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Clovis Community College becomes 113th college with approval by California Community Colleges Board of Governors

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Community Colleges Board of Governors voted unanimously today to recognize Clovis Community College as the 113th campus of the state's community college system.

The newest college serves more than 6,000 students and is part of the State Center Community College District, which is one of California's largest community college districts, serving more than 44,000 students. The district includes two other colleges: Fresno City College and Reedley College.

The district initiated the process to transition Clovis Community Center to a college in 2008, and in June of this year the center was granted initial accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. This final recognition by the Board of Governors means the college will be funded and counted as a new college in the California Community College system.

"The addition of Clovis Community College means students in this important Central Valley region will be better served with a wide array of instructional and support services," said Board of Governors President Geoffrey L. Baum. "We are committed to increasing the number of California students who complete certificates, degrees or transfer to four-year institutions and this is another important step toward that goal. We are grateful for the diligent work of the faculty, staff and district leadership who led the effort to establish a new college and will make the dream of higher education more accessible to students in California's heartland."

"State Center Community College District is proud to represent the newest and the oldest California Community Colleges," said Dr. Bill F. Stewart, the district's interim chancellor. "Clovis Community College is California community college No. 113 and Fresno City College was the first. I would like to thank all of the individuals who worked tirelessly for many years to make this day a reality."

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 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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