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**SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOUNDATION  
ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TYKIA WARDEN**

**San Mateo, California — October 10, 2018:** After a nationwide search, the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation (SMCCCF) Board of Directors announces the appointment of Tykia Warden as the Foundation’s next Executive Director.

Tykia Warden originally joined SMCCCF as Director of Development in August 2016. Warden was then appointed Interim Executive Director, a role which she held for over a year. During her tenure, Warden has attracted and hired a new, highly-experienced staff, increasing the Foundation’s fundraising capacity. As Executive Director, she will continue to focus on increasing fundraising activity and strengthening community and alumni relations in order to support the District’s students and programs.

“We are exceptionally pleased that Tykia is continuing on in this leadership role,” says Sapna Singh, Chair of the SMCCCF Board of Directors. “Over the past year, she has greatly increased the Foundation’s ability to raise additional funds. The Board sees the opportunity to build on our success and to take the next step in the Foundation’s growth. Tykia’s broad fundraising knowledge coupled with her non-profit leadership experience, make her well positioned to lead us into this new phase.”

Warden began her career in the political arena in government relations, working as a Congressional Aid in the US House of Representatives. She has fifteen years of fundraising expertise as a consultant and as the Associate Director of Alumni Relations & Development at the University of Maryland. Most recently, before joining the SMCCCF team, Tykia served as

Director of Advancement at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, where she successfully raised 60% of funding necessary to support a \$1.5 billion capital campaign.

“I’m honored to help lead the Foundation during this time of expansion and development. Together, we are stronger, and it is in this spirit that I continue my work at the Foundation,” says Warden. “I’m excited to collaborate with the exceptional and talented staff to help the organization meet the challenges of raising more funds for student support. The San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation is a ‘best-kept secret.’ I am also looking forward to sharing the Foundation’s mission with additional community members and leaders in the Bay Area.”

Warden received her Bachelor’s Degree in Communications and African-American studies from Indiana University. She holds a Master’s Degree in Communications from Bowie State University and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). Tykia is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

***The San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation*** provides philanthropic support through student scholarships and programs at the San Mateo County Community College District: Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College. The purposes of the Foundation are to promote student success and nourish program innovation and excellence. The Foundation is an integral and substantial source of scholarships and grants and similar financial assistance to the District’s students, programs, and colleges.

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