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California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris Lauds Nomination of Napolitano as New University of California President

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris issued this statement today following the announcement that United States Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano has been nominated to be president of the University of California system:

“The nomination of Secretary Napolitano to become the next president of the University of California is a truly inspired choice worthy of this great system of higher education. Her focus on education as governor of Arizona and the skills and leadership she has demonstrated as Homeland Security secretary make her uniquely qualified to lead the University of California. I congratulate both Secretary Napolitano and the Regents Special Committee to Consider the Selection of a President, and I pledge to work with Secretary Napolitano in her new role to ensure that all segments of public higher education work in concert to meet the educational needs of all California students.”

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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