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### The Honorable Condoleezza Rice will join the California Community Colleges 9<sup>th</sup> annual *John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Award* ceremony

**WHO:** The California Community Colleges Board of Governors and California Community College Chancellor's Office will present the 9<sup>th</sup> annual *John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Awards*. The Honorable Condoleezza Rice will participate in the award ceremony that continues the legacy established by her father.

**WHAT:** The award is named in honor of the former Board of Governors' member appointed by Governor Pete Wilson, Dr. John W. Rice. Dr. Rice served on the California Community Colleges Board from 1992 to 2000.

Having been born to a Presbyterian pastor in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and living through years of segregation and the civil rights era, Dr. Rice was passionate about ensuring the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, staff, faculty and student body reflected the diversity of California. The *John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Award* honors his amazing legacy and is annually bestowed upon two individuals or programs that demonstrate outstanding contributions toward achieving diversity and equity within the community colleges.

This year's award recipients are two college programs that exemplify Dr. Rice's desire to ensure all persons have the opportunity and encouragement to reach their full potential - *The Early Start Program* from *Los Angeles Valley College* and *The Cultural Democracy Initiative* of *Sacramento City College*.

**WHEN/** **Monday, July 13**

**WHERE:** **9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.\*** at the courtyard adjacent to the **California Museum** (1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814). *Media requested to check-in, if possible, at 9 a.m. at the media registration table.*

**VISUALS/** Pledge of Allegiance and Star Spangled Banner as performed by Elika Bernard; **Lance Izumi** –

**SPEAKER** President California Community Colleges Board of Governors; **Kathryn Gaither** –

**LINE UP:** Undersecretary of Education under Governor Schwarzenegger; **Jack Scott** – Chancellor California Community Colleges; **Pat Siever** – Former board member, California Community Colleges Board of Governors; **Mrs. Clara Rice** – Widow of Dr. John W. Rice; **Condoleezza Rice** – Daughter of Dr. John W. Rice.

**WHY:** The John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Award continues the legacy established by Dr. Rice. This award represents the commitment of the California Community Colleges to diversity and equity. It also celebrates the profound impact Dr. Rice continues to have on California's Community Colleges and the great State of California. Dr. Rice's vision was for the California Community Colleges to exist not only to help train California's workforce, but to prepare underserved populations to become successful participants in California's emerging industries and new economy.

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