Every day the California Community College system is developing, adapting, and innovating. Its goals, and ours, are to build the workforce California needs now and into the future, open access to higher education to more Californians and California communities, and facilitate every student’s path to successful achievement of their goals. The Foundation for California Community Colleges is proud of its pivotal role in this dynamic system: facilitating collaboration, accelerating innovation, and increasing resources so that students have access to more opportunities and can achieve greater success. We welcome you to join us in this endeavor.

KEETHA MILLS
President and Chief Executive Officer
ABOUT THE FOUNDATION
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Benefiting, supporting, and enhancing the California Community Colleges.

“My community college has given me the opportunity to reach my potential in ways I never before thought possible.”

– BUSINESS STUDENT
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION
The mission of the Foundation for California Community Colleges is to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community Colleges.

OUR VISION
The Foundation is the trusted partner of the California Community Colleges—facilitating collaboration, accelerating innovation, and increasing systemwide resources.

ABOUT US
The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the statewide non-profit organization that supports the California Community College system, the largest system of higher education in the nation. As the official foundation of the California Community Colleges’ Board of Governors and Chancellor’s Office, the Foundation’s work reaches all 113 California Community Colleges and 72 districts and is designed to benefit students, colleges, college foundations, and the California Community College system overall.

The Foundation’s initiatives, projects, programs, and services pilot new approaches, replicate promising practices, and bring to scale sustainable time-tested, proven methods for supporting our colleges and our students. Our staff include experts in student success, workforce development, equity and student services, as well as communications, technology development, resource development, and collaborative purchasing—all working together to support forward-thinking innovations in education. The Foundation has delivered hundreds of millions in grants, support, and cost savings to colleges, and 85 cents of every dollar that comes into the Foundation directly supports programs and services that benefit the colleges and their students. Since its founding in 1998, the Foundation has grown to be one of the largest operating foundations in higher education.

1998
Incorporated as the official foundation to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Chancellor’s Office.

1999
Launched the CollegeBuys purchasing program, which creates significant cost-savings for colleges, beginning with offering Microsoft software.

2000
Started offering fiscal sponsorship services to mission-aligned organizations, beginning with the Association of Chief Human Resources Officers.

2002
Through support from the Gates Foundation, began a multi-year Early College High School (ECHS) program which provided thousands of young people with pathways to college and career.
CORE VALUES

The Value to

Students
we believe in increased student access and success and strive to provide student opportunities and develop programs with these values at the core.

Colleges
we believe in providing additional and diversified resources to colleges that assist them in fulfilling their missions.

Foundations
we believe in assisting Community College foundations and working cooperatively to achieve shared goals.

The System
we believe in furthering the goals and missions of the statewide Chancellor’s Office and the Board of Governors.

The Value of

Innovation
we believe in the power of innovation and seek to foster a culture that maximizes opportunities to create value.

Collaboration
we believe that working effectively together as organizations, teams, and individuals enhances our impact and creates opportunities for success.

Strong Relationships
we believe in building long-term positive trusted relationships, both within and outside of our organization.

Growth and Development
we believe that learning leads to critical growth and development, and promote this model throughout our organization and in our work.

Shared Leadership
we believe that the most effective way to lead is by sharing accountability and responsibility throughout the organization.

Shared Success
we believe that progress requires taking some risks. We learn from mistakes, use them to strengthen our organization, and celebrate successes organizationwide.

2004
Expanded support for student career transitions with funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation for the first phase of the Nursing Resource Center and the Centralized Clinical Placement system.

2005
Established an endowment for nursing education through a $15 million contribution from WellPoint Inc.

2008
Launched the California Community College Scholarship campaign, with a historic $25 million gift from The Bernard Osher Foundation, culminating in an approximately $70 million permanent scholarship endowment.
THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

The California Community Colleges are a path to opportunity for millions of Californians and prepare the workforce that builds our economy. The Foundation works together with the California Community Colleges to expand educational opportunities for all Californians.

The California Community Colleges make up the largest system of higher education in the nation, consisting of 113 colleges and 72 districts and serving over 2 million students each year. Community Colleges offer associate’s degrees and industry-specific certificates, pathways to transfer to universities, and newly established four year Community College baccalaureate degrees. Community Colleges also provide local opportunities for community members to build technical skills in order to improve their earnings and foster lifelong learning.

