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Coast Colleges Hosts “Congress to Campus” Program to Inform Students about Public Service and Leadership

Costa Mesa, Ca. – Coast Colleges recently hosted Former Members of Congress Orval Hansen (R, Idaho) and Sam Coppersmith (D, Arizona) for a “Congress to Campus” program. The two former Congressmen visited Coastline Community College, Golden West College and Orange Coast College, attended classes to take questions from students, participated in a public forum with Former Member of Congress, Trustee Jerry Patterson, and toured the Distance Learning department at Coastline Community College.

Board President Jim Moreno commented on the importance of public service noting that “the Congress to Campus program provides an invaluable resource for our students to learn about the significance of public service. I am grateful to our student leaders, faculty and staff members who dedicated their time to this worthwhile event.”

Trustee Jerry Patterson added that as an institution of higher learning “we greatly appreciate the efforts of the students and staff to arrange this program, and extend our thanks to Congressmen Hansen and Coppersmith for taking time from their schedules to inform our students about the values of public service.”

The Congress to Campus program is available every other year to the students that attend the three colleges of the Coast Community College District. Sponsored by the Association of Former Members of Congress, Congress to Campus involves a visit to an institution of higher learning by two Former Members of Congress. The program aims to inform and attract college students throughout the country to public service and leadership.

Former Member of Congress and Chair of the Congress to Campus program Matt McHugh noted that “Former Members of Congress look forward to meeting with students across the country in this program because the country’s future depends so much upon the talent and energy of our college students. We are always reassured by the interest and intelligence of the students with whom we meet.”

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The Coast Community College District is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. For information about the District or any of its three colleges, please contact the Public Affairs Department at 714-438-4605 or via email at mparham@ccd.edu.