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## INCUMBENTS: SOME WIN, SOME LOSE IN NOVEMBER TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

**Incumbent trustees in seven districts were defeated in November as a result of strong challengers and a variety of different local issues. However, all incumbent trustees in almost twice as many districts—13—were re-elected without challenge.**

At Southwestern CCD, board president Christine Aranda was defeated by Jorge Dominguez, an education technology administrator at the Sweetwater Union High School District. Eight year veteran and two-time board president Dan Rickert of Lassen CCD lost to challenger Robert Hill, 5,469 to 2,268. Hill had previously served on board in the mid-1990s. In the Peralta CCD, incumbent Alona Clifton lost to challenger Abel Buillen, 6,261 to 5,096.

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*Students at San Diego Mesa College rally for Proposition N—an \$870 million bond measure—on the November 7 ballot. The students, the college, the district and the community won the election with 63 percent of the vote.*

## VOTERS APPROVE \$2 BILLION IN BONDS

**Six districts successfully passed over \$2 billion in general obligation bonds in November, pushing the number of districts that have successfully passed GO bonds since 2000 to 62 and the total amount to \$16.4 billion.**

The successful districts were Mendocino-Lake, Sequoias, Palomar, San Diego, Santa Clarita and Yuba. Districts that didn't reach at least 55 percent of voter approval and lost their bond elections were West Hills, Victor Valley and Rancho Santiago.

Here is a summary of some of the elections:

**Mendocino-Lake CCD**—This rural district won its first-ever bond campaign, which will provide \$67.5 million to complete its 25-year-old master plan. According to superintendent/president Kathryn Lehner, the bond money will be used to complete two buildings on the main campus in Ukiah and fund permanent sites and new buildings at district centers in Lakeport and Willits.

"We have so many things to do now," says Lehner happily. "There is a big demand for our vocational programs. The bond will allow us to expand our vocational education building and our learning resource center. There are a lot of people in this rural area that don't want to leave. They want to get job training and stay in the community."

Why did the district win? "The community really appreciates the college. We are the only higher education institution in the county. People realized the college

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Deanna Weeks

Below is a summary of Nov. 7 results in several community college districts:

**Grossmont-Cuyamaca CCD**—In what one district official called a “hard-fought elec-

tion,” four of five board member seats were on the ballot. One of the seats was open due to the death of trustee Wendell Cutting and the other three were being defended

by incumbents Rick Alexander, Bill Garrett and Deanna Weeks. According to a district spokesperson, a political action committee spun off from the Grossmont College faculty

spent two years organizing, raising funds, holding fundraisers, pursuing media attention, and recruiting four candidates. The incumbents also



Greg Barr

organized, raised a lot of money and campaigned aggressively. It is estimated that both sides collectively spent nearly \$250,000. In the end, the incumbents won as did Greg Barr, who won the open seat as a candidate on the “educators’ slate.”

“I ran because the staff said there were some problems they were having and they felt a fresh face on the board might help,” says Barr. “The problems paralleled the problems I was facing in my own school district (he just retired as a high school history teacher) so I decided to run. It was the first time the incumbent slate had real competition. They are good people but they are business people. They touted their experience in dealing with multi-million budgets and how well the district was run. We have two great colleges with wonderful programs and very competent staff.”

Board president Deanna Weeks is president/CEO of the East County Economic Development Council. “I have a lot history of working with the college district on workforce training issues and helping the colleges understand business’s employment needs.” The incumbents were returned by the voters, said Weeks,

because “we’re doing a really good job. We worked really hard on the equalization of funding issue statewide.

There is a lot of building going on at the two colleges.

There’s also a lot of excitement and progress. Our opponents ran a really negative campaign that didn’t resonate with voters. They made accusations against us that weren’t true and were easy to repudiate.”

**Kern CCD**—Challenger John Corkins defeated two-term incumbent Herbert Bonds, 54 percent to 46 percent. Corkins, an agriculture businessman and a graduate of **Porterville College**, one of the three campuses in the district, described Bonds as a “long-standing friend of mine. I had met with Herb before I filed and talked about the direction the board was going and maybe it was a time for change. Herb is 78 years old. He wanted to stay and I decided to run. I’ve been very involved in Republican politics in the area for many years.”



John Corkins

## CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

Year	Districts Holding Elections	Trustee Seats Up <sup>1</sup>	Incumbent Re-elected		Newly Elected		Incumbent Did Not Run		Incumbent Defeated	
			Number	Percent <sup>2</sup>	Number	Percent <sup>3</sup>	Number	Percent <sup>4</sup>	Number	Percent <sup>5</sup>
1992	39	109	63	58%	46	42%	31	28%	15	19%
1993	31	82	52	63%	30	37%	15	18%	15	22%
1994	40	122	80	66%	42	34%	29	26%	13	14%
1995	31	96	72	75%	24	25%	15	16%	9	11%
1996	40	136	97	71%	39	29%	26	19%	13	12%
1997	30	78	53	68%	25	32%	19	24%	7	12%
1998	41	140	97	69%	43	31%	23	16%	10	9%
1999	31	96	70	73%	26	27%	13	14%	8	10%
2000	41	130	94	72%	35	27%	27	21%	9	9%
2001	31	84	63	75%	21	25%	12	14%	9	13%
2002	41	125	107	86%	26	21%	14	11%	14	11%
2003	29	92	69	75%	23	25%	16	17%	7	9%
2004	43	130	104	80%	26	20%	18	14%	8	7%
2005	29	81	63	78%	18	22%	15	19%	3	4%
2006	43	140	109	78%	31	22%	22	16%	8	6%

