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The Santa Barbara City College Foundation Welcomes New Members to its Board of Directors

The SBCC Foundation recently welcomed four new members to its board of directors: directors at large Wendy Read and Frank Tabar, and ex officio members Pamela Ralston, PhD and Patricia Stark. The SBCC Foundation board of directors provides strategic leadership to the Foundation. The board is currently comprised of 18 community leaders who serve voluntarily and 6 ex officio members who serve by virtue of their leadership position at the college.

Wendy Kilbourne Read was an actress starring on an NBC television series when she volunteered to work with a 6-year-old foster child. Over the next 12 years, she watched as he was moved 27 times. His experience ultimately inspired her to quit acting and pursue a career as an advocate for foster youth.

Building on her undergraduate degree in early childhood education, Wendy completed law school and is now a licensed attorney in Santa Barbara with over twenty years of experience in foster care, education, and non-profit law, as well as organizational and management consulting.

A strong believer in the power of education to transform lives and communities, she is a passionate supporter of non-profits dedicated to education and social justice. She continues to be a long-time volunteer and advisor to many of Santa Barbara's non-profit organizations focused on underserved populations.

Wendy and her husband live in Santa Barbara and have two grown children.

Frank Tabar joined Farmers and Merchants Trust Company in 2012 and currently holds the title of Senior Vice President and Strategic Risk and Operating Officer. Frank manages the Santa Barbara office of F&M Trust Company.

Frank has over 35 years of experience in financial and fiduciary services including positions with Santa Barbara Bank & Trust and Bank of the West, among others. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from US International

University in San Diego, and his Master of Business Administration in Financial Management from National University, Los Angeles.

He has specialized training in trust and fiduciary risk and compliance and is a Certified Trust Auditor (CTA), a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and a Certified Securities Operation Professional (CSOP). Mr. Tabar has also served several years on the boards of Santa Barbara Symphony, Santa Barbara Family YMCA, and Rotary Club of Santa Barbara Sunrise.

Frank and his wife are the proud parents of a daughter, son and two grandchildren.

Pamela Ralston, PhD is serving as the Interim Executive Vice President of Educational Programs at Santa Barbara City College. In this role, she provides leadership and oversight to all instructional and student services programs. In addition, she is actively engaged in enrollment management, accreditation, and strategic planning.

Prior to coming to SBCC, Pamela served as the Vice President for Student Learning at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA, overseeing the academics affairs of the college. Prior to that, she was the Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. Before moving into administration, Pamela was faculty member and division chair of English and Written Communications at Tacoma Community College and a Lecturer at the University of Washington in American Ethnic Studies. She has her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Oregon and her master's and doctorate from the University of Washington in Comparative Literature.

Patricia Daigle Stark is President of the Academic Senate at SBCC, a tenured professor of journalism, chair of the journalism department, and faculty adviser to The Channels. She has taught at SBCC since 1990 after working for 10 years as a newspaper reporter and editor in the San Francisco Bay Area. She earned a bachelor's degree in English Literature and Social Sciences from Louisiana State University and a master's degree in journalism from UC-Berkeley.

Professor Stark has mentored some of the most successful community college student newspaper staffs in the state. Her students repeatedly have won top honors from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges, California Newspaper Publishers Association and Associated Collegiate Press. She's also a leader in lower-division journalism education and has served on the JACC Board of Directors since 2011, the last three years as faculty president. She was named the 2006 Community College Adviser of the Year by the California Press Association.

Professor Stark is now studying creative non-fiction writing at UCLA. She is working on expanding the SBCC journalism program for students who wish to read, study and write nonfiction prose that transcends the limits of daily news writing.

Starting Summer 2018, she began serving as president of the Academic Senate, representing some 244 full-time and 530 adjunct faculty teaching at the college.

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About the SBCC Foundation

The **SBCC Foundation** has provided Santa Barbara City College with private philanthropic support since 1976, serving as the vehicle through which individuals and organizations may invest in the college and its students. The SBCC Foundation provides more than \$4 million annually for student success programs, scholarships, book grants, and other critical needs of the college in order to support SBCC students as they prepare for careers, transfer to four-year universities, and pursue lifelong learning goals. In 2016, the Foundation launched the *SBCC Promise* in order to provide all local high school graduates with the opportunity to attend SBCC full time at no cost. More than 2,000 students have enrolled in the *SBCC Promise*, which covers all required fees, books, and supplies for up to two years.