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**Foundation for California Community Colleges Aids
Colleges and Students Affected by Hurricane Katrina**

SACRAMENTO – Working closely with the California Community Colleges and the System Office, the Foundation for California Community Colleges helped to raise over \$125,000 for community colleges and students still trying to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

In response to the devastating storm, California Community Colleges leaders urged colleges to reach out and support their colleagues in the Gulf Coast. The Foundation coordinated the efforts of the colleges, including many student groups, providing over \$10,000 in-kind support services, and last month oversaw a \$75,000 donation to the Governor of Louisiana to help restore classroom facilities damaged by the hurricane. Another \$50,000, contributed by the Education Financing Foundation of California, was distributed to displaced Katrina survivors attending California community colleges. In addition to the funds donated through the Foundation, significant contributions were sent from the colleges directly to the relief efforts.

“The Foundation is proud to have been part of this shared effort to aid the survivors of Hurricane Katrina,” said Foundation President, Larry Toy. “Nearly two years after Katrina, colleges and students are still working towards recovery. We hope our donations have and will make a difference.”

The fundraising efforts were spearheaded by a committee of California Community College leaders, including Chancellor Marshall (Mark) Drummond, and two Louisiana natives, Edward J. Valeau, President, Hartnell College, and Ned Doffoney, President, Fresno City College, who launched the fundraising campaign shortly after Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005.

In March 2006, the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) awarded the “Uncommon Courage Award” to all 109 California community colleges for their cumulative efforts to bring relief to the colleges in the Gulf Coast.

The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the sole official auxiliary to the California Community Colleges’ Board of Governors, Chancellor, and System Office. The Foundation for California Community Colleges is a team of dedicated people who work within a unique structure that enables it to bring expertise and resources to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community College System. Additional information about the Foundation for California Community Colleges is available at www.foundationccc.org.

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