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California Community Colleges Hosts Fifth Veterans Summit

Who/What: *California Community Colleges, in conjunction with the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges and the Foundation for California Community Colleges, will host the fifth California Community Colleges Veterans Summit to help our returning veterans transition to civilian life through higher education. The two-day summit is aimed at improving services for student veterans and will provide faculty, counselors and staff valuable information on how to help veterans achieve their goals in college and beyond. Some of the topics of the summit include: campus-based career development programs, earning college credit for prior learning experiences, promoting financial aid/scholarships to veterans and understanding transition experiences of women student-veterans at community colleges.*

When: **Thursday, March 3, 2016 (10 a.m. – 8 p.m.) through Friday, March 4, 2016 (7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.)**

Where: **Pacific Palms Resort
One Industry Hills Parkway
City of Industry, CA 91744**

Speakers: **The Thursday keynote speech will be delivered at 12 p.m. by Eldonna Lewis Fernandez, a retired Air Force veteran with 23 years of honorable military service. Fernandez is now the CEO of Dynamic Vision International Inc., a training and consulting firm, as well as an award winning speaker and an accomplished author. The Friday keynote will be delivered at 12 p.m. by Dr. Wes Beavis, a registered psychologist with the United States Veteran's Initiative. Dr. Beavis is a best-selling author with a passion for helping veterans succeed in life through positive and intentional personal leadership.**

The summit is jointly sponsored by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges and the Foundation for California Community Colleges. It is supported by a generous donation from the Land of the Free Foundation. For a schedule of events, visit:

<http://www.veteranssummit.org/agenda.html>.

NOTE: Media planning to attend are asked to **RSVP** to Paige Marlatt Dorr at pdorr@cccco.edu.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 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/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges>, or <https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges>.

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