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Valencia College District Board of Trustees

Foundation Report

Foundation Board Retreat and Next Steps

On October 7, 2022, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Disney Board Member Sherri Torres hosted the Board for its bi-annual retreat. The Board focused conversations on key next steps for the Board to guide the Foundation to a strong future, including alignment of the Foundation's goals to the College's Strategic Impact Plan. Following the retreat, the Foundation board will launch an ad-hoc committee to develop the Foundation strategic plan, reinstitute the Advancement committee with a focus on fundraising priorities, and reengage the Board Development committee.

Valencia College Retiree Connection Luncheon

The Valencia College Foundation was delighted to host the annual Valencia College Retiree Connection Luncheon on November 2, 2022, after a hiatus of nearly three years due to the pandemic. Eighty-five retirees – whose tenure spanned every decade of the College's history – attended the luncheon at the Special Events Center on West Campus. The attendees were also representative of the diversity of professional roles at the College, including facilities, security, mailroom, financial aid, faculty, and senior administrators.

The program included updates from College President Dr. Kathleen Plinske, Foundation Interim Executive Director Jay Galbraith, and a presentation on Pooky's Pantry and the College's efforts to address student food insecurity. Many attendees brought non-perishable food donations for Pooky's Pantry and made financial contributions. Happy to reconnect with each other and the College, attendees also had an opportunity to share fond memories from their Valencia College days, personal updates, and recent travel experiences.