\*Added new district

<sup>1</sup> There are a total of 442 locally elected governing board members for the 72 California community college districts; 38 districts have seven members; 33 districts have five members and one district has nine members. Board members are elected to four-year terms.

<sup>2</sup> % of seats open filled by incumbents

<sup>3</sup> % of seats open filled by non-incumbents

<sup>4</sup> % of incumbents up for election who did not run

<sup>5</sup> % of incumbents running who were defeated

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Corkins says his campaign message was “let’s put community back into community college. We have a great opportunity here in at Porterville College and I want to reengage the community in the district. I think that’s in tune with what the district wants to do as well, provide programs and services that make sense to our community.”



Robert Jones

**Los Rios CCD**—Robert Jones, a former vice president at California State University, Sacramento, defeated two-term incumbent Tim Loree, 67 percent to 33 percent.

Loree received the endorsement of the district faculty union and ran an aggressive campaign while Jones received the endorsement of the *Sacramento Bee* and much of Sacramento’s political establishment. “People voted for my relevant and extensive education and management background,” said Jones. “The outcome had more to do with me as a peculiarly well-prepared candidate than it did with the incumbent.” Jones began his CSU career as a faculty member, worked in the president’s office at the University of California and eventually became vice president of university relations at CSU Sacramento. His opinion of the community colleges? “The Los Rios CCD is astonishing for the quality of its faculty and leadership. The district is among the more positive and exciting things that will shape the future of this region.”

**MiraCosta CCD**—Judy Strattan, the former superintendent/president of **Barstow CCD**,



Judy Strattan

beat incumbent Henry Holloway, who had served on the board since 1976. Strattan, who moved into district in 2001, had worked as dean of students at the college from 1978 to 1987. Three days before the filing deadline she jumped into the race after being encouraged by the community and staff on campus. She subsequently raised \$21,000 from more than 200 individual contributors. She received 59 percent of the vote. “The campus climate is not healthy. The campus had previously been a very open, sharing environment. The public is concerned. I want to be part of fixing the climate. I want to encourage discussion about climate, collegiality, trust and shared governance.”

Holloway said he lost his seat because, “A personnel issue came up that led to charges against the president and board. We had discovered some fraudulent activities and we took action. The Faculty Senate thought we were taking action we shouldn’t have. We had to keep those actions confidential. It led to accusations and innuendo. I can’t say anything bad against Judy because she didn’t run against Henry Holloway. She ran against the board. Judy is a friend of mine. She is an honorable person. I don’t feel bad losing to someone like Judy because I know Judy will do the right thing.”

**Napa Valley CCD**—There were confusion and questions after the election in Napa. Candidate Mark Cordeiro filed for an open seat on the board and then, before the election, unexpectedly withdrew. On election day, Cordeiro won the election with 57 percent of the vote. But the candidate who came in second, Morris Curry Jr., claimed he “won” since Cordeiro had withdrawn.

The unusual election forced the board and superintendent/president Christopher McCarthy to consult an attorney and the Napa County Registrar of Voters before deciding what to do. The attorney advised the district that the seat was vacant, since the winning candidate was no longer eligible (Cordeiro had moved out of the district) and in community college district elections the runner up is not the winner if the winner is ineligible. The attorney told the board it had two choices: 1) hold a special election or 2) appoint a trustee to fill the vacant seat.

Napa County Registrar of Voters John Tuteur reported at a subsequent board meeting that a special election would be costly and that the district would be liable for that cost. The board decided to appoint a trustee and invited the public to submit applications. It will hold interviews in January and expects to quickly name a replacement for the open seat.

**Ohlone CCD**—The newest member of the board is a student activities director at a private Bay Area liberal arts college. Richard

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Richard Watters

Watters is director of student leadership at Notre Dame De Namur University in Belmont. He works with freshmen, advises student government and clubs and is responsible for leadership programs and student activities at the 1,700

student campus. He won with 73% of the vote for a seat vacated by Ruthe Foster, who retired after 20 years on the board. His goals as a new trustee are "to integrate myself into the campus culture and learn about what's going on. I'm excited about being part of the growth on our campuses. I hope I can mend

some relationships between the board and the staff. I don't think everyone has a shared vision."

**San Francisco CCD**—Five-year incumbent Johnny Carter came in fourth in an at-large election for three seats.

Incumbent Anita Grier was the top vote getter, followed by incumbent Lawrence Wong and challenger John Rizzo.

