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### California Community Colleges Board of Governors Re-elects Officers for 2016

*WALNUT, Calif.* – The California Community Colleges Board of Governors re-elected Geoffrey L. Baum to serve as president and Cecilia V. Estolano to serve as vice president for 2016 during its meeting that ended today. The board, appointed by the governor, nominates and elects its president and vice president each November.

“It is an honor to be re-elected as board president by a group of colleagues so dedicated to advancing student success and expanding access in our college system,” Baum said. “Selecting a new chancellor to lead our 113 colleges and supporting new and ongoing initiatives aimed at helping our more than 2 million students achieve their educational goals will be our top priorities in the coming year.”

More on the two officers:

[Geoffrey L. Baum](#) of Pasadena, was appointed to serve on the board in 2008. He works at the University of Southern California, where he serves as managing director of the Center on Communication Leadership and Policy and previously as assistant dean of the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. He also serves as director of communications and public affairs for the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnyslands. He is a member and past president of the governing board of the Pasadena Area Community College District. Baum previously worked for C-SPAN as an executive producer and was an assistant vice president of Claremont McKenna College. He holds a master’s degree in journalism from the University of Southern California and a bachelor’s degree in economics from Claremont McKenna College.

[Cecilia V. Estolano](#) of Pasadena, was appointed to serve on the board in 2014. She is co-founder of Estolano LeSar Perez Advisors LLC, which provides consulting services to public agencies, foundations, business associations and other stakeholders looking to grow vibrant communities. Estolano previously served as chief executive officer of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA). Prior to joining CRA/LA, Estolano was of counsel at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher. Her career also includes service on the California Coastal Commission. Estolano is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley School of Law and holds a master’s in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles. She received her bachelor’s degree in social studies with honors from Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges.

*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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