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**Foundation for California Community Colleges
Announces Retirement of Founding President, Dr. Larry Toy**

SACRAMENTO - The Foundation for California Community Colleges today announced the retirement of Dr. Larry Toy, founding President and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Toy stepped down as President and CEO of the Foundation in August 2007, but has continued on to support the transition to the new President and CEO, Dr. Paul Lanning. Dr. Toy will officially retire from the Foundation at the end of September.

It was under Dr. Toy's leadership that the Foundation was established in 1998 as the official auxiliary organization supporting the California Community Colleges Chancellor, Board of Governors, and the system of 109 community colleges and 72 community colleges districts.

"When the Foundation was formed," said Toy, "our vision was to create an unconventional, entrepreneurial foundation that would identify and operate programs that provided cost savings and operational efficiencies to colleges. It would also provide significant value to faculty and staff and new opportunities for students."

During his ten years at the Foundation, Dr. Toy began a series of programs that provided services to the California Community Colleges. Some highlights of his career at the Foundation include:

- Negotiating a series of agreements with Microsoft and other companies to provide streamlined purchasing for colleges, creating millions in cost-saving for colleges, staff, and students,
- Working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to create Early College High School programs on community college campuses.
- Securing grants and programs that work with the colleges every year to educate 1,200 welfare mothers as teachers, train 1,000 students as AmeriCorps volunteers, and provide mentoring and support for foster youth throughout the state.
- Establishing a career pathways program that assists over 800 students annually to pursue careers at state agencies.

- Collaborating with WellPoint Inc. and the state of California to create a program that increases the number of nurses that may be trained in the community colleges.
- Overseeing the development of a computer placement system, funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, which streamlines clinical placement for nursing students.
- Creating opportunities for student training by establishing a Smog Referee Program for the Bureau of Automotive Repair on 33 community college campuses.
- Supervising the development of the FUSION (Facilities Utilization, Space Inventory Options Net) computer system which helps colleges manage building and construction planning, which was crucial in passing over \$3 billion in state bonds.

Since its inception in 1998, the Foundation has grown to be one of the largest operating foundations in higher education, with 120 full time employees and annual revenues of over \$30 million. It has secured over \$150 million in grants, contracts, and gifts, and provided over \$100 million in direct grants, support, and cost savings to colleges. The Foundation continues to sponsor major statewide awards, including those given by the Board of Governors and the Statewide Academic Senate, and is the major supporter of the Network of the California Community Colleges.

“Under Dr. Toy’s leadership, the Foundation has seen its programs, assets, and endowment grow substantially,” says James Sargen, President and CEO of TriActive and Chair of the Board for the Foundation. “Toy’s legacy serves as a solid foundation for the future of the organization.”

In honor of his service, the Foundation Board of Directors has awarded Dr. Toy the title of President Emeritus.

Dr. Toy is a long-time leader of the California Community Colleges. Prior to his work with the Foundation, he spent 28 years as a Professor of Astronomy at Chabot College before joining the California Community Colleges System Office. Dr. Toy served as President of the Board of Governors in 1994, as part of a seven-year tenure. Toy received his B.A. degree from Harvard University and M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the official auxiliary organization to the California Community Colleges’ Board of Governors, Chancellor, and System Office. The Foundation’s mission is to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community College System. For more information, visit www.foundationccc.org.

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