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California Community Colleges and California State University Leaders to Hold Media Briefing with Student Newspapers to Provide Update on the New Associate Degree for Transfer Program

- ❖ **Who:** California Community Colleges Deputy Chancellor [Erik Skinner](#)
California State University Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer [Ephraim P. Smith](#)
- ❖ **What:** The two leaders will conduct a media conference call for California Community Colleges and California State University student newspaper editors, reporters and faculty advisors to discuss the new Associate Degree for Transfer program, a joint effort of the two systems.
- ❖ **When/** **Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.**
Where: Toll-free Phone: **888-438-5453**
Call Title/Password: Associate Degree for Transfer Student Newspaper Media Briefing
Reporters/advisors are asked to RSVP to communications@cccco.edu
Participating reporters/advisors should call in by 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ **Why:** The new AA-T and AS-T degrees were developed to make it easier for students to transfer between the two higher education systems, and allow them to earn an associate degree and a bachelor's degree with no wasted units. Under the new program, California community college students who complete an AA-T or AS-T degree will be guaranteed admission to the California State University (CSU) system with junior standing, providing students with the opportunity to complete two degrees with only 120 units. There are currently more than 20 AA-T and AS-T degrees offered, and more degrees are added each term. During the call, leaders will provide an update on the implementation of the program, and discuss resources available for colleges to help promote the program to their students, including the new program website, ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com.

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.4 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.

The [California State University](#) is the largest system of senior higher education in the country, with 23 campuses, approximately 437,000 students and 44,000 faculty and staff. The CSU awards about 96,000 degrees annually and since its creation in 1961 has conferred nearly 2.8 million. The CSU is renowned for the quality of its teaching and for the job-ready graduates it produces. The mission of the CSU is to provide high-quality, affordable education to meet the ever changing needs of the people of California. With its commitment to excellence, diversity and innovation, the CSU is the university system that is working for California. Connect with and learn more about the CSU at CSU Social Media. Show how the CSU matters to you and take action.

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