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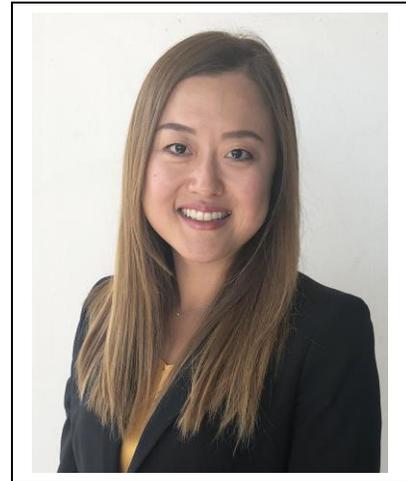
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Dr. Vivian Choi Appointed Samohi House Principal

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Dr. Vivian Choi as a new Santa Monica High School house principal at its May 17, 2018 regular board meeting.

Choi joins SMMUSD from Beckman High School in the Tustin Unified School District where she has served as assistant principal since 2013. In her current role, she oversees several functions including special education, discipline, attendance, health, emergency operations, English learner programs and supports the implementation of technology across all subject areas.



Choi has been involved with parent involvement and attendance improvement programs, and she has supported and mentored new teachers.

She previously served as the English Learner program coordinator in Tustin USD and as a Spanish teacher in Los Alamitos and Placentia. Choi has been an educator for more than 10 years and has also taught English in Kyrgyzstan and the Philippines, prior to earning her credentials.

“I am honored to have been selected to be a part of Samohi,” Dr. Choi said. “I can't wait to meet the students, parents, staff and the community and I am looking forward to working together to do what is best for our students.”

Choi earned a Bachelor of Arts from University of California, Irvine in Spanish literature; a Master of Arts in secondary education from UC Irvine and a Doctor of Education in educational leadership from USC. Choi is fluent in Korean and Spanish, is currently learning French and also understands and reads Portuguese. She has previously lived in Santiago Chile for 13 years.

“I would like to congratulate Dr. Choi on her new position,” Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said. “I believe she will be a great addition to our leadership team.”

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