Carter says he lost because "the gentleman who won is a Green Party member. They wanted to be represented and put money and organization behind him." Rizzo, who is president of the Bay Area Sierra Club, has been working with City College on several fronts. "We have been pushing for green buildings and a sustainability plan. I had been appointed to the 2005 GO bond oversight committee. Getting involved with the students and faculty made me feel like I should get even more involved."

**Santa Monica CCD**—The college is welcoming three newcomers to the board of trustees with the



Louise Jaffe

election Nov. 7 of **Louise Jaffe**, a teacher best known for her "lifelong learning" and public education advocacy in Santa Monica; **David Finkel**, a professor and retired judge; and **Andrew Walzer**, a Los Angeles City College professor who had taught part-time at SMC. The trio will join incumbent trustee Nancy Greenstein, currently chair of the board, who

## 2005 Trustee Election Results

District	Incumbent Elected	Newly Elected	Inc Did Not Run	Inc Defeated
<b>Allan Hancock Joint CCD</b>	Carol Anders (U) Larry Lahr (U)			
<b>Butte Glenn CCD</b>	Michael Boeger (U) Tom McLaughlin (U) Fred R. Perez (U)			
<b>Cabrillo CCD</b>	Gary Reece (U) Alan J. Smith (R) Claudine Wildman (R)			
<b>Chabot-Las Positas CCD</b>	Isobel F. Dvorsky (U) Donald L. Gelles (U) Hal G. Gin (U)			
<b>Coast CCD</b>	Mary Horbuckle (AI) Walter Howald (R)	Jim Moreno	George Brown	
<b>Contra Costa CCD</b>	Sheila A. Grilli (R) John T. Nejedly (R) Tomi Van de Brooke (U)	Anthony T. Gordon	David N. MacDiarmid	
<b>Desert CCD</b>		Becky Broughton John Marman	James Gray Ray House	
<b>Feather River CCD</b>		John Schramel	Michael Cassity	
<b>Gavilan CCD</b>	Kent Child (AI) Laura Perry (U) Elvira Robinson (R) Deb Smith (U)			
<b>Grossmont-Cuyamaca CCD</b>	Rick Alexander (R) Bill Garrett (AI) Deanna Weeks (R)	Greg Barr	Wendell Cutting (Deseased)	
<b>Kern CCD</b>	Pauline F. Larwood (R) John A. Rodgers (R) Stuart O. Witt (U)	John Corkins		Herbert D. Bonds
<b>Lassen CCD</b>	Chris Click (AI) Thomas Holybee (R) Sophia Wages (R)	Robert Hill		Dan Rickert
<b>Long Beach CCD</b>	*Thomas Clark (R) *Jeffrey A. Kellogg (R)	*Mark J. Bowen		*Diane Theil McNinch
<b>Los Rios CCD</b>	Ann Blackwood (U) Bruce Palmer (U)	Robert Jones		Tim Loree
<b>Merced CCD</b>	Eva deLong (U) Jim Glidden (U) Les McCabe (U) Eugene J. Vierra (U)			
<b>MiraCosta CCD</b>	Charles Adams (U) Rodolfo Fernandez (U)	Judy Strattan		Henry Holloway
<b>Napa Valley CCD</b>	Michael Baldini (R) Bruce Ketron (R) Charles Meng (U) Steven Reinbolt (AI)	1 Seat Undecided Decision in December	Joan Bennett (stepped down)	
<b>North Orange County CCD</b>	Jeffrey P. Brown (U) Barbara Dunsheath (AI) Michael Matsuda (AI) Donna Miller (U)			
<b>Ohlone CCD</b>	Bill McMillin (U) John Weed (R) Garrett Yee (U)	Richard Watters	Ruthe Foster	
<b>Palomar CCD</b>	Mark Evilsizer (U) Michele T. Nelson (U)			
<b>Peralta CCD</b>	Linda Handy (U) William Riley (U)	Abel Guillen		Alona Clifton
<b>Rancho Santiago CCD</b>	John R. Hanna (R) Lawrence Labrado (U) Phillip E. Yarbrough (U)			

won her first re-election bid in a six-way race for four seats. Unsuccessful in his first bid for a seat was **Tom Donner**, SMC's retired executive vice president who served two stints as interim president.

