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**California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley Issues
Statement on Northern and Southern California Wildfires**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Community Colleges Chancellor [Eloy Ortiz Oakley](#) issued the following statement regarding fires burning in California.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by the fires burning in Northern and Southern California. We are grateful for all the first responders on the front lines battling the wildfires and working to protect lives. The state Chancellor’s Office will work with colleges forced to cancel classes to minimize any impacts on academic calendars. Community colleges are centers of hope and strength, and they will play a critical role in the response and recovery of these fires.”

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation, composed of 73 districts and 115 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. California community colleges provide career education and workforce training; guaranteed transfer to four-year universities; degree and certificate pathways; and basic skills education in English and math. As the state’s engine for social and economic mobility, the California Community Colleges supports the [Vision for Success](#), a strategic plan designed to improve student success outcomes, increase transfer rates and eliminate achievement gaps. For more information, please visit the [California Community Colleges website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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