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Biancalana named Cabrillo vice president

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SANTA CRUZ — Claire Biancalana, who rose from Cabrillo College student to top-level administrator over the past 28 years, has been named the school's vice president of instruction.

Biancalana, 45, was approved for the \$75,000 post by Cabrillo's governing board at its Monday night meeting.

Cabrillo President John Hurd said Tuesday it was the first time a vice president at Cabrillo had been chosen from among its own employees.

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date to become vice president, so we're delighted," Hurd said.

Biancalana, who had been dean of instruction, replaces former vice president Ann Stephenson, who left this month to become president of the Allan Hancock Community College in Santa Maria.

A longtime resident of Santa Cruz County, Biancalana moved to Soquel with her family when she was in high school. She attended Santa Cruz and Soquel high

schools and graduated from Cabrillo with a liberal arts degree.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

In 1969, Biancalana began developing and teaching courses in the Applied Living Arts Department — what used to be known as home economics — and had "a firm hand" in creating the college's Food Services Technology program.

Eight years later, Biancalana became the first chairwoman of the Human Arts and Services Division, and held the post until 1981, when she became dean of occupational education.

She was named dean of instruction in 1983.

"I have such commitment to this college I never even gave another college a thought," she said Tuesday.

Biancalana is also a director on the Dominican Hospital board, a member of the Santa Cruz County Committee on Economic Vitality, and a member of the Santa Cruz County Private Industry Council.

She and her husband, Superior Court Judge Bill Kelsay, live in Aptos.



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Claire Biancalana is Cabrillo's vice president of instruction.

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