addition to his leadership role at Modesto Junior College, Dr. Redwing teaches Interdisciplinary Humanities and serves as Co-Director of the University Honors Program at California State University, Stanislaus. He also directed major grant-funded initiatives, including the "Every Drop Counts" project, and led the Institute for Applied Creativity & Community Transformation, advancing innovation and problem-solving across Central Valley institutions.

In accepting the appointment, Dr. Redwing stated: “I am honored to serve Columbia College, a collaborative community that I deeply value. I look forward to meeting with the faculty, staff, and students to learn more about Columbia’s tradition of excellence and innovation.”

Dr. Redwing earned his Ph.D. in the History of Culture from the University of Chicago, where his research explored Latin American cultural history and human rights. Fluent in Spanish, Dr. Redwing’s international experience includes academic leadership, research, and service in Chile and beyond.

Dr. Redwing will begin his tenure as Interim President immediately, succeeding Dr. Lena Tran, and will work with the Columbia College community to strengthen academic programs, foster student achievement, and advance the College’s mission of educational access and equity.



Dr. Chad Redwing

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