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NEWS

Board President Honored with Corazon Award

Jim Moreno Recognized for Leadership, Advancing Academic Achievement

For his longtime leadership to promote academic achievement among young students, Coast Community College District Board President Jim Moreno was honored last month with KinderCaminata's Corazon Award, which recognizes significant contributions in advancing academic achievement of kindergarten students.

KinderCaminata is an Orange County nonprofit community organization that provides outreach to kindergarteners and their families to guide them on a path to one day realize a college education. "I am honored to be rewarded for doing what I love and for what I feel is important for our future citizens," said Moreno. "I will continue to do my best to motivate children and help them realize they can go to college and succeed in whatever they put their minds to."

Jim Moreno was elected to the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees in 2006 and currently serves as president. He resides in Trustee Area 1, which includes the cities of Seal Beach and Westminster and portions of Huntington Beach.

Moreno has served two terms as Chairman of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board for the City of Huntington Beach. He also volunteers at the Live Oak Adult Literacy Program teaching English and Citizenship, and is a former member of the Coastline Community College Paralegal Advisory Board.

Moreno was a budget analyst for the Los Angeles County Department of Health, and was a Senior Deputy for County Supervisor Ed Edelman. Moreno worked 35 years with the County of Los Angeles as an assistant administrator of two county general hospitals and multiple clinics where he also taught Spanish to medical professionals.

Moreno, who currently lives in Huntington Beach, earned his bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach, and earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, Northridge.

The Corazon Award is the highest recognition the organization gives to an individual. Through KinderCaminata, disadvantaged children from local school districts visit area college campuses each March, near the March 31 birthday of civil rights leader Cesar Chavez.

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The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa, Ca. along the Orange County coastline. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.