More than 140,000 Californians are trained each year in industry-specific workforce skills at Community Colleges. Community Colleges educate 70 percent of our state’s nurses and 80 percent of firefighters, law enforcement personnel, and emergency medical technicians. Approximately 50 percent of California State University graduates and 30 percent of University of California graduates began their education at a California Community College—including 48 percent of UC graduates in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.

By making education more affordable and accessible, California Community Colleges also help to improve the quality of life for those who often face barriers to higher education—including first-generation college students, students in low-income families, rural residents, inner city residents, foster youth, military veterans, and immigrants. Over 40 percent of Community College students are the first generation in their families to attend college. Over half of Community College students are economically disadvantaged.

2010
Launched VRRRM, a program designed to help improve California’s air quality by providing financial incentives for motorists to repair, retire, or replace their high-polluting vehicles.

2011
Introduced the California Connects digital literacy program, which distributed 5,800 laptops and provided training to over 18,000 Californians in its first year.

2012
Launched the Student Success Flagship Initiative to expand support of the California Community Colleges student success efforts.

2013
Unveiled the LaunchPath program to help create work-based learning experiences for students and employers in the Sacramento region.
Access to a Community College has a tremendous impact on lives and the economy. Upon graduation, students earn, on average, over 50 percent more than they would have with only a high school diploma, earning $500,000 more in a lifetime. For every public dollar spent in Community Colleges, nearly seven dollars is returned in higher tax receipts and reductions in public assistance. The California Community Colleges are truly the gateway to opportunity for all Californians and the backbone of California’s economy.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE
The mission of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and the Chancellor’s Office is to empower the Community Colleges through leadership, advocacy, and support. Under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Chancellor’s Office provides leadership, advocacy, and support for the California Community College system. The California Community Colleges Board of Governors and the chancellor share a vision of a better future for Californians by exemplifying exceptional leadership, advocacy, and support on behalf of the California Community Colleges. The Foundation works closely with the Chancellor’s Office to support system initiatives.

2014
Established the Success Center for California Community Colleges to advance the statewide Student Success Initiative and promote the implementation of effective practices and policies across the system.

2015
Partnered with the CSU and UC systems to establish the California Higher Education Shared Services Initiative, optimizing savings and efficiencies in purchasing for our colleges.

2016
Released the Here to Career mobile app to provide low-income Latino families with access to information about California Community College education and regional careers.

2017
Supported the launch of the California Guided Pathways Initiative focused on helping community colleges design and implement structured academic and career pathways for all students.

50% INCREASED EARNINGS ON AVERAGE

113 COMMUNITY COLLEGES
72 DISTRICTS
113 MILLION STUDENTS
40% FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS
In May 2008, the California Community Colleges launched a systemwide fundraising campaign to establish the California Community College Scholarship Endowment—which resulted in an approximately $70 million scholarship endowment, the largest community college system scholarship endowment in the nation, which will forever support students at every college in our system.

The Endowment and corresponding three-year fundraising campaign were made possible thanks to the generosity of The Bernard Osher Foundation. The Osher Foundation made a historic pledge to the California Community Colleges, giving an unprecedented lead gift of $25 million to establish the endowment, and committing additional match dollars for amounts raised by the colleges.

Scholarships from the Endowment are designed to help lessen the barriers facing community college students with significant financial need and demonstrated success and commitment in their coursework. Scholarships of at least $500 a semester can be used for textbooks, transportation, and other instructional supplies—providing important support to help students persist and complete their educational goals.

The Foundation was proud to lead this historic campaign and continues to manage the scholarship endowment today.

Today, the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment serves all 113 Community Colleges and provides approximately 4,000 student scholarships each year.
WHAT WE DO
WHAT WE DO

- Student Success
- Workforce Development
- Equity
- Environment
- System Support and Services
- CollegeBuys Purchasing

“Community college allows me to have a better future and make my family proud.”

- RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY STUDENT
  CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
SUCCESS CENTER
The Success Center advances the Student Success Initiative and aims to improve student outcomes by promoting sharing, adoption, and implementation of effective practices and policies across the system.

- Provides a learning environment for faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees to collaborate across institutions
- Acts as a center for research and analysis to inform and influence policy changes related to statewide student success

STEP:FORWARD
Step:Forward helps students understand priority registration and take the steps needed to achieve their educational goals.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- Communicated new rules around priority enrollment to over 1.1 million students
- Initially funded by The Kresge Foundation with additional funding from the CCC Tech Center

CALIFORNIA ACCELERATION PROJECT
The California Acceleration Project encourages colleges and faculty to adopt high-challenge and high-support English and statistics pathways and adopt placement policies that use multiple measures to assess student ability.