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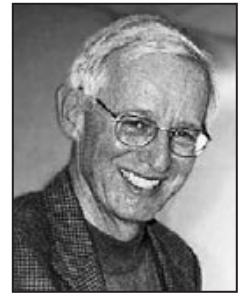
District	Incumbent Elected	Newly Elected	Inc Did Not Run	Inc Defeated
<b>Riverside CCD</b>	Jose Medina (R)	Virginia Blumenthal Janet Green	Kathleen Daley Grace Slocum	
<b>San Diego CCD</b>	Rich Grosch (R) Maria Nieto Senour (R) Peter Zschiesche (U)			
<b>San Francisco CCD</b>	Anita Grier (R) Lawrence Wong (R)	John Rizzo		Johnnie Carter
<b>San Joaquin Delta CCD</b>	Janet Rivera (U) Maria Elena Serna (R) Ted Simas (R)			
<b>San Jose-Evergreen CCD</b>	Maria E. Fuentes (U) Richard R. Hobbs (U)	Balbir S. Dhillon	Fred Tovar	
<b>San Luis Obispo County CCD</b>	Marie Kiersch (R) Patrick Mullen (U)			
<b>Santa Barbara CCD</b>	Kathryn O. Alexander (U) Joe W. Dobbs (U) Desmond O'Neill (U)	Sally Green	Joyce Powell	
<b>Santa Monica CCD</b>	Nancy Greenstein (R)	David B. Finkel Louise Jaffe Ralph Walzer	Carole Currey Dorothy Ehrhart-Morrison Herbert Roney	
<b>Sequoias CCD</b>	Sue Shannon (R) John A. Zumwalt (R)	Greg Sherman	Robert N. Line	
<b>Sierra Joint CCD</b>	Dave Ferrari (U) Nancy Palmer (R) Barbara Vineyard (U)	Bill Martin	Dave Creek	
<b>Siskiyou Joint CCD</b>	Alan Dyer (U) Marilyn Hall (U) Jim Hardy (U) Penny Heilman (U)			
<b>Solano County CCD</b>	Pam Keith (R) Denis Honeychurch (U)	Steve Murphy (AI) A. Marie Young	Jerry Wilkerson Willie Mcknight (Deceased)	
<b>Sonoma County CCD</b>	B. Robert Burdo (R) Onita Pellegrini (AI) Don Zumwalt (R)	Jeff Kunde		Mike Smith
<b>South Orange CCD</b>	Marcia Milchiker (U) Nancy Padbert (U) Don Wagner (U)			
<b>Southwestern CCD</b>	Yolanda Salcido (R) Terri Valladolid (R)	Jorge Dominguez		Christine Aranda
<b>State Center CCD</b>	Isabel Barreras (U) Dorothy Smith (R) Leslie Thonesen (R)			
<b>Ventura County CCD</b>	Cheryl Heimann (R) Art Hernandez (R)	Stephen Blum	Mary Anne Rooney	
<b>West Kern CCD</b>	Larry F. Buttke (U) Carolyn Hosking (U) John J. Miller (U)			
<b>West Valley-Mission CCD</b>	Jack Lucas (R) Buck Polk (AI)	Don Cordero	Jeffrey Schwartz	
<b>Yosemite CCD</b>	Pat Dean (AI) Anne DeMartini (U)	Desirree Abshire	Delsie Schrimp	
<b>Yuba CCD</b>	Alan Flory (R) George Nicholau (R) Leela Rai (U)			

\* Elections in April  
 U – Unopposed  
 AI – Appointed Incumbent Re-elected  
 IA – Incumbent Appointed  
 ? – Close race with incumbent and new candidate

on the board, decided to retire. Jaffe said a “big issue in Santa Monica is traffic and parking. There is concern on the part of some neighborhood groups. There is an issue for students as to where to park and how that impacts access.” Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, a powerful local interest group, endorsed all the winners. The faculty association also endorsed the

winning slate. Says Jaffe, “I’m very interested in student success and creating multiple paths to success for students. That’s my top priority along with continuous improvement, traffic and parking issues, and improvement in communications.”  
**Sierra CCD**—Bill Martin had never been interested in politics until he served on the Placer County Grand Jury, which conducted a study

of the college during his term. The grand jury eventually issued a report critical of the board of trustees. “I’d never been interested in politics until now,” said the retired aerospace engineering manager and semiconductor capital equipment industry executive. “And I didn’t take interest until I served on grand jury – that experience put me at heart of matters at **Sierra College**. We found that the board had not acted appropriately in the matter of its handling of the previous president. We asked them to apologize to the community for what happened and they wouldn’t. So I ran for the board.”



Bill Martin

Against three opponents, Martin got 31 percent, beating his closest competitor by three percent. Why did he win? “I campaigned harder.” He personally contributed \$15,000 to his \$25,000 campaign budget. “I had the strong support of college community, including two trustees.” He is now ready to move forward with the entire board. “I’m not there to pick a fight. I’m there to be an honest, collaborative trustee.”

**Sonoma CCD**—Jeff Kunde, whose family owns the Kunde Winery and Vineyards in Sonoma County, defeated eight-year incumbent Mike Smith. Kunde received 53 percent of the vote.



Jeff Kunde

“I have two kids that go to **Santa Rosa Junior College**,” says Kunde, whose family has been in the grape and wine business for 100 years. “I wanted to give back to the community.” A graduate of Santa Rosa Junior College, Kunde has served on the animal science advisory committee for 15 years. “The college

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# “Together We Can:” League’s Annual Convention and Partner Conferences draws large, spirited gathering of leaders



Chancellor Mark Drummond and League President Tom Clark, a trustee at **Long Beach CCD**, updated the convention on the system’s strategic plan.



