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California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris to Participate in Silicon Valley Leadership Group's "State of Higher Education" Panel Sept. 4 in Mountain View

- ❖ **Who/What:** California Community Colleges Chancellor [Brice W. Harris](#) will join University of California Provost and Executive Vice President [Aimée Dorr](#), California State University Chancellor [Timothy P. White](#) and University of Santa Cruz Chancellor [George Blumenthal](#) for a discussion at 1:45 p.m. on the innovations that are moving higher education forward. The summit kicks off at 9:15 a.m. with a keynote from Teach for America founder [Wendy Kopp](#) and concludes at 3 p.m. with [Andrew Ng](#), co-CEO & co-founder of Coursera.

- ❖ **When/Where:** **Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 1:45 p.m.**
Microsoft Silicon Valley
[1065 La Avenida St. \(Building 1\)](#)
[Mountain View, CA 94043](#)

- ❖ **Why:** Silicon Valley Leadership Group President [Tory Bruno](#) will moderate the "State of Higher Education" discussion that will focus on building a workforce-ready pipeline of graduates, creating a sustainable public higher education system and the role of the private sector. The California Community Colleges is the largest provider of workforce training in the state and nation. Californians with a college degree will earn \$1,340,000 more than their peers with only a high school diploma and students who earn a degree or certificate from a California community college nearly double their earnings within three years. Also, attending or graduating from a community college doubles an individual's chance of finding a job compared to those who failed to complete high school.

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.4 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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