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### The California Community Colleges System Highlights Governor, Legislators with "I **Can** Afford College" Financial Aid Awareness Display at State Capitol

*Amidst graduation season, display features key benefits of a community college education*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office unveiled a three-panel display at the California State Capitol, which features key benefits of attending a California community college. The display specifically showcases California State Governor Jerry Brown and 55 members of the California State Legislature that attended or served at any of the 112 California community colleges.



"I am tremendously proud to be joined by these members of the legislature in the halls of the Capitol, to celebrate their achievements and service to the California Community Colleges," Chancellor [Brice W. Harris](#) said. "These elected leaders demonstrate that with a California community college education people can do great things."

The display was developed by the "I **Can** Afford College" campaign, which is a statewide, financial aid awareness initiative. The purpose of the campaign is to educate current and prospective students about the year-round availability of financial aid at California's 112 community colleges to help pay for fees, books, supplies and sometimes even rent.

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The display is adjacent to the Governor's Office in the California State Capitol and will remain up through June 13, 2014.

The posting of the exhibit follows the tenth anniversary of the California Community Colleges Financial Aid Awareness Month, which took place in April 2014. The anniversary was celebrated by Governor Brown with a [commemorative message](#). The display also coincides with graduation season, as many high school students continue their academic path and are exploring their educational options. At the California community colleges, it's not too late to enroll or apply for financial aid for fall 2014.

The campaign's website, [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com), is available in English and Spanish and hosts information about the variety of financial aid opportunities available and how to apply. Since its inception 10 years ago, more than two million people have visited the "*I Can Afford College*" website and the number of community college students receiving some type of financial aid has increased by nearly 70 percent.

In addition to visiting the website, students and their families can also connect with the campaign through social media channels at: [facebook.com/icanaffordcollege](https://facebook.com/icanaffordcollege), and [twitter.com/icanafrcollege](https://twitter.com/icanafrcollege).

#### **LEGISLATORS IN PHOTO DISPLAY**

##### **SENATORS**

Senator Joel Anderson  
Senator Marty Block  
Senator Anthony Cannella  
Senator Ellen M. Corbett  
Senator Lou Correa  
Senator Jean Fuller  
Senator Cathleen Galgiani  
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Senator Bob Huff  
Senator Steve Knight  
Senator Carol Liu  
Senator Norma J. Torres  
Senator Andy Vidak

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*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>.*

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