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### California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott to Deliver Keynote Speech to Higher Education Leaders on the Past, Present and Future of the System

- ❖ **Who:** California Community Colleges Chancellor [Jack Scott](#)
- ❖ **What:** At the Community College League of California's 2010 Annual Convention and Partner Conferences, Chancellor Jack Scott will give a keynote address on where the California Community Colleges have been, where the system is now and where it needs to be moving forward. He will outline his thoughts on how the system can expand its focus from open access to include improved student retention and graduation rates as priorities.
- ❖ **When & Where:** **Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 4:45 p.m.**  
**Pasadena Convention Center**  
[300 E. Green Street](#), Ballroom EF, Pasadena, California 91101
- ❖ **Why:** California's future depends heavily on increasing the number of community college students who obtain job training certificates and degrees. Countless Californians are turning to the community colleges for help at a time when state and federal resources are diminishing. In the not too distant past, community colleges were many things to many people. But, as government funds are eroding, community colleges must prioritize the types of classes being offered, place an emphasis on increasing student persistence and graduation rates and get creative about bringing in additional resources.  
  
Chancellor Scott will address the issues and recommend innovative ideas for college leaders to consider during this fiscally stringent time.
- ❖ **MORE:** A copy of Chancellor Scott's speech will be posted on the [Chancellor's Office website](#) immediately following the event (at approximately 5:30 p.m.). Contact Paige Marlatt Dorr if you would like to interview Chancellor Scott about his speech.

*The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving nearly 3 million students per year. Community colleges provide workforce training, teach basic skills math and English courses, 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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