



**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley Issues Statement on Destructive Southern California Wildfire**

*Sacramento, California* – California Community Colleges Chancellor [Eloy Ortiz Oakley](#) issued the following statement on the wildfire devastating Ventura County today:

“Our thoughts and prayers are with residents of Ventura County and other parts of Southern California who are affected by the most recent fires. Many students, faculty and staff are impacted, and the state chancellor's office will work with any college forced to cancel classes to minimize any impacts on academic calendars. These colleges will play important roles as the region recovers from this emergency and moves forward.”

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**About California Community Colleges**

*The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 114 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education 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/>.*