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California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris To Participate In A White House Summit Focused On Increasing College Opportunity

❖ **Who/What:** California Community Colleges Chancellor [Brice W. Harris](#) will participate in a White House event hosted by President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama that will focus on new actions to increase college opportunity for low-income and disadvantaged students.

❖ **When/Where:** **Thursday, January 16, 2014, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. EST**

Eisenhower Executive Office Building
17th Street NW and Pennsylvania Ave,
Washington, D.C.

Summit participants will be live Tweeting about the event using the hashtag #OpportunityForAll. You can follow the hashtag to get updates on Summit discussions and shared ideas. Chancellor Harris can be followed on his Twitter account @DrBriceWHarris.

Chancellor Harris is available for interviews following the Summit. To schedule an interview, please contact Paige Marlatt Dorr at pdorr@cccco.edu or (916) 601-8005.

❖ **Why:** The California Community Colleges continues to lead the nation in improving student success and has made great strides in doing so with the continuing implementation of its [Student Success Initiative](#). At the Summit, Chancellor Harris will share the history and successes of the initiative and the California Community Colleges [Student Success Scorecard](#) that was launched in April 2013. Chancellor Harris oversaw the development of the public online accountability tool available that establishes system-wide and college-level goals for closing achievement gaps for students of color and improving completion rates for all students in remedial math, English and English as a Second Language.

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.3 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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