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UCLA's Corinne A. Seeds University Elementary School Appoints Jim Kennedy Principal

Jim Kennedy, a Los Angeles Unified School District educator with a record of innovative work in urban schools, has been appointed principal of Corinne A. Seeds University Elementary School (UES), the laboratory school for the Graduate School of Education & Information Studies at UCLA. He will hold the Carol L. Collins UES Director's Chair. The appointment is effective July 1.

Most recently, Kennedy has served as principal of Magnolia Avenue Elementary School, where he has strengthened the program by building connections between the school and the community and supporting teacher collaboration. Bilingual in English and Spanish, he also was principal of Vintage Magnet School in North Hills, a math-science-technology magnet school with a highly diverse student population.

"Jim Kennedy brings to UES an excellent record of achievement in elementary education and administration," said Aimée Dorr, dean of the Graduate School of Education & Information Studies. "His experience with diverse students and families, his work in leading teacher development, and his interest in fostering research are an excellent fit for the laboratory school."

"I am enthusiastically looking forward to participating in the great work UES does," Kennedy said. "Being attached to a university, a lab school, and the rich traditions and history there is an honor. I also understand there's more that can be done, and that's exciting."

Kennedy earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University of California, Santa Barbara; he received his master's in education (school administration) and his doctorate in education (education leadership) from UCLA. He holds a clear multi-subject teaching credential and a professional administrative services credential and is certified in bilingual cross-cultural language acquisition and development.

Kennedy has a special interest in the teaching of mathematics and has served in the LAUSD as a coach for new teachers and at California State University, Northridge, as an instructor for new administrators.

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The Corinne A. Seeds University Elementary School is a laboratory elementary school with a socioeconomically diverse student population. The school serves as a center for research on education and child development and as a training center for teachers. Founded in 1882 as part of the Southern Branch of the California State Normal School, UES has a long history of developing innovative curricula that meet the needs of diverse students. The school is part of the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies and has been based on the UCLA campus for more than 50 years.

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