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California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris to Launch Two-Day Veterans Summit Tomorrow in San Jose

- ❖ **Who:** [California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris](#) will welcome attendees to the summit, which is aimed at improving services for student veterans in the California Community Colleges. Veterans services coordinators from several California State University and University of California campuses will also attend.
- ❖ **What:** The two-day summit 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: creating campus veterans resource centers, housing for student veterans, mentorship programs, and granting college credit for military service.
- ❖ **When:** **Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014 (10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.) through Friday, Dec. 5, 2014 (7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)**
 - Chancellor Brice W. Harris will welcome attendees at 11:05 a.m. on Thursday.
 - The Thursday keynote speech will be delivered at 1 p.m. by Jon Warren, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Warren now works with veterans seeking care at the Brain Treatment Center in Newport Beach, Calif., an outpatient clinic that specializes in treating neurological disorders, such as post-traumatic stress disorder. The Friday keynote will be delivered at 1 p.m. by Dr. David Joseph, director of the Oakland Veterans Center and a clinical psychologist specializing in treating veterans' issues.
- ❖ **Where:** San Jose Marriot Hotel
301 South Market Street
San Jose, CA 95113
Chancellor Harris is available for one-on-one interviews to discuss how the system is addressing issues facing veterans. Contact Paige Marlatt Dorr to schedule an interview time.

Why: Nearly 40 percent of all California veterans receiving GI educational benefits attend a California community college for workforce training, to earn an associate degree, or to transfer to a four-year university. With the growing numbers of veterans entering the system's 112 campuses and the re-entry challenges many of them face, colleges have recognized the need to expand support services to help veterans successfully integrate into civilian and college life. This summit is designed to share the experience of campus and community veterans services experts to help colleges establish or improve their support services for student veterans in need.

- ❖ **More:** 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>.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 112 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/>.

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