KEY PARTNERS
- The James Irvine Foundation
- The Kresge Foundation
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

KEY PROGRAMS
- Success Center for California Community Colleges
- California Colleges Guidance Initiative
- California Acceleration Project
- California Community Colleges Civic Impact Project
- California Guided Pathways Project
- Systemwide Initiatives Communications Projects

“ My priority is to succeed as a woman and to always inspire others to be more of what they already are. #StepForward”

– TWITTER RESPONSE PRIORITY ENROLLMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
The Foundation has championed and supported the California Community Colleges Student Success Initiative—a widespread reform effort led by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to promote student success and completion from inception to implementation. In 2009, the Foundation brought together five philanthropic partners to support the launch of the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force, an independent group of academic and administrative practitioners, researchers, and educational policy leaders involved in a 12-month study of best practices in higher education systems throughout the nation. This work culminated in the Student Success Initiative, a set of 22 recommendations designed to dramatically increase completion and transfer rates. These recommendations were adopted by the Board of Governors in 2012 and have become guiding policy for our system. In 2012, the Foundation named Student Success as our flagship initiative and now operates and supports a number of Student Success aligned projects that aim to increase the number of students who obtain certificates or degrees or transfer to a university.

**COLLABORATION HUB**

The Foundation provides support and coordination for projects and activities around the state that improve college completion rates and promote student success.

The Foundation is home to the Success Center for California Community Colleges, launched in 2014 as a joint project of the Foundation and the Chancellor’s Office. The Success Center’s mission is to advance the Student Success Initiative and significantly improve student outcomes by serving as a hub that promotes the sharing, adoption, and implementation of effective practices and policies across the California Community College system.

Its priorities include professional development, intra- and inter-segmental coordination, and policy research and analysis. The Success Center plays a leadership role in a number of key student success-aligned projects in our system, including the California Guided Pathways Project. Through this project 20 California Community Colleges will implement a structured framework to help guide students toward completion of a degree or certificate.

We are also proud to provide fiscal sponsorship for a number of projects and organizations that are working to expand student access and success, creating a nexus of reform efforts that include best practices in college planning and preparation.
remediation, educational pathways, and expanded learning. Projects include the California College Guidance Initiative, California AfterSchool Network, California Acceleration Project, Career Ladders Project, and California LAW.

**SYSTEMWIDE AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS**

In close partnership with the Chancellor’s Office, the Foundation has developed and implemented significant systemwide awareness campaigns. These campaigns benefit from both our experienced in-house communications and technology team and our unique partnership with the Community College system.

The Step:Forward campaign—developed, designed, and implemented in house—was launched to increase student awareness of changing regulations regarding priority registration for classes. The campaign encourages students to take steps to stay on track to reach their educational goals.

The Foundation designs and supports communications projects for systemwide initiatives, directed by the California Community Colleges Technology Center, aiming to increase awareness and utilization of systemwide technology tools that all 113 colleges can leverage to support student success.

The California Community Colleges Civic Impact Project and its corresponding “Be a part of it all” campaign is a non-partisan, collaborative effort between the Foundation, the Chancellor’s Office, and local Community Colleges to increase civic participation among Community College students. In its inaugural year, 25 colleges participated in the project.

**STUDENT-CENTERED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT**

The Foundation develops student-centered technology tools that increase access to educational resources to facilitate student success. Projects include data driven technology development such as the Step:Forward website, which connects students to interest- and college-specific information and resources.

The Foundation also acts as a hub for student-centered technology development throughout the state, including being the fiscal sponsor and home of the California College Guidance Initiative, which partners with K-12 school districts to provide students, counselors, parents, and community-based organizations with technological tools that help guide the college planning and preparation process and that support data sharing among educational systems, helping to smooth student transition from K-12 schools into higher education.
**KEY PROGRAMS**

- Career Catalyst internship services
- LaunchPath work-based learning program
- Here to Career mobile application
- Nursing Resource Center
- California Apprenticeship Initiative
- 21st Century Skills digital badging

**LAUNCHPATH**

LaunchPath helps high school and college students secure internships and other work-based learning opportunities that align with their major or career pathway. The project was seed funded by the JPMorganChase Foundation and has hundreds of participating employers.