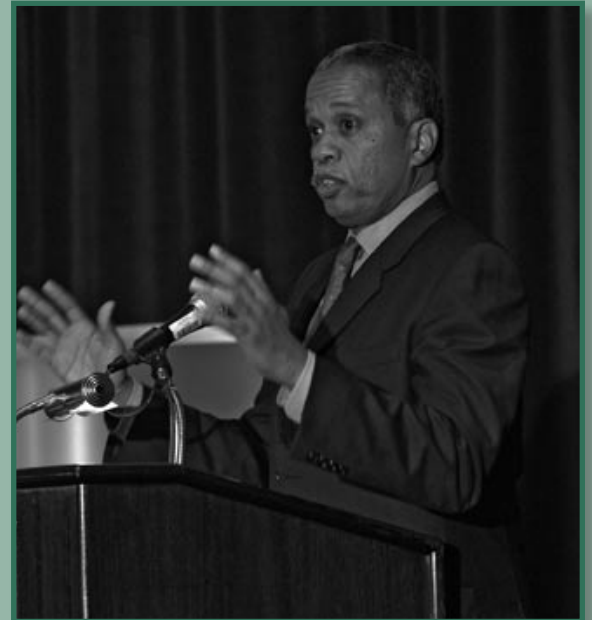
**Fullerton College’s** “Bravo! Entertainment Company” sang and danced their way into convention-goers hearts.



Ben Duran, superintendent/president of **Merced CCD**, and president of the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges, addresses a general session audience.



Enjoying a networking opportunity are, from left, Liz Armstrong, vice president, instruction, **San Diego Mesa College**; Rosa Perez, chancellor, **San Jose-Evergreen CCD**; and Phyllis Lucas-Woods, vice president, student services, **Cañada College**.



Juan Williams, one of America's leading political and social commentators, spoke to an appreciative audience during the convention.



Linda Michalowski, vice chancellor, student services, at the System Office, enjoys a conference presentation.

## REPORT, MEDIA CRITICIZE TRANSFER, COMPLETION RATES AT COLLEGES

**A report from the San Francisco-based Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) about California community college students triggered a number of negative headlines in newspapers across the state in November when PPIC reported that “Community colleges have a very high turnover. Half of the students did not attend after their first year.”**

The paper, titled, “*California’s Community College Students*,” reported that:

- Half of all students did not attend after their first year. However, transfer-focused students were more likely to return for a second year than were vocational, basic skills, or noncredit students. Most of those who stayed for a second year maintained the academic focus they had begun in their first year.
- Providing associate’s degrees is a major function of community colleges, yet less than one-tenth of students earned an associate’s degree. In addition, only about a quarter of students who were focused on transfer courses in their first year eventually transferred to a four-year institution. Associate degree and transfer rates were highest for younger students and those with either a traditional U.S. or foreign high school diploma.
- Transfer rates differed enormously by race/ethnicity. The transfer rate for Asian/Pacific Islanders was double the rate for black, Latino and American

Indian students, even though they were all of comparable age and previous educational level.

The authors also reported that about one-third of UC and two-thirds of CSU graduates began their higher education at a community college. The educational mission emphasized at each college varied according to their physical proximity to UC and CSU campuses and the needs of the surrounding community. And, “The multiple missions of community colleges provide several avenues for them to improve labor-market outcomes...The authors find an 8 – to 10 percent increase in annual earnings for students who attend a community college but do not complete a degree.”

The report identified three “ongoing challenges” for the system: 1) Declining age of students, “which raises the questions of whether older students are losing access to community college”, 2) “pervasive attrition of the student population,” and 3) “older students, Latinos and blacks, and students without a high school diploma have substantially lower transfer rates and degree completion than other students.”

The reports concluded, “If community college continues to be the dominant form of higher education for these students, achieve-

ment rates for these students must improve.”

Leslie Smith, the associate vice chancellor for governmental relations at **City College of San Francisco**, described the Public Policy Institute’s report as part of the “Groundhog Day phenomenon”—every couple of years someone writes a report critical of transfer and completion rates at the colleges without acknowledging the mission and role of community colleges. “We keep on being told we’re not doing it right and ignore what is said and do our thing. Yet, on the other

hand, it’s in the nature of the beast. Education is more than a piece of paper. The California community colleges provide tremendous opportunities for our adults to get a broad-based educational experience,

upgrade job skills, advance further academically or just make it better for themselves and their families. Degrees and certificates are only one measure of success of the education opportunities we provide our students.”

