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California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris to Receive ACE Lifetime Achievement Award

Award will be handed out at the American Council on Education's 98th annual meeting this weekend in San Francisco

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The American Council on Education (ACE) announced today that California Community Colleges Chancellor [Brice W. Harris](#) will receive the ACE Lifetime Achievement Award this weekend in San Francisco.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve California's community colleges over the years, and this recognition by the American Council on Education is very humbling," Harris said. "All of us who work in community colleges across the nation have the good fortune of knowing we help millions of students build better lives and better communities."

Harris will receive the award at ACE2016's Opening Plenary, scheduled for 5-6 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis. During the same session, he also will keynote the annual Robert H. Atwell Plenary, which focuses on a timely higher education topic. ACE2016 is an annual higher education event, offering an environment of open dialogue where hundreds of senior higher education leaders will network, hear from newsmakers and share ideas for tackling common issues in practical ways.

"It is a privilege to give Chancellor Harris the ACE Lifetime Achievement Award," said ACE President Molly Corbett Broad. "His body of work expanding access to postsecondary education has made a profound impact on the lives of millions of students who have been able to gain the college degrees and credentials that are so vital to success in today's global economy."

Harris will retire in April after more than three years leading the California Community Colleges. He is a current member of the ACE Board of Directors.

Founded in 1918, [ACE](#) is the major coordinating body for all the nation's higher education institutions, representing more than 1,600 college and university presidents and related associations. It provides leadership on key higher education issues and influences public policy through advocacy.

Please visit the [ACE2016](#) website for additional information about this weekend's events.

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 in English and math, 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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