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## **California Community Colleges Announces Appointment of Vincent Stewart to Lead Governmental Relations Division**

*Chancellor Brice W. Harris welcomes new addition to vice chancellor role*

SACRAMENTO – California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris announced Tuesday that Vincent W. Stewart has been appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the position of vice chancellor for governmental relations, overseeing the legislative agenda for the 112-college system.

“Vince has a thorough understanding of public higher education in California and a wide range of experience working with constituencies in and out of the state Capitol, and that experience will be invaluable as we move forward with our student success initiative,” Chancellor Harris said. “I look forward to working with him and having him as a member of our executive staff.”

Stewart, who began work May 1, oversees a division that represents the chancellor's office before the Legislature and executive branch of the state and federal governments. In addition, the division is responsible for formulating and advancing the legislative agenda of the California Community Colleges.

Stewart came to the chancellor's office from The James Irvine Foundation, where he served as a senior program officer with the youth program and managed a grant portfolio in excess of \$13 million that focused on the alignment of secondary and postsecondary education. The youth program ensured that all students – low-income students in particular – are prepared for both college and careers.

Stewart also served as the associate director of institutional relations with the University of California, Office of the President and managed the university's advocacy efforts. Stewart also served in Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration as assistant secretary for higher education. He previously served as director of federal government relations for University of California, Davis, and as a legislative advocate for the University of California's system-wide office of state government relations. Stewart also served as a state and federal government relations representative for the California School Boards Association.

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“Most of my career has been in higher education so I know the incredible value of the California Community Colleges to this state and how we can power our economic recovery,” Stewart said. “I’ve admired the job the system has done in the face of severe funding cuts over the past five years. I look forward to working with the board of governors, Chancellor Harris and the staff here at the chancellor’s office.

Stewart is a graduate of the University of California, Davis, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in economics and political science.

*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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