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Mt. Sierra College Appoints Daniel Chen as Dean of Academic Affairs

Monrovia, Calif. – Mt. Sierra College recently announced Daniel Chen as Dean of Academic Affairs – his employment initiated by The College on April 27, 2009. Embracing this new role, Chen is working to develop an efficient and effective management process to support all tasks and activities handled by The Academics Department.

“Dan brings over 20 years of industry, academic and teaching experience to our institution,” Vaughn Hartunian, President of Mt. Sierra College said. “He will be an asset in making sure our academic programs remain focused on high-quality education in a hands-on learning environment; also, that our institution stays committed to forward-thinking and providing practical curriculum for the changing global marketplace.”

With an MA in Mathematics and an MS in Computer Science and Engineering, Chen served as a Professor at Mt. Sierra College since 2001 and has many years of experience teaching technical courses in higher education. He has worked for large corporations such as IBM, General Dynamics and Boeing. Additionally, Chen has acted as Associate Dean of Technology at DeVry University in Long Beach, Calif. for the last 4 years. He feels his former professional experience will enhance his new role as Dean.

“I monitored faculty in a way that I could be sure they were providing the best quality of education to their students,” Chen said. “I will encourage my faculty to do the same thing at Mt. Sierra College.”

Chen is on board to ensure The College stands as a leading institution and to also provide the best education for students wanting to earn their Bachelors Degree in IT, Business and Multi-Media.

“My personal vision for Mt. Sierra College is to continue enhancing teaching quality in these 3 areas so it may attract more students. Secondly, I would like to see several new programs offered to students. Finally, I would like to see students learn additional real-world skills and knowledge and be well prepared for their future job responsibilities,” Chen said.



To date, Mt. Sierra College is accredited by the ACCSCT and BPPVE, authorized by the US Department of Education and is a Veterans Approved Institution. Chen plans to focus heavily on student retention and recruitment.

Chen feels the most rewarding aspect gained from teaching, counseling and working closely with students is to see them become skillful and knowledgeable in their areas of study.

“The success stories [students] share with me are truly inspiring and help me understand that education is a way to improve human life,” Chen stated. “We have to educate people to provide them with a chance to be successful in their lives.”

Founded in 1990, Mt. Sierra College is a private college in Southern California offering Bachelor Degree Programs, both online and on campus, in Media Arts & Design, Business and Technology. For more information, please call (626) 873-2139 or visit www.mtsierra.edu.

Mt. Sierra College is dedicated to providing access to higher education and a practical, hands-on quality learning environment that is flexible and accessible to a geographically diverse and multicultural population. The College is committed to preparing students with the requisite knowledge, and skills needed for successful careers in today's rapidly changing and complex global marketplace.

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