**21ST CENTURY SKILLS AND DIGITAL BADGING**

Online badges are a visual way to showcase skills, career readiness, and success in internships, as a supplement to traditional data points like academic grades.

-created digital badges that include the top ten 21st Century Skills identified by the New World of Work

-LaunchPath uses an open platform which awards badges that can be displayed across the web

**KEY PARTNERS**

- California Workforce Development Board
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation
- NSF

**PROGRAM IMPACT**

- 93,000 nursing student placements facilitated on average per year
- 500+ new apprenticeships in industry sectors across California
- 4,700+ paid internships served through Career Catalyst

“The Foundation’s partnership allowed dedicated students to be a part of our efforts for future conceptual missions to Mars.”

-NASA JET PROPULSION LAB CAREER CATALYST PARTNER
Our workforce development programs support the California Community Colleges to enhance work-based learning opportunities for high school and college students, improve opportunities for Californians to enter the workforce prepared for rewarding careers, and help shape our future workforce to rise to California’s future economic challenges and opportunities. Workforce development has been a core focus of the Foundation since inception, beginning with our Career Catalyst internship facilitation service, which launched in 1998. Our programs and services have since expanded, building on the momentum of the Student Success Initiative and the subsequent Workforce, Job Creation, and a Strong Economy Task Force, launched in 2015, which released 25 recommendations to reform and enhance current college workforce development efforts. The Foundation raised philanthropic support for the Workforce Task Force, making possible the extensive input from more than 1,200 stakeholders that culminated in a comprehensive plan for creating incentives, streamlining processes, and identifying and showcasing best practices. In alignment with the recommendations created by the Workforce Task Force, the Foundation is actively working to reduce the skills gap in California and grow our economy by ensuring that Californians have the skills needed to succeed in college and career.

**CAREER PATHWAYS AND QUALITY WORK-BASED LEARNING**

The Foundation provides support, tools, and technical assistance for the development of work-based learning and educational pathways to careers. Through our Career Catalyst program, the Foundation facilitates internships, jobs, apprenticeships, and other work-based learning activities at scale. We also offer a suite of human resources and payroll services for organizations who are seeking to provide paid work experience for students.

Through our LaunchPath program, the Foundation engages employers to provide quality work-based learning opportunities and matches them with students for a learning experience that benefits the employer and the student alike. The program also works closely with workforce development intermediaries to streamline work-based learning processes.

We also develop and facilitate Communities of Practice that allow workforce development stakeholders to work together and learn together, including for the California Apprenticeship Initiative.
INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC EDUCATION

The Foundation supports programs that provide student training in key industries, such as automotive technology, health care, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Through the Smog Check Referee program, automotive technology students at California Community Colleges can gain paid experience while training to become licensed smog technicians. This training, operated through a partnership with the Bureau of Automotive Repair, helps to ensure that the students learn the essential skills necessary to become competent, high performing professional technicians in today’s automotive test and repair industry.

Our health care education programs increase access to care by supporting the educational institutions and educators that prepare new health care professionals. Through our Nursing Resource Center (NRC) technology tools, schools of nursing use the Centralized Clinical Placement System to place their students in clinical settings for work experience. The Centralized Faculty Resource Center connects nursing professionals interested in teaching to faculty opportunities at schools of nursing. The Foundation also awards nursing education grants and works with nonprofit organizations to increase the number, quality, and diversity of health care professionals.

The Foundation partners with key organizations such as the National Science Foundation to support hands-on research experiences for Community College students pursuing STEM education and encourage students underrepresented in STEM fields to complete their education and pursue a career. We also support STEM education for high school students through career pathway guided work-based learning experiences and after school and summer programs.

WORKFORCE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

The Foundation has developed student-centered technology tools to help students explore different career options, connect with career-building opportunities, and access career guidance information.

The LaunchPath software platform, developed in partnership with the Linked Learning Alliance to increase equitable access to quality work-based learning, utilizes comprehensive data systems and analytics to match internship seekers with employers for work-based learning experiences. Students utilizing LaunchPath earn badges that showcase their academic major or focus, success in internship experiences, and soft skills.
The Here to Career mobile app, developed in partnership with the Chancellor’s Office and the Young Invincibles, provides families and potential students with access to information about California Community College education opportunities and raises awareness of careers that can increase earning potential and provide improved economic prosperity for the entire family. The project launched with a pilot in the Inland Empire focused on serving low-income Latino families, and is expanding to regions throughout the state.

