

RESOLUTION 25-21  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
HONORING DEAN RICK RANTZ ON HIS RETIREMENT

Whereas, Rick Rantz dedicated his career to the pursuit of excellence, consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic, commitment, and willingness to put in the extra time and effort needed to support the success of students, faculty, staff, and Allan Hancock College; and

Whereas, Dean Rantz is like the *Willy Wonka* of higher education, always on a constant quest for creative solutions, who will probably do five more impossible, never-before-thought-of, brilliant things to achieve student equity and access before the end of June; and

Whereas, Rick harnessed his exceptional creativity as a songwriter and record producer to "orchestrate" initiatives that support high school students, justice-involved youth, and provide upper division courses to the communities of Northern Santa Barbara County, even if it meant combing through more than 700 CSU courses; and

Whereas, Rick's genuine and authentic personality, as well as his eagerness to support others and extreme patience and compassion in dealing with students, staff, faculty, and other members of the administration, created a sense of comfort and inclusion for all the departments he oversaw; and

Whereas, Dean Rantz was a wonderful, approachable administrator, who gave his full attention, showed respect, and was a great listener; and

Whereas, Rick was a great leader who trusted coworkers with the freedom to take ownership of their own work, inspiring them to maximize their potential, while offering timely guidance whenever necessary; and

Whereas, Dean Rantz demonstrated a great amount of patience with faculty and went above and beyond to make sure they felt heard and supported; and

Whereas, Rick has amazed us all as the true "Renaissance Man" with his experiences from being a long-haired surfer to an elementary and junior high school art teacher; and

Whereas, while Rick stays calm amid chaos, we know behind those blue eyes are thoughts of travel and warm international waters, floating on boats, and fishing; and

Whereas, Rick Rantz has been a professional, wise, respectful, and much-loved member of the Allan Hancock College community whose enduring service to AHC will truly be missed;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees, along with the entire college community, thanks Rick Rantz for his exceptional service, congratulates him upon his retirement from Allan Hancock College, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025

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President, Board of Trustees

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Superintendent/President