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California Community College News

Welcome to the most recent edition of the California Community College (CCC) News presented by MAAS Companies. Our intent is to share current information and/or subjects of general interest regarding the California Community College system. Please share the CCC News with others and we encourage and appreciate any feedback, comments and suggestions about this publication and content from our readers.

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President of the Year

The Chancellor of the California Community College system shares his insight regarding his personal journey that has resulted in being named “President of the Year”. Read about his beliefs on why community colleges are so important for individuals, California and the Nation.

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Articles of Interest

A new report funded through the Jack Kent Cook Foundation addresses the challenges that low-income students face and how colleges can assist. Dr. Zakiya Smith, Strategy Director for the Lumina Foundation and former Senior Advisor for Education in the Obama White House, developed the document which identifies key areas, such as the high cost of text books, to assist students.

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California Community Colleges are not alone regarding the challenges of reduced funding and the need to increase the graduation rates among its students. Schools throughout the Cal State and UC systems are working to address similar directives.

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The ability to transfer from a community college to a four-year university in California was confusing and in many situations, students would become frustrated and quit before gaining a degree. The State passed legislation in 2010 that addressed this issue to simplify the process and help students graduate in a timelier manner and the results appear to be encouraging.

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A proposed online only college scenario is being presented to the California Community College Board of Governors this month to provide an option to individuals attempting to complete their educational goals. The intent of this effort is not to compete with the current online offerings at the 114 CCC, but to focus on work force credentials and nondegree certifications.

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With many tuition free plans for students already available at over 40 California Community Colleges and the Governor recently signing legislation that will provide more of the same for the entire system, what does this mean for the future of the College Promise?

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Coming & Goings

Contra Costa CCD has announced that the former Chancellor at City College of San Francisco has agreed to become the new President at Diablo Valley College. Susan Lamb was selected from three other finalist who participated in the public forums in early November. The other finalist included Kimberlee Messina (also a finalist for the Superintendent/President at Cabrillo College), Joanne Russell from New York and Chris Reber from Pittsburgh. Lamb was also one of the five finalists for the Superintendent/President position at Cabrillo College.

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Cabrillo College has announced that Dr. Matthew Wetstein has been selected as their next Superintendent/President with a projected start date of February 1, 2018. He was selected from a field of four finalist and is currently the Assistant Superintendent at San Joaquin Delta College. The other three finalists for the position were Kimberlee Messina from San Mateo CCD, Georgia Lorenz from Santa Monica College and Melinda Nish from the College of the Marshall Islands. Susan Lamb was selected to participate as well but has since accepted the position of President at Diablo Valley College.

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Finally

According to a new survey conducted by the Public Policy Institute of California, about half of the people surveyed don't think college is necessary and the difference of opinions among different ethnic groups is surprising.

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For more on the Public Policy Institute survey click [HERE](#)

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