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KENNETH L. PIFER NAMED VICE PRESIDENT/TREASURER AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR CLAREMONT UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM

CLAREMONT, Calif. — The appointment of **Kenneth L. Pifer as Vice President/Treasurer and Director of Finance for Claremont University Consortium (CUC)** was announced today by Robert A. Walton, Chief Executive Officer for CUC. Mr. Pifer assumed the position December 1, 2008.

Kenneth L. Pifer has been Controller and Director of Financial Services for Claremont University Consortium since 2005. In this position, Mr. Pifer has served as the corporate controller for Claremont Graduate University, Scripps College, Claremont McKenna College, Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College, Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences, and Claremont University Consortium. Mr. Pifer has overseen the financial systems and process for these institutions, including the annual audit process, tax and regulatory filings, and management of a staff of 40 personnel. During Mr. Pifer's term as Controller, he implemented several key initiatives including the implementation of new accounting principles, assessment of internal controls, and implementation of a new electronic time and labor system to replace a manual process. In addition, he has served on the consortial Retirement Plans Committee, and supported the Business and Financial Affairs Committee and Human Resources Committee. In his position as Vice President, Mr. Pifer will assume overall responsibility for financial management of the colleges and CUC for which Mr. Pifer has served as corporate controller. He will also be responsible for oversight of the CUC endowment, management of employee benefits, and risk management.

Previous to CUC, Mr. Pifer served as Vice President of Finance and Administration for the Far East Broadcasting Company, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that provides leadership and resources to an international radio network broadcasting Christian programming throughout the world.

Mr. Pifer earned a B.A. in Business Administration from The Master's College, Santa Clarita, California, and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant. He has been a presenter at the Higher Education Accounting Forum and Tax Forum sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). In addition, Mr. Pifer has served on Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation teams. He is a former board member for Pomona Heritage.

Robert Walton, Chief Executive Officer for CUC, in announcing Mr. Pifer's appointment, stated, "Ken brings a unique combination of experience and talents to provide leadership for CUC in the years ahead. He has a proven track record at The Claremont Colleges and has taken the lead in implementing several key initiatives for CUC. I have enjoyed working with Ken and look forward to our work together as an important member of the CUC management team."

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Claremont University Consortium (CUC) is the central coordinating institution of The Claremont Colleges. As such, CUC provides common services for the internationally renowned cluster of two graduate and five undergraduate colleges serving more than 6,000 students. The consortium offers the expansive physical facilities and wide selection of courses, faculty, student services and extracurricular activities of a university, and the personalized education of small private colleges. The Consortium includes Pomona College (established in 1887), Claremont Graduate University (1925), Scripps College (1926), Claremont McKenna College (1946), Harvey Mudd College (1955), Pitzer College (1963), and the Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Science (1997) and Claremont University Consortium (1925).