Robert Gabriner, City College’s vice chancellor of institutional advancement, and a former president of the Research and Planning Group, said the legislatively-mandated Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges (ARCC) provides a more accurate and pos-

**“WHAT STRIKES ME ABOUT THE PPIC ARTICLE IS WHAT THE ARTICLE SAYS AND HOW THE MEDIA HAS REORTED IT.”**

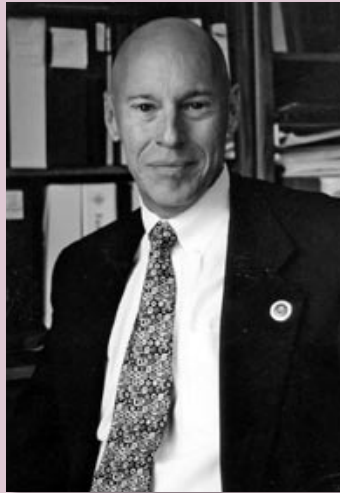
**ROBERT CABRINER,  
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## DISTRICT LEADER REFLECTS ON SACRAMENTO, SYSTEM OFFICE

**After 18 years as a college and district official, James Austin has served the past four months as the interim vice chancellor of finance in the System Office. Austin, who leaves his Sacramento post later this month to return to El Cajon where he is vice chancellor of business services for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca CCD, says the experience of working for Chancellor Mark Drummond has been an eye-opener.**



"When Chancellor Drummond asked me to take this job, he gave me three priorities," says Austin, whose career has included 13 years at Grossmont-Cuyamaca and six years as the business officer at Los Angeles Mission College.

"First, implement SB 361. It's one thing to pass the bill, but then you have to implement the regulations and procedures. We essentially had no regulatory authority to distribute state funds until we had the regulations. The Board of Governors has now approved them and we can issue the first principal apportionment.

"The second priority was to maximize state funds for the 2007-08 budget. I've been working with the Governor's staff and the Department of Finance trying to help them understand what we are requesting and why. And, of course, they are trying to help me understand that they have a \$5 billion structure deficit and that Prop. 98 won't be adequate to provide anything other than the basic COLA."

"And third, I was asked to help increase system office resources, which are woefully and inadequately funded. One example of the challenge this office faces: Much of the funding increase experienced by the districts this year comes with strings attached in which the Chancellor's Office is supposed to provide additional oversight, coordination or leadership at the very same time the System Office is cut and cut and cut."

Austin, who has served on numerous statewide committees and is the president-elect of the Association of Chief Business Officers, said the biggest surprise he's faced working in the System Office is "the incredible minutia the Department of Finance gets into and the control the department holds over our system." The department is the Governor's fiscal arm and is especially powerful during budget deliberations. "I had heard about it but now having been in meetings with the department on everything from career technical

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has been responsible for a lot of great things around here."

Smith received the endorsement of the area's major newspaper, which cited how well the college is managed. But a smaller paper popular in Smith's trustee area endorsed Kunde.

**West Valley – Mission CCD**—A long-time faculty member has been elected to the board. Don Cordero, a former EOPS director, articulation officer, counselor and astronomy teacher, won the open seat vacated by retiring trustee Jeffrey Schwartz. "I made a lot of mistakes in the campaign," he admits. "I didn't have a ballot statement, for one. It would have made things a lot easier. But I had an enormous number at folks working for me, including a lot of faculty at both colleges." Cordero served as president of the academic senate three times. In 2005 he was Adjunct Teacher of the Year. "It was a very strange campaign. We had one debate, in which 15 people came. Very low key. I was clear on my platform —re-establishing good working relations between the board, administration and faculty and establishing a clear budget allocation process so there isn't this concern about hiding money. The district has been involved in very contentious budget negotiations with faculty and classified. I breathed a sigh of relief when that was finally settled. I'm glad as a new trustee I'm not going to be in the middle of that." ♦

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cannot meet the needs of our residents without passing this bond."

**San Diego CCD**—This district passed this year's largest bond, \$870 million for new construction, renovation and equipment at **San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges**, as well as the district's six major Continuing Education campuses.

Even with a healthy 63 percent "yes" vote, Chancellor Constance Carroll said the campaign was a challenge. "The climate for community college bonds is much more difficult than even a couple years ago, when bond measures passed fairly easily. The public is overwhelmed by all the infrastructure cost requests to tax themselves to pay for these measures. To get them passed," says Carroll, "you need extremely detailed specific and attractive facility plans based on what the public will support. They would not have supported our bond if it was filled with performing arts, theatre or athletic facilities. Ours was almost 100 percent instructional programs that resonated with the public: math, science and health."

The district won even though a major newspaper, the *Union Tribune*, actively opposed. "They were supportive of a board candidate who used opposition to our bond measure as the centerpiece of his campaign." The challenger lost by a landslide.

**Santa Clarita CCD**—In a pattern that has become very common at **College of the Canyons**, the Fall 2006 semester brought six percent more students than last year, a number that pushes the COC student population to well over 18,000. In 2005, more than 3,000 students who applied did not enroll due to a lack of space and another 2,200 students were put on waiting lists for required courses. According to spokeswoman Sue Bozman, it is puzzling to many community members to see construction on campus and still hear that the col-



*Celebrating San Diego CCD's successful Nov. 7 bond election are (from left) trustee Rich Grosch, Chancellor Constance Carroll and San Diego City College President Terrence Burgess.*

lege will need more space as soon as the construction is completed. "The number of students we are expected and required to serve is growing at such a significant rate," said Bozman, "that we must accelerate our building, our faculty hiring and our growth in programs if we are to meet our mission."

