



MEDIA ADVISORY

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California Community Colleges Board of Governors to forge historic student transfer agreement with nine historically black colleges and universities next Tuesday

- ❖ **Who:** California Community Colleges Board of Governors, [Chancellor Brice W. Harris](#) and the representatives of the participating historically black colleges and universities. In addition, the executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), [Dr. George Cooper](#), will be attending the event.
- ❖ **What:** The Board of Governors and the leaders of the HBCUs will be signing an agreement at the board's meeting to guarantee transfer to California community college students who meet certain academic requirements, the first such systemwide agreement with HBCUs. Reporters are welcome to attend the board meeting and film the signing.
- ❖ **When:** **The agreement signing will take place March 17, 2015 at approximately 9 a.m. To view it live on March 17, click [here](#).**
- ❖ **Where:** California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000-1 (3rd floor), Sacramento, CA 95811
- ❖ **Background:** The objective of the agreement is to increase the number of California community college students transferring to HBCUs by developing statewide Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the Chancellor's Office and interested HBCUs. The primary element of the agreement is a transfer admission guarantee. The MOUs facilitate the transfer of students who wish to complete their baccalaureate degree at a HBCU, including the effective transfer of their California community college coursework. The HBCU Transfer Admission Guarantee Program allows students who have completed an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T), or similar transfer-level associate degree, to be admitted to an HBCU with junior status and full acceptance of transferrable units. Each MOU additionally provides a guarantee for non-degreed transfer prepared students wishing to transfer with 30 or more transferrable units to be admitted to an HBCU with advance standing. The agreements will help to facilitate the smooth transfer of California community college students into these prestigious schools, with the goal of improving baccalaureate degree attainment rates. Statistics show that retention and graduation rates of California community college students who transfer to HBCUs are high.
- ❖ **Other Information:** One-on-one interviews with Chancellor Harris, board members, or HBCU representatives (separate from the board meeting) can be scheduled by contacting Paige Marlatt Dorr. Additional information about the participating colleges can be found at <http://extranet.cccco.edu/HBCUTransfer.aspx>.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 112 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/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges>, or <https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges>.