Dear Leadership Team Colleagues:

The Chancellor’s Office is excited to announce the debut of its 2013-2014 Leadership Academy. The YCCD Board of Trustees has a Special Priority wherein it reads, “Continue to support the efforts in developing and providing leadership training, succession planning and “growing our own,” within the YCCD...” This summer in a Chancellor’s Cabinet Retreat members of the cabinet developed the attached Leadership Academy Pilot Program. Those attending during this debut year will not only learn valuable leadership tools and techniques but will be asked evaluate the program so it can be honed for future participants.

One of the first sessions will focus on: “What is Leadership?” And, “What are the Nuts and Bolts of Running a Multi-College Community College District.”

This academy is for you if you are interested in:

- Honing your leadership skills;
- Looking for professional development opportunities to enhance your knowledge base; and
- Willing to go beyond your current assignment operations to learn more about YCCD organizational operations.

The Leadership Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2013-2014 academic year. If you are interested in attending the Leadership Academy please submit a letter of interest with the following information:

1) Why are you interested in attending the Academy;
2) How the Academy will assist you in performing your job as (title); and
3) What you hope to gain from attending the Academy.

Please return your letter of interest answering the above questions to Venesse Metcalf, District Employment Manager, by Friday, September 13. The YCCD Cabinet will consider all Leadership Academy letters of interest and select up to 30 participants for the first Leadership Academy.

If you would like more information regarding the Academy, please feel free to contact me with your questions. Also, the training dates and times (except for the Central 14 HR Consortium classes that will be taught by Liebert, Cassidy and Whitmore) might be changed somewhat to accommodate Columbia College’s late start. This letter has been delayed a week for the same reason—to give everyone the same opportunity to apply. In addition, please note that 10 of the Leadership Academy classes are offered through the Central 14 HR Consortium and these courses will be open to all
Leadership Team employees. However, priority registration and seating will be given to Leadership Academy attendees.

Again, if interested, I invite you to apply.

Kindest regards,

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