Voters in November responded by approving by 62 percent a \$160 million bond measure, signaling the start of another round of expansion and modernization projects at COC, as well as construction of facilities at the district's new, soon-to-open campus in Canyon Country.

**Sequoias CCD**—After losing three consecutive bond elections, the district changed strategy and passed a \$22 million School Facilities Improvement District bond. According to board president John Zumwalt, "The previous bond elections were district-wide. Our district includes eight cities and seven different high school districts. In the past, we viewed our district as a community and it's not; it's actually a collection of districts. This time we carved out the Hanford High School District (including the City of Hanford). We put together a tremendous grass-roots group of Hanford people, raised plenty of money and got lots of support."

The \$22 million will go toward building a center in Hanford, where the district will house its public safety program as well as general

education classes. The property, jointly owned by the city, the high school district and the college, will also house a new high school. Some of the bond money will be used by the high school district to upgrade its science labs to meet college level standards, allowing the college to use the labs as part of its evening science curriculum.

**Yuba CCD**—Like Mendocino-Lake, Yuba ran its first-ever bond measure, securing public support for \$190 million in facility financing. The four-county district, reports Chancellor Nicki Harrington, is the fastest growth area in the state in terms of percentages. \$89 million will be used to renovate and upgrade existing facilities and build new ones on the main campus in Marysville. \$31 million will be dedicated to building a permanent outreach facility in Sutter County. **Woodland Community College** will receive \$49 million to renovate and upgrade its existing campus and build two new educational facilities. The bond will also provide \$3.4 million for a permanent outreach facility in Colusa County, where computer training, associate degree classes, and student support services will be provided. And the Clear Lake campus will receive \$17 million to build a new, permanent 30,000 square foot campus building with large classrooms, a library, bookstore, and one-stop student service center. ♦

## 54 CAMPUS PROJECTS GET PROP. 1D FUNDING

**California voters Nov. 7 not only approved \$2 billion in general obligation bonds for six districts but also approved Proposition 1D, the statewide \$10.4 billion education bond for K-12, community colleges, the California State University and the University of California.**

Community colleges will receive \$1.5 billion of that funding, equaling 48 percent of 1D's funds going to higher education. According to Fred Harris, assistant vice chancellor, college finance and facilities planning, in the System Office, \$432 million will go toward 54 campus projects already approved for the current fiscal year and \$480 million for 58 projects in 2007-8. The balance will be spent in the following years.

"These monies will be used to address the state's priorities for instructional facilities in health and safety and growth and modernization projects," says Harris. "The facilities will help address the major increases in enrollment we are experiencing now and in the future." Harris is optimistic about the future. "We have over \$30 billion in facility needs statewide in the community colleges in the coming 10 years. But we're making progress. The districts have stepped up to the plate since enactment of Prop. 39 – 62 districts have passed \$16.4 billion in general obligation bonds. Clearly, the electorate supports efforts to revitalize and modernize the community colleges. I believe passage of Proposition 1D confirms that support for our colleges among California voters." ♦



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education, nursing curriculum, to implementation of the enhanced non-credit regulations, it is stunning the level of detail and the level of control they attempt to have over our system compared to how they interact with K-12, UC, and CSU."

The community colleges are, says Austin, "the weakest of the public education systems. The lack of resources and political clout leaves a power vacuum that the Department of Finance had slid into very comfortably. Our System Office is very weak because of its lack of funding and resources. For example, UC and CSU will show up at a meeting in the Legislature or in the Governor's office with five or six very high level executives with a bound report that was requested only 24 hours before. The community colleges will come in with one executive who has had to put together a report on his own the night before. The staff here is thin but of the highest quality. They are very dedicated people with a genuine service attitude. We just don't have the horsepower."

Austin believes the Community College League's effort to put a statewide initiative on the ballot in 2008 that would cut fees, improve the funding structure for community colleges and allow the Board of Governors and chancellor to hire senior staff would strengthen the System Office. "The initiative would untie the chancellor's hands. Right now he can't even hire his own staff or set salaries. The districts need a stronger System Office. The reality is there is so much oversight coming from the state that if we don't have the horsepower to make our case, they dictate what we can do. That's why the success of the initiative is so important." ♦

## On CAMPUS

### "VENTURA PROMISE" BREAKS NEW GROUND

Ventura College is expanding a groundbreaking program that promises to pay all college enrollment fees to all newly graduated high school students, regardless of family income. The one-year-old program, "Ventura Promise," paid fees for graduating high school seniors in the college's service area during their first year of attendance whose family income was less than \$50,000. This same promise will now be extended to all students, regardless of income, who have successfully completed their GED requirements or who have completed the coursework for high school but have not yet passed their exit exam. Expenses covered by the Ventura Promise include the per-unit cost of classes, the health fee, the student center fee, and the cost of an associated student body card.

According to President Robin Calote, Ventura Promise is designed to remove the economic barriers to education for graduating high school seniors, improve the college-going rate in the college service area and enhance the quality of the workforce.

