California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris Praises University of California President Mark G. Yudof’s support for California Community Colleges

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris today issued a statement about University of California President Mark G. Yudof’s announcement that he will retire in August 2013:

“President Yudof’s bold and effective leadership has been a great benefit to students and the state of California. One of the most important indicators of success for California is having a premier research university, and Mark’s leadership has enhanced our standing in this regard despite recent financial challenges. He has been a strong supporter of community colleges, and that is evident in the increased number of transfers from our colleges to UC during his time in office. Mark also is to be commended for his commitment to helping expand opportunities at UC for low-income students.”

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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