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## 4CS ANNOUNCES NEW INCOMING PRESIDENT

The California Community Colleges Classified Senate (4CS) has a process in place for its leadership succession, to ensure continuity. When a president's 2-year term ends, the person stays on the board in the position of "past president" for the following 2 years.

The incoming new president has the mentoring and support of the past president during their presidency. At the second year of the presidential term, a president-elect is added. The president-elect spends a year acclimating and learning the current matters of the organization, ensuring a smooth transition of leadership.

As of July 1, 2023, Trisha Albertsen (Chaffey College) became Past President, having completed her term as president. During her presidency, Trisha was instrumental in the 4CS partnership to be stewards of the IEBC Caring Campus initiative, designed to improve student retention and success. 4CS will be a resource for California Community College Campuses to ensure implementation and continued support. Trisha served tirelessly at the helm of this all-volunteer organization.

4CS is pleased to announce that Deborah Knowles (Sacramento City College) is now President. Ms. Knowles is an advocate for leadership regardless of title, and a fierce proponent for students completing their academic goals. *"We are looking forward to building partnerships across the state and collaborating in a seamless manner to ensure the classified professional workforce is included as they make their contributions to the California Community College Vision for Success"* – President Knowles.

Trisha Albertsen adds, *"Serving as your 4CS President was one of the most rewarding positions during my time with the California Community College system. I truly feel I elevated our voice at the state level and we'll continue to grow, gather and transform in the future. My love for this organization is beyond words, the work we do to support our classified professionals and see that our students succeed, is what keeps me involved."*

If you want to know more about 4CS, please refer to our website at [cccs.org](http://cccs.org).

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**4CS Mission Statement**

We recognize and value the classified senates' insight and support of student success and advocate for inclusion in governance and active participation in professional development.



**Deborah Knowles**  
4CS President



**Trisha Albertsen**  
4CS Past President