**DIGITAL BADGING AND 21ST CENTURY SKILLS**

As part of the LaunchPath software platform, the Foundation has developed digital badges that are awarded during work-based learning experiences, serving as a visual way to showcase an individual’s industry skills, career readiness, and success in internships, which act as a supplement to traditional data points like academic grades. LaunchPath’s digital badges utilize the Open Badges ecosystem, which allows interns to display their collection of badges across multiple sites including job applications and social networking sites.

The Foundation and the New World of Work initiative, with support from the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship, have also developed a set of ten 21st Century Skills badges integrated within the LaunchPath platform which are awarded based on skills identified by the New World of Work initiative, including adaptability, digital fluency, and self-awareness. The 21st Century Skills badges are part of a larger classroom curriculum where students are given the education and real world training needed to develop essential soft skills for the 21st century economy.
STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

accomplishments

218,000 faculty, staff, and students have received specialized training focused on mental health, early intervention, and suicide prevention

Provided Welcome Home: Veterans on Campus training at 26 colleges, serving over 1,300 faculty, staff, and students

PROGRAM IMPACT

by the numbers

$4.5 million in direct services to foster youth

20,000+ foster youth served

FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES

accomplishments

Over ten years of providing services to foster youth including financial literacy, career preparation, and educational support services

In partnership with the Chancellor’s Office, provided support to the Foster Youth Success Initiative, offering professional development to all 113 colleges

“I don’t think there is a greater equalizer than the California Community Colleges…”

- ELOY ORTIZ OAKLEY
CHANCELLOR, CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES

Our efforts aim to increase understanding about the link between mental wellness and academic success.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Provided Welcome Home: Veterans on Campus training at 26 colleges, serving over 1,300 faculty, staff, and students

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

key programs

- California Community Colleges Student Mental Health program
- Foster Youth programs
- California AfterSchool Network
- Fresh Success Employment and Training program
- California LAW
- Umoja Community

KEY PARTNERS

- State of California
- WALTER S. JOHNSON Foundation
- CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION
- THE CALIFORNIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION
College access and degree or certificate attainment rates are affected by family income, race and ethnicity, disability, veteran status, English as a second language, history of foster care, mental illness, and incarceration. The Foundation’s equity programs provide quality resources, educational programs, and training for Community Colleges and the students that they serve, especially those who have been historically underrepresented. We are committed to enhancing existing services that assist students who face barriers to pursuing their academic goals, launching careers, maintaining wellness, and becoming active citizens in local communities. Focusing on equity was a key part of the California Community Colleges Student Success Initiative and, subsequently, has resulted in an updated student equity planning process and additional state funding to close achievement gaps in access and success in underrepresented student groups as identified at the local college level. The Foundation’s equity programs are in alignment with this top system priority.

**STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH**

The Foundation’s mental health programs focus on prevention and early intervention activities that address the mental health needs of California Community College students. These services help students, faculty, and staff recognize early signs of mental health concerns, learn intervention strategies, access resources such as online training programs, and connect to community resources for additional assistance. Strategies include faculty and staff training, peer-to-peer support, and suicide prevention resources.

**FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES**

The Foundation’s foster youth programs bring foster youth to California Community College campuses and provide them with the skillset needed to succeed, both personally and academically. Program examples include the Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success—Independent Living Program and Healthy Transitions. Ultimately, the goal of these programs is to empower youth to achieve self-sufficiency, college degree or certificate completion, and employment. Students receive the guidance and one-on-one attention they need to learn key skills necessary to be self-sufficient and transition into adulthood.
STUDENTS IN POVERTY

Many low-income Californians lack access to higher education and training programs that could improve their job prospects and help them achieve financial independence. Through the Fresh Success program, the Foundation partners with Community Colleges and community organizations to help individuals get the support they need to improve their quality of life. Services vary by region, and may include job readiness training, work-based learning, career counseling, interview training, job search assistance, job placement and retention services, educational plans, academic monitoring, tutoring, workshops on budgeting, and case management.

SUCCESSFUL FOUNDATIONS AND TRANSITIONS

The building blocks for success in college are built during a child’s early education. The Foundation partners with elementary and secondary educators, schools, and youth services organizations to improve learning opportunities for students before they transition into higher education. We partner with the California AfterSchool Network to provide resources and tools that support after school, summer, and other expanded learning programs, and allow practitioners, advocates, and community members to build quality after school programs in California.

