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California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris To Kick Off System's Veterans Summit II in Redwood City

- ❖ **Who:** California Community Colleges Chancellor [Brice W. Harris](#) will attend [Veterans Summit II](#) aimed at improving services for student veterans in the California Community Colleges.
- ❖ **What:** The two-day Veterans Summit II will provide faculty, counselors and staff valuable information on how to best serve student-veterans. Some of the topics of the summit include: academic counseling, post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries, understanding military culture, best practices in Veterans Resource Centers and VA benefits and education plans.
- ❖ **When:** **Thursday, Dec. 6 (10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) through Friday, Dec. 7, 2012 (7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.)**
 - Chancellor Harris and Faculty Association of California Community Colleges President Dennis Frisch will greet attendees at 11 a.m. on Dec. 6 with welcome speeches.
 - The keynote address will be given at noon on Dec. 7 by former State Assemblymember [Nathan Fletcher](#) (I - San Diego), a former U.S. Marine Corps officer.
- Where:** Hotel Sofitel San Francisco Bay
223 Twin Dolphin Dr.
Redwood City, CA 94065
Chancellor Harris is available for one-on-one interviews to discuss how the system is addressing issues facing veterans. Contact Paige Marlatt Dorr to schedule an interview time.
- ❖ **Why:** Nearly 50 percent of all California veterans receiving GI educational benefits attend a California community college for workforce training, to earn an associate degree or to work toward transferring to a four-year university. However, with the growing numbers of veterans entering the system's 112 campuses and the re-entry challenges many of them face, colleges have recognized the need to expand support services to help veterans successfully integrate into civilian and college life. This summit helps identify the resources available and how to connect these services with those student-veterans in need.
- ❖ **More:** The summit is jointly sponsored by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges Education Institute and the Foundation for California Community Colleges, and is supported by a generous donation from JP Morgan Chase. For a schedule of events visit: http://www.faccc.org/images/vet_sched_12_LR.pdf

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