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Chancellor Brice W. Harris Statement on President Obama's Proposal to Make Two Years of Community College Free for Students

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris issued the following statement today on President Obama's recently announced proposal to make two years of community college free for students:

"We will be looking at the proposal in more detail, but our first reaction is that we are very excited about the president's plan to provide more opportunities for students to attend community colleges. Community colleges are the primary access point to higher education in California and the nation, and our economy is increasingly requiring college-educated workers. We look forward to working with the White House as the proposal takes shape."

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/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges>, or <https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges>.

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