We also support kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) transitions with work-based learning opportunities through a partnership with the Linked Learning Alliance and the LaunchPath program.

The Foundation is also fiscal sponsor to California LAW, an organization created to be the foundational structure that connects, communicates, collaborates, and coordinates with programs working to help diverse students enter the legal profession. The Foundation has also been a long time fiscal sponsor and supporter of the Umoja Community program, a community and critical resource dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational experiences of African American and other students.

VETERANS

The Foundation supports training to create a welcoming environment for veterans and their families enrolled at a California Community College. In partnership with the Chancellor’s Office, the Foundation raises awareness of the needs of student veterans and provides professional development for faculty and administrators through the Welcome Home: Veterans on Campus training program. The Veterans Summit also serves as an annual gathering to share best practices that improve the ways Community Colleges can help smooth veterans’ transition into civilian life.
SMOG CHECK REFEREE PROGRAM

Through a partnership with the Bureau of Automotive Repair, this program improves the smog check process, provides student training opportunities, and reduces air pollution for all Californians.

- Students receive paid instruction and hands-on experience in the automotive industry through this program
- Referee stations are located on over 30 Community College campuses throughout the state

This program helped me make a solid foundation for my new career today.

- STUDENT TECHNICIAN
  SMOG CHECK REFEREE PROGRAM, MT. SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

PROGRAM IMPACT

1,000+
STUDENT TECHNICIANS TRAINED

3,000+
HIGH-EMITTING VEHICLES RETIRED

CALIFORNIA AUTOMOTIVE RESOURCE CENTER

This online resource helps students and professionals in the automotive industry to advance their careers.

- Over 20,000 students have participated in training programs or certification courses within the tool
- Interactive resources connect smog technicians, college or trade school instructors, students, and job-seekers

KEY PROGRAMS

- Smog Check Referee program
- Student Technician Training program
- Small Engine Repair program
- Automotive Resource Center
- Disadvantaged communities outreach
- Replace Your Ride

KEY PARTNERS

California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
AQMD
ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING AND EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

The Foundation facilitates partnerships that leverage our college system to maximize energy efficiency, operating efficiency, and workforce development opportunities, including facilitating and supporting student training opportunities in clean energy fields.

The Smog Check Referee program, conducted in partnership with the California Bureau of Automotive Repair, was created to improve the smog check process and help reduce air pollution. Referee centers are located on over 30 Community College campuses and provide emissions test facilities with enhanced resources. Through the Technician Training program, Referee centers also provide students with paid instruction and hands-on experience.

The Automotive Resource Center is an online hub developed for students and professionals in the automotive industry to help locate training programs and certification courses, find job opportunities in their region, and connect with automotive professionals throughout the state.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We utilize our statewide reach, our network of colleges, and our understanding of California’s diverse populations to help Californians take advantage of public environmental programs. Through a series of partnerships with state agencies, the Foundation conducts consumer awareness campaigns designed to extend Community College participation toward improving public and environmental health in disadvantaged communities and developing a clean energy economy. The Foundation’s “Ask the Ref” campaign helped consumers take advantage of resources through the Smog Check Referee program. Our consumer incentive air quality campaigns have helped to bring clean air and fuel efficiency benefits to Californians by reducing the number of high polluting vehicles in circulation.

Partnering with our colleges for clean communities.

The Foundation’s programs in transportation, energy, and the environment directly benefit colleges, students, and their communities and prioritize outreach to disadvantaged communities. We leverage our network of colleges to promote workforce development opportunities for students interested in environmental careers, provide energy efficiencies in our colleges, and bring environmental benefits to surrounding communities.
The Foundation operates several programs designed to provide business analysis and technology solutions systemwide including geographic information systems (GIS) and the Facility Condition Assessment program.

All 72 districts and 113 campuses are mapped on the CCC GIS interactive website.

The FUSION+GIS+ONUMA partnership combines space inventory, GIS data on campus buildings, and geography with building models in ONUMA.

FUSION

The Foundation for California Community Colleges has been providing fiscal services to government, education, and community-based projects since 2000.

Programs include:
- California Acceleration Project
- California AfterSchool Network
- California College Guidance Initiative
- Career Ladders Project
- California LAW

I will succeed in becoming an engineer and making this world a little better...I will never forget this.

– SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT
As the official nonprofit supporting the Chancellor’s Office and the California Community Colleges, the Foundation operates at the statewide level, developing and managing systemwide resources and tools, and providing a hub of collaboration and services for mission-aligned partners. The Foundation’s programs and services support the priorities of California Community Colleges, helping to advance and accelerate systemwide initiatives. They also support our local colleges and partners, helping them navigate and coordinate within a large and decentralized system. By facilitating collaboration, accelerating innovation, and increasing systemwide resources, the Foundation has become the trusted partner of the California Community College system.

**FACILITIES PROGRAMS**

Facilities Utilization, Space Inventory Options Net (FUSION) centralizes information about campus facilities and makes the data accessible to all. FUSION is the primary software and database used to manage 80 million square feet of California Community College facilities statewide. Using FUSION, colleges complete required annual space inventory updates, track facility conditions and enrollment forecasts, develop and approve capital construction plans, and track funded projects. Improving the quality and efficiency of facilities management using a centralized tool saves time and money, ensuring that the Community College system can provide for the needs of their students.

**GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

California Community Colleges GIS is designed to capture, store, analyze, manage, and visually represent college- and community-related spatial and geographical data to help understand patterns and relationships that will better serve students, colleges, and communities in the future. The site will expand to provide access to maps and related resources to enable users to more easily see, analyze, and answer questions important to achieving the mission of the California Community Colleges, including regional demographics and population growth, student enrollment forecasting, enrollment patterns of neighboring districts, workforce development planning, facilities planning and maintenance, facilities bond election planning, and more.

Providing a hub for collaboration and services for efficiency, quality, and reach.
**FISCAL SPONSORSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

The Foundation provides fiscal sponsorship services to programs that have a vision and a plan to enhance education in California and beyond. By providing services like accounting, human resources, and administrative support, we make it easier for entrepreneurial leaders and their collaborative projects and programs to reach their goals without having to form a separate nonprofit organization. Examples include the California College Guidance Initiative and the California Acceleration Project.

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Foundation secures and manages funding from a range of public and private organizations through a statewide pooled investment fund structure. We currently manage almost $100 million in aggregate pooled investment funds, including the California Community College Scholarship Endowment, the Nursing Education Investment Fund, and the Real Estate Education Advancement Fund.

The California Community College Student Scholarship Endowment was launched in 2008 by The Bernard Osher Foundation. The Osher Foundation gave a historic lead gift of $25 million to establish the endowment and committed additional match dollars for amounts raised by colleges.

The result today is a growing scholarship fund that provides much needed financial support to students at each and every California Community College. Currently, approximately 4,000 student scholarships are provided each year. This source of scholarships is designed to last forever.

**SYSTEM AWARDS AND SUPPORT**

The Foundation sponsors all major statewide awards given by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Academic Senate and a variety of other awards. The Foundation is the major source of funding for the Network of California Community College Foundations, which provides leadership, training, and networking to support the resource development capabilities of local college foundations.

We also connect business leaders and philanthropists with programs which support and advance the goals of the California Community Colleges, providing an opportunity to be involved with our Community Colleges in meaningful ways and to make a significant contribution to our students and our state.
SUPPORTING STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- $1 million contributed by business partners to the Student Scholarship Endowment
- Over 10 years of professional development with annual conference for purchasing professionals
- Launched California Connects low-cost internet service aimed at bridging the digital divide

PROGRAM IMPACT

$50+ MILLION IN SAVINGS FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

200,000+ STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

KEY PARTNERS

Microsoft  Adobe  Office Depot  OfficeMax  CSU  CCC  UC

KEY PROGRAMS

- Technology purchasing programs for students, faculty, staff, and colleges
- Furniture and fixture collaborative purchasing contracts
- California Higher Education Shared Services

“CollegeBuys contracts help us to assure the taxpayers, as well as districtwide staff, that funds are being spent intelligently.”

- DISTRICT CHANCELLOR, CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SUPPORTING THE SYSTEM

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Committed over 60 business partners to support the missions of the California Community Colleges
- Partnered with CSU and UC systems to expand community college access to common purchasing contracts across all three systems
- Total Cost of Ownership methodology applied to furniture, flooring, and fixtures agreements – ensuring long-term savings for the system

BY THE NUMBERS

“...”
CollegeBuys leverages the size of the largest system of education in the nation to make educational purchases more affordable for campuses, faculty, and students. Purchases made through CollegeBuys create significant cost savings and bring revenue back into the system, helping to fund other programs and student scholarships. A core element of the CollegeBuys philosophy is the “Total Cost of Ownership” approach, which reinforces the importance of evaluating the entire price of a product—from the initial price to the end of the product’s life. CollegeBuys is one of our inaugural programs and has been in operation since 1998.

