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## **Foundation for California Community Colleges Celebrates 10 Years**

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and services to California's 110 community colleges*

SACRAMENTO—The Foundation for California Community Colleges today released its Decade Report, a summary of the non-profit organization's progress over the past 10 years. Among the key facts detailed in the report are that the Foundation has provided more than \$100 million in direct savings and support to the state's 110 Community Colleges and the California Community College System Office, and has secured more than \$150 million in contracts, grants and gifts for the largest higher education system in the nation.

“As the Foundation celebrates 10 years of supporting the state's community colleges, we are eager to continue providing quality resources and enhancing the services that benefit the system and its 2.6 million students,” said Dr. Paul Lanning, President and CEO of the Foundation. “Our unique position as the official non-profit foundation to the California Community Colleges allows us to quickly address needs of the system and its students as they are identified, and we relish our opportunities to do so.”

The Foundation supports the California Community Colleges' Board of Governors, Chancellor and System Office by managing donations, grants, programs and services that enhance the educational experience and services provided by California Community Colleges. The programs operated by the Foundation represent critical areas of workforce development and student assistance, including health care education, foster youth services, purchasing programs that save colleges money and resources, and student training opportunities.

In addition to operating key programs, the Foundation recently entered the fundraising arena when it launched the first-ever campaign to create a statewide scholarship endowment. The campaign was created with the unprecedented gift of \$25 million for student scholarships from The Bernard Osher Foundation, a San Francisco-based organization that supports higher education and the arts. The Osher commitment also includes another \$25 million that will be provided if the Foundation, in conjunction with the 110-campus system, can raise another \$50 million by 2011, creating a \$100 million endowment strictly for student scholarships.

“As enrollment continues to increase at our state's community colleges, it is more important than ever to provide adequate support to California's future workforce,” said California Community Colleges Chancellor Diane Woodruff. “The Foundation's efforts to help colleges and their students have created opportunity for many throughout the past 10 years, and we look forward to a continued partnership that will enhance our state's community college system in the years to come.”

The Foundation's leadership has also undergone a change in the recent past, with Paul Lanning taking the helm after founding President Larry Toy retired in 2007.

"Larry Toy effectively led the Foundation to many of its successes throughout the organization's first 10 years," said Foundation Board Chair James Sargen. "Since Paul Lanning's arrival one year ago, the Foundation has embarked on many exciting opportunities that have resulted in tremendous success and growth for the organization, which will help enhance our ability to meet the needs of the largest higher education system in the nation."

The Foundation's Decade Report also highlights data from its various programs, as well as its financials. Key facts from the report include:

- In 2007 alone, colleges saved \$7.3 million through the Foundation's aggregate furniture purchasing program.
- Since 2003, nearly 24,000 faculty, staff and students have purchased software through the Foundation's Microsoft student select program.
- In recent years, the Foundation has awarded \$3.5 million to community colleges to expand their nursing programs, and has designated another \$3 million to Flo's Cookie Jar, which helps nursing students stay in school by providing emergency grants.
- The Foundation currently funds 21 Early College High School partnerships, serving a total number of 4,600 students, many of whom will be first-generation college-goers (64%) and are economically disadvantaged (63%).
- To date, more than 250 CalWORKS recipients have become certified as early childhood teachers and associate teachers through the Foundation's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Child Development Center (TANF-CDC).
- More than 2,500 students have participated in the public service career pathway program, which collaborates with agencies to address the projected increase in demand for recruitment as state workers enter into retirement at record-breaking levels.
- The Foundation's FUSION system, which includes all 60 million square feet of the state's community college facilities in a central database, helps colleges manage building and construction planning and has been crucial in passing over \$18 billion in bond measures.
- The Foundation operates the California Department of Consumer Affairs – Bureau of Automotive Repair Technician Training Program and Call Center, which has trained more than 250 community college students as smog check technicians since 2004.

A copy of the Foundation's Decade Report is available online at [www.foundationccc.org/publications](http://www.foundationccc.org/publications).

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The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the official auxiliary 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, the largest higher education system in the nation. Incorporated in 1998, the Foundation works with Community Colleges and partner organizations to manage donations, grants, programs, and services that drive excellence in education while saving millions of dollars for colleges each year. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation and receives no direct state or public support. *For more information, visit [www.foundationccc.org](http://www.foundationccc.org)*

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