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## **Cisco College Promotes Professor Beth Jackson to Dean of Instruction**

Abilene / *Cisco, Texas - June 23, 2023* – Cisco College is proud to announce the promotion of professor Beth Jackson to the position of Dean of Instruction.

In her nearly 20 years of service to Cisco College, Ms. Jackson has moved from faculty to Division Chair, and has served on nearly all college committees. She developed and taught precalculus as well as the first paired co-requisite developmental math course that the college offered. She has served the college through a variety of significant changes and developments including the current Quality Enhancement Plan, core curriculum adoption and revision, the growth of dual credit and distance education, and the pandemic.

Ms. Jackson currently serves on the Pathways team helping to institutionalize the work of the Texas Strong Pathways state-wide initiative at Cisco College. She is respected and well-liked by her faculty and works collaboratively with other department chairs and departments. She has been the recipient of the Outstanding Professor peer award sponsored by the faculty senate, and was recently selected to participate in the 2023-2024 Texas Success Center Leadership Academy.

"I'm thrilled to work with Beth Jackson as the dean of Instruction", said Cisco College Vice President of Instruction, Heather Hicks. "She's been a transformational leader as Math Division chair and I'm looking forward to seeing that innovation and student-first attitude at work across our academic transfer programs." The search committee determined that Ms. Jackson was the most qualified candidate for the role based on her demonstrated leadership as the Math department chair. She has transitioned Math faculty from talented individuals to a talented and collaborative team.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be selected as the new Dean of Instruction," said Ms. Jackson. "I believe in the mission of Cisco College and that education and career development can change lives, especially with the caring and engaged faculty and staff here."

"I look forward to building relationships, communication strategies, and focusing on data to set goals and celebrate further success," she continued.

The college is excited for Ms. Jackson to begin her new role bringing fresh commitment to the students and the mission of the college. She will begin her new role on June 30, 2023.

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## About Cisco College

Since first admitting students in 1940, Cisco College has offered programs and activities intended to encourage lifelong learning and enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves.

As a member of the Texas state system of publicly supported institutions of higher education, Cisco College maintains an open-door admissions policy and provides an array of learning, skill development and life experiences to motivate and challenge students. Classes are offered at two primary locations, Cisco and Abilene, in addition to several other off-campus sites. The College strives to maintain a student/faculty ratio which facilitates close interaction between faculty and students.

Cisco College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate level degrees.