

News Release

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Fresno State's Office of Community & Economic Development announces new hires for fall 2014

FRESNO- The Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) at Fresno State is proud to announce a list of new hires for fall 2014. **Marianne Collins King** as **associate director, operations**; **Emily Pasquarelli** as **administrative assistant**; **Jenna Chilingerian** as **program assistant**; **Karmjot Grewal** as **program manager**; and **Jena Rodriguez** as **communications assistant**.

Marianne Collins King hails from the Silicon Valley in Northern California. She was the principal of the consulting firm Collins King Communications and has 15 years' experience working with a multibillion dollar insurance company where she developed a succinct background in the realms of alternate dispute resolution, mediation, litigation, conflict resolution, and case management. Currently Marianne serves as board member for the following nonprofits: Face Forward, Inc., MadeForThem, and the Fresno Art Museum. She is a member of the Fresno Downtown Partnership Association, Fresno Historical Society, Association of Junior Leagues International, Society for Human Resource Management, and Central California Society of Human Resource Management. Marianne earned her Bachelor of Arts in business management with additional concentrations in human resources, employment law, organizational development, and psychology from Saint Mary's College of Moraga, California. She is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in organizational behavior and a dual degree in international business.

Emily Pasquarelli is a native of Fresno who returned to the area after spending 20 years in the film production industry in Los Angeles. She has extensive expertise managing offices and creating more efficient and functional work environments. Prior to joining OCED, Emily was administrative assistant at Fresno's Central Valley Business Incubator. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in mass communication and journalism, with an emphasis in radio, television and film from Fresno State.

Jenna Chilingerian, a native to Fresno, received her Bachelor of Arts in political science from University of California, Los Angeles in 2013, with a minor in civic engagement. She has held several internships in law firms, local governments, and nonprofits. As a program assistant for the Center for Community Progress in Washington, D.C., she worked closely with the vice president and director of National Leadership and Education to create a community of practice around solving vacant and abandoned property problems. Most recently, Jenna interned with the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C., and with the City of Fresno in the offices of Mayor and City Manager.

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Karmjot Grewal is a native of the Central Valley where she earned both her Bachelor of Arts in psychology and Masters of Arts in research psychology from Fresno State. In addition, she earned an MBA with an emphasis in organizational development from Johns Hopkins University in 2014. Prior to joining OCED, Karmjot was a program analyst at the U.S. Department of Education headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she worked closely with the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program.

Jena Rodriguez, a native of the Central Valley, was raised in the small farming community of Corcoran. Prior to joining the OCED team, Jena was an intern and volunteer for various nonprofit organizations in the Valley. Her experiences include social media, public relations, events, and communications. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communication and journalism with an emphasis in public relations from Fresno State in 2014.

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Established in August 2000, the Office of Community & Economic Development is an on-campus division dedicated to aligning the university's intellectual capacity and innovation-driven economic development initiatives to improve the competitiveness and prosperity of the region. The role of the Office of Community & Economic Development is to be the link between the university and its resources and the needs of the community.