



## News Release

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# Cuesta College President Resigns

Dr. David Pelham has tendered his resignation to the San Luis Obispo Community College District Board of Trustees.

The Cuesta College superintendent/president will fulfill his duties through the end of December. After leaving Cuesta College, he will assume the position of president of a college in the United Arab Emirates. Dr. Pelham announced his departure in an email to Cuesta College staff and faculty on Monday evening.

Cuesta College will appoint an interim president to fill Dr. Pelham's position until a permanent replacement can be found. A nationwide search for suitable candidates will begin as soon as possible.

"We are dealing with what everyone else is dealing with right now in the community college system, reduced financial support from the state and accommodating more students with fewer resources," said Stephan Gunsaulus, director of marketing and communications for Cuesta College. "Despite the rough economic times and the challenges that have presented for us all, our focus continues to remain on our students. As we move forward, we wish Dr. Pelham the best of luck and remain committed to providing our students with a distinguishable educational experience that will serve them far into the future."

Dr. Pelham was hired by the Cuesta College Board of Trustees at the close of 2007 and officially began with the college in March of 2008. He was the college's fifth president.

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