



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

PRESS RELEASE

June 5, 2014

Contact: Paige Marlatt Dorr

Office: 916.327.5356

Cell: 916.601.8005

Office E-mail: pdorr@cccco.edu

Mobile E-mail: pmarlatt@comcast.net

The California Community Colleges System Highlights Governor, Legislators with "I Can Afford College" Financial Aid Awareness Display at State Capitol

Amidst graduation season, display features key benefits of a community college education

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office unveiled a three-panel display at the California State Capitol, which features key benefits of attending a California community college. The display specifically showcases California State Governor Jerry Brown and 55 members of the California State Legislature that attended or served at any of the 112 California community colleges.



"I am tremendously proud to be joined by these members of the legislature in the halls of the Capitol, to celebrate their achievements and service to the California Community Colleges," Chancellor [Brice W. Harris](#) said. "These elected leaders demonstrate that with a California community college education people can do great things."

The display was developed by the "I Can Afford College" campaign, which is a statewide, financial aid awareness initiative. The purpose of the campaign is to educate current and prospective students about the year-round availability of financial aid at California's 112 community colleges to help pay for fees, books, supplies and sometimes even rent.

- more -

The display is adjacent to the Governor's Office in the California State Capitol and will remain up through June 13, 2014.

The posting of the exhibit follows the tenth anniversary of the California Community Colleges Financial Aid Awareness Month, which took place in April 2014. The anniversary was celebrated by Governor Brown with a [commemorative message](#). The display also coincides with graduation season, as many high school students continue their academic path and are exploring their educational options. At the California community colleges, it's not too late to enroll or apply for financial aid for fall 2014.

The campaign's website, www.icanaffordcollege.com, is available in English and Spanish and hosts information about the variety of financial aid opportunities available and how to apply. Since its inception 10 years ago, more than two million people have visited the "*I Can Afford College*" website and the number of community college students receiving some type of financial aid has increased by nearly 70 percent.

In addition to visiting the website, students and their families can also connect with the campaign through social media channels at: facebook.com/icanaffordcollege, and twitter.com/icanafrcollege.

LEGISLATORS IN PHOTO DISPLAY

SENATORS

Senator Joel Anderson
Senator Marty Block
Senator Anthony Cannella
Senator Ellen M. Corbett
Senator Lou Correa
Senator Jean Fuller
Senator Cathleen Galgiani
Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D.
Senator Jerry Hill
Senator Bob Huff
Senator Steve Knight
Senator Carol Liu
Senator Norma J. Torres
Senator Andy Vidak

Assembly Member Steven Bradford
Assembly Member Cheryl R. Brown
Assembly Member Nora Campos
Assembly Member Ed Chau
Assembly Member Rocky Chávez
Assembly Member Wesley Chesbro
Assembly Member Matthew Dababneh
Assembly Member Roger Dickinson
Assembly Member Paul Fong
Assembly Member Steve Fox
Assembly Member Cristina Garcia
Assembly Member Mike Gatto
Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez
Assembly Member Adam Gray
Assembly Member Isadore Hall, III
Assembly Member Diane L. Harkey
Assembly Member Roger Hernández
Assembly Member Brian Jones
Assembly Member Dan Logue
Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal
Assembly Member Allan R. Mansoor
Assembly Member Jose Medina
Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez
Assembly Member Rudy Salas, Jr.
Assembly Member Donald P. Wagner
Assembly Member Shirley N. Weber

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian
Assembly Member Luis Alejo
Assembly Member Travis Allen
Assembly Member Tom Ammiano
Assembly Speaker Toni G. Atkins
Assembly Member Frank Bigelow
Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian
Assembly Member Jim Patterson
Assembly Member Henry T. Perea
Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva
Assembly Member Anthony Rendon

Assembly Member Bob Wieckowski
Assembly Member Scott Wilk

Assembly Member Das Williams

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu>.

###