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California Community Colleges and University of California Combine to Promote Transfer and Support Students

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- The California Community Colleges and the University of California will team up to expand outreach and support for transfer students interested in attending UC, the two systems announced jointly today.

The program builds upon the newly enhanced [Transfer Pathways](#) program, focusing on students who might otherwise not have access to higher education, including those from low-income backgrounds, foster homes or underrepresented racial and ethnic groups – in addition to veterans and active-duty members of the military.

The funds, under a \$2.6 million agreement approved by the Community Colleges Board of Governors, will do the following:

- Increase outreach efforts for UC's Transfer Pathways.
- Establish summer bridge programs to prepare students for the academic culture and rigor of a university, through one-week programs at three UC campuses in which a total of 1,500 students would participate.
- Deploy outreach representatives to underserved regions of the state to serve community college students pursuing transfer to UC.
- Support community college counselors through training and workshops.

"This partnership will help diversity and expand the pool of community college students who want to transfer to UC, where we know they will have the same rate of success as students who enter as freshmen," said California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris.

UC President Janet Napolitano said, "As the University of California increases enrollment of Californians by 10,000 over the next three years, the outreach made possible by this collaboration – together with Transfer Pathways – will help us expand access for community college students."

Transfer Pathways outline a single set of community college courses that prospective transfer students can take to prepare them for a particular major at any of UC's nine undergraduate campuses. An additional 11 Transfer Pathways were finalized this month. Now, with Transfer Pathways developed for the 21 most popular majors for transfer students, the Pathways cover two-thirds of all transfer admissions applications UC receives.

The additional majors are: business administration, communication, computer science, electrical engineering, film and media studies, English, history, mechanical engineering, philosophy, political science and psychology. Those majors expand students' options from 10 previously established pathways: anthropology, biochemistry, biology, cell biology, chemistry, economics, mathematics, molecular biology, physics and sociology.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education in English and math, 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>.

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