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White House names Ton-Quinlivan as a 'Champion of Change'

Workforce and Economic Development Division leader to be honored May 6 in Washington, D.C.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- The White House on Monday announced that California Community Colleges Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Economic Development [Van Ton-Quinlivan](#) will be honored as one of 15 Asian American and Pacific Islander women "Champions of Change."

The recognition, which will be formally marked at a May 6 event at the White House, is for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women who are doing extraordinary things to create a more equal, safe and prosperous future for their communities and the country.

As vice chancellor of workforce and economic development for the nation's largest system of higher education, Ton-Quinlivan is working to improve job training strategies through the system's [Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and Economy](#) initiative.

"We are delighted that the White House has recognized Vice Chancellor Ton-Quinlivan as a Champion for Change," said California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris. "She is leading our system's drive to work more collaboratively on a regional basis to address California's workforce needs. Our economy needs a nimble and highly strategic approach to labor market changes, and Vice Chancellor Ton-Quinlivan is steering us in the right direction."

Van Ton-Quinlivan has been with the California Community Colleges since 2011 and has spent more than 15 years in a variety of corporate leadership roles, most recently as director of workforce development at Pacific Gas & Electric, where she created PowerPathway, a nationally recognized program in workforce development.

"Chancellor Harris begins every staff meeting with his executive team sharing examples of how our work increases student success," Ton-Quinlivan said. "I'm honored by this recognition from the White House because it affirms our system's work in making a difference in the lives of the students we serve."

To watch the White House event live, visit www.whitehouse.gov/live at 10 a.m. PST on May 6. For more information on the "Champions of Change" program, go to www.whitehouse.gov/champions.

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.

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