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Trustee Jandt Honored for Service, Dedication to Higher Education

PALM DESERT, CA (April 6, 2023) – College of the Desert is privileged to recognize Board of Trustees Vice-Chair, Dr. Fred E. Jandt, for his 30-year commitment to advancing higher education initiatives in the Coachella Valley, including six years on the College’s Board.

“Trustee Jandt’s virtuous service to education was instrumental in furthering academic opportunities for students across the region, including his work to create and connect College of the Desert students with courses at California State University’s Palm Desert campus. He will remain a pillar of educational progress for our community,” said College of the Desert Superintendent/President Martha Garcia, Ed.D.

Trustee Jandt was first elected to the Board in 2016 and was re-elected in 2020, with his current term set to expire in 2024. Jandt represents Area 3, which includes portions of Palm Springs and Cathedral City. He announced his resignation from the Board, effective March 31, 2023.

“The Board of Trustees is grateful to Vice-Chair Jandt for his unwavering devotion to education and for significantly evolving the College’s presence in the community,” Board Chair Bonnie Stefan said. “We thank him for his perseverance and fundamental role in the Coachella Valley’s higher education community.”

Prior to joining the Board, Dr. Jandt worked with key educational leaders to promote and grow educational opportunities in the area, teaching local university classes and serving as dean of the California State University, San Bernardino, Palm Desert campus.

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