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Dr. Wang succeeds Dr. Martha Nelson, who recently was named the University's Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, a position previously held by Dr. Sherry Volk. Dr. Volk retired in December 2011 after 43 years of service to Dominican.

"I am honored and excited to serve as the Dean of the [School of Health and Natural Sciences](#) at Dominican University of California," Dr. Wang said. "I am looking forward to working together with all the colleagues at the School and the University to provide the best educational programs and learning experiences to students."

Dr. Wang comes to Dominican with 30 years of experience in private, public, large, small, rapidly growing, domestic, and international educational settings. She was at California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI), where she served as Founding Faculty, Program Chair, and Special Assistant to the Provost.

In May, Dr. Wang was honored with the Edward M. McAleer Jr. Excellence and Innovation Award for a highly-regarded CSU employee who has demonstrated a consistent and significant pattern of innovation and excellence in support of the work of the CSU Extended University.

At CSUCI, Dr. Wang helped recruit a diverse student body; develop cross-disciplinary programs in nursing, natural sciences, and health science; expand all the science majors; raise funds for the science and health science departments (\$1.7 million in private gifts and grants); and foster the development of collaborative relations among the faculty across various programs, departments, and schools—all while continuing to teach, research, and acquire external funding, including \$3.6 million in stem cell research training grants from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine.

Dr. Wang's academic background is in immunology, with a PhD and a post-doctorate at Cornell University and her first teaching appointment at CSU San Bernardino. She joined the CSU Biology Department in 1990 at the rank of assistant professor. She was promoted to associate professor in 1994 and to professor in 1999.

Dr. Wang has taught numerous lower- and upper-division and graduate level biology courses and is enthusiastic about teaching and dedicated to her students. Her personal experience as a school teacher in a remote village of Inner Mongolia during the Chinese Cultural Revolution led to her strong commitment to public education, especially to helping disadvantaged young children.

From 2001 to 2009, she served as Chair of CSUCI's multiple science programs (biology, chemistry, physics, geology, and nursing), with responsibilities for managing faculty, budget, and space. She led the development of nine degree programs in health and natural sciences, including two non-state-supported professional science master's programs (MS in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics; MS Biotechnology/MBA dual degree). Dr. Wang has received numerous university awards including Faculty of the Year in 2005 and 2007.

Dr. Wang's research interests are the mechanisms of immunological resistance to infectious diseases and mechanisms of proliferation and differentiation of human neural stem cells. She has supervised many undergraduate and graduate students in their research, published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals, and won competitive grants. Dr. Wang's educational

background includes a diploma from Beijing School of Foreign Languages, an M.D. degree from Beijing Medical College, a Master's degree in immunology from Beijing Medical University, and a PhD in immunology from Cornell University.

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