March 19, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

We are very pleased to announce the call for nominations for the annual Dr. John W. Rice Diversity & Equity Award competition. The award honors former California Community Colleges Board of Governors member Dr. John W. Rice. He was a dynamic leader and moral conscience for diversity and equity.

This award honors employees, districts, colleges, and programs that have made the greatest contribution toward advancing faculty and staff diversity or student equity in the California Community Colleges. The winner(s) will receive a beautiful award and may have an opportunity to meet Mrs. Clara Rice, Dr. Rice’s widow; former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Dr. Rice’s daughter; and other dignitaries.

We plan to present the Dr. John W. Rice Diversity & Equity Award during the July 2014 Board of Governors meeting in Sacramento. We strongly encourage each district or college to provide us with nominations for this prestigious award. If you wish to submit nominations, complete the enclosed nomination form with support letter(s). Please limit completion of each nomination form to a maximum of two pages. Recipients of the award may be asked to provide a two minute video to be shown at the ceremony and posted on the Chancellor’s Office website.

Please return your completed nomination forms no later than Thursday, May 22, 2014 to Jonathan Calabretta via e-mail jcalabretta@cccco.edu, or mail the forms to Jonathan Calabretta at the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, 1102 Q Street, Suite 4554, Sacramento, CA 95811.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Calabretta at (916) 323-2759.
Sincerely,

Manuel Baca Brice W. Harris
President, Board of Governors Chancellor

Enclosure

cc: Board of Governors, California Community Colleges
Nomination Questions:

1. Describe the nominated initiative, activity, program or person that demonstrates a significant and outstanding contribution to advancing diversity and equity.

2. How has the initiative, activity, program or person measurably fostered employees’ and/or students’ opportunity to embrace and promote diversity and/or equity?

3. What measurable advances or progress has been made in the last twelve months as a direct result of the initiative, activity, program or person?

4. What specific elements make the initiative, activity, program or person effective?

5. What measurable impact has the initiative, activity, program or person had on the culture of the students, district’s employees and the community it serves?

6. Include a five sentence summary of the nominated initiative, activity, program or person that would be suitable for public announcement.

For more information—check out [http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/RiceAwards.aspx](http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/RiceAwards.aspx)