**COLLEGBUYS PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR COLLEGES**

The CollegeBuys program saves millions of dollars for California Community Colleges and other educational institutions each year. CollegeBuys represents all colleges and districts as a group purchasing entity to secure best-value pricing for California's Community Colleges and affiliated higher education institutions. Offerings for colleges include: software, furniture, fixtures, flooring, equipment, office supplies, and online education.

**COLLEGBUYS PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS**

CollegeBuys utilizes the buying power of 2.1 million students and 64,000 faculty and staff in the California Community College system to drive down prices on software purchases. We offer a wide array of products and are committed to helping students complete their education by securing the best possible educational discounts available. Offerings for faculty, staff, and students include significant discounts on purchases such as office software, content creation tools, and technology accessories.

**CALIFORNIA HIGHER EDUCATION SHARED SERVICES (CHESS) INITIATIVE**

The CHESS initiative is a partnership between the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California systems. This partnership allows all three systems of higher education in California to utilize CollegeBuys contracts, increasing savings and diversifying the purchasing options available for our colleges.
GET INVOLVED
A Trusted Partner

The Foundation is the trusted partner of the California Community Colleges—facilitating collaboration, accelerating innovation, and increasing systemwide resources.

“"My priority is transferring my medical skills from the military to my community.""

— Nursing Student
California Community Colleges
STRENGTHS AND SERVICES
The Foundation provides programs and services that help colleges and aligned partners achieve shared goals. Our services assist in regional and statewide projects and initiatives.

GRANTS AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
The Foundation works with our partners to take innovations from concept to implementation and works closely with the Chancellor’s Office and the Community Colleges to identify and secure resources to move forward key systemwide initiatives.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT
Our program staff manages complex philanthropic, state, and federally funded projects, as well as self-sustaining programs, designed to improve education in California.

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP AND MANAGEMENT
The Foundation provides fiscal sponsorship—including accounting, human resources, administration, contracting, and technology services—to mission-aligned programs.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
Educational institutions and public agencies can save money on furniture and supplies through CollegeBuys contracts with approved vendors.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH
The Foundation provides services in branding, marketing, and publication and web design, and conducts major outreach campaigns that reach California Community Colleges’ diverse communities.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
The Foundation develops software to enable mission-aligned projects and partners to reach constituencies, collaborate virtually, and manage data or complex facility research.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Expert teams guide planning and implementation processes to support stakeholders in creating positive impact in programs and practices. Our support includes training, facilitation, and support for Communities of Practice.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL CENTER
Our bilingual Call Center assists consumers with smog check appointments at local Referee stations and for other programs and services of colleges and their partners.

ENDOWMENT MANAGEMENT
The Foundation leverages almost $100 million in centralized investment funds that increase the rate of return, ensuring funding is available for future generations.
MAKING IT POSSIBLE

The Foundation pursues partnerships through philanthropic and government grants, corporate grants and sponsorships, and contracts for services to support and accelerate the priorities of the California Community Colleges.

Partners can support our work in the following ways:

MAJOR GRANTS
Our projects and programs are supported by major state and federal grants as well as private philanthropy.

SYSTEM CONTRACTS
Corporate vendors partner with the CollegeBuys program to make it possible for Community Colleges, public agencies, and educational institutions to save money on furniture and supplies.

CORPORATE SUPPORT
Corporate support is essential for our work and includes work-based learning placements for students, grants, sponsorships, event participation, and pro bono and reduced cost goods and services.

WORK-BASED LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS
Employers, regional employer associations, colleges, high schools, and workforce investment boards partner with the Foundation to plan and develop work-based learning programs and systems.

SETTLEMENT AWARDS
The Foundation accepts cy pres or settlement funds to support existing work or to develop new programs in alignment with the missions of the Community Colleges.

SCHOLARSHIPS
The Foundation invests scholarship donations that benefit students in multiple college districts through our scholarship endowment.

CHARITABLE GIFTS
The Foundation accepts gifts from donors who want to support students and colleges in multiple Community College districts at once.