Said Calote, "Ventura College is proud to partner with our foundation and supportive local companies to ensure open access for the first year of college education for any qualifying student who lives in our service area. Enrollment fees should not be a barrier to achieving academic success. We hope this will help students get financial assistance they need."

Tom Anthony, chair of the foundation board, said, "This is the largest commitment the foundation board has made in support of students. The Promise Program is consistent with the board's resolve to reduce the impediments to students wanting to further their education. We hope, eventually, to be able to expand the Promise to cover the first two years of a qualifying student's attendance, including their textbooks. This is the second step in extending the Promise towards meeting that goal." The foundation has committed \$500,000 of its existing assets to the program. The Ventura Promise served 80 students this semester at a cost of less than \$10,000.

### FALL ENROLLMENT GROWS STATEWIDE

Fall semester enrollment, including both headcount and full-time equivalent students (FTES), grew at California's community colleges from a year ago, according to first census survey figures from the System Office.

Fall 2006 headcount increased 1.5 percent from Fall 2005. Fall 2006 FTES was up 1.4 percent from a year ago. "Final results will vary but normally this is a fairly accurate reflection of our final numbers," says Patrick Perry, vice chancellor of technology, research and information systems. "It represents the fact we are on the upswing again and that system is starting to grow again. We had been flat or down the past three years."



**Ventura College President Robin Calote, left, with "Ventura Promise" recipient Victor Bautista, center, and Ventura College Foundation Chairman, Tom Anthony. Bautista, who will receive his certificate this year in computer technology, is considering transferring. "My goal is to be the first in my family to graduate from college," he told President Calote. "Your help will make this dream come true."**

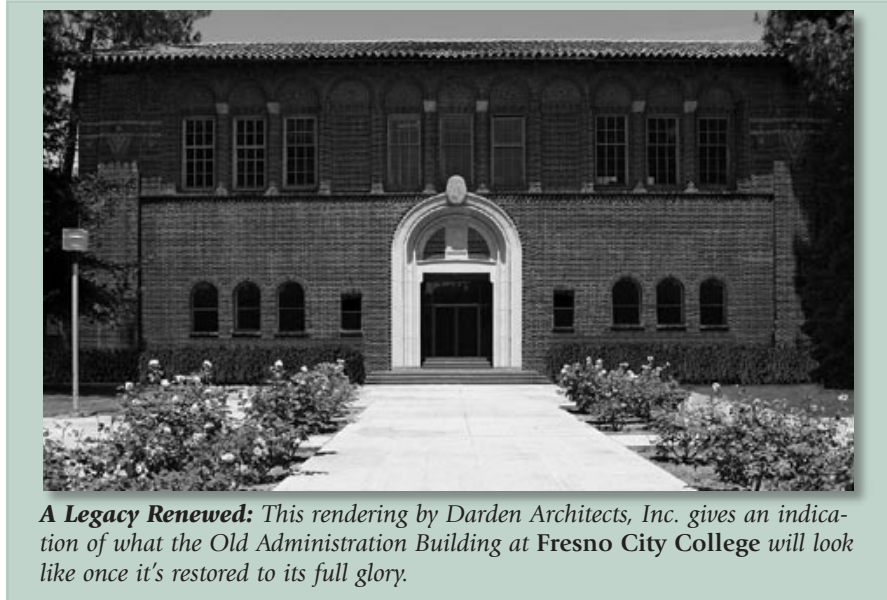
## A LEGACY RENEWED AT FRESNO CITY COLLEGE

It stands as a majestic tribute to the legacy of higher education in California's Central Valley. Completed in 1916, the Old Administration Building at **Fresno City College** originally housed Fresno State Normal School, later to become California State University, Fresno. At one time, both CSU, Fresno and Fresno City College shared the Spanish Renaissance-style facility.

Because of state requirements to retrofit educational buildings to be earthquake resistant, the building was deemed unfit and boarded up in 1975. The original plan was to tear down the building. Today, through the successful efforts of committed citizens to save the building from demolition, the OAB still stands strong and intact. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

In 2002, passage of a bond measure secured \$25 million for the OAB project. An additional \$5 million was approved by the **State Center CCD** board of trustees which will allow remodeling and upgrades to commence in 2007. An additional \$11 million is still needed in order for the building to be fully functional. Approximately \$7 million in additional state funds has been requested and will be used to complete the north and east wing interiors.

With the notion that "charity begins at home," Fresno City College has launched "A Legacy Renewed," a capital campaign to raise the remaining \$4 million. This money will primarily be used to refurbish the historic auditorium, which cannot be funded by the state. Ned Doffoney, FCC president, is confident the goal can be reached. "Since my arrival at Fresno City College, I have been inspired by the commitment that this college shows to the community," he said. "Our faculty, staff and



***A Legacy Renewed:** This rendering by Darden Architects, Inc. gives an indication of what the Old Administration Building at Fresno City College will look like once it's restored to its full glory.*

students have aligned their futures with the well-being of the Valley. We have held firm to the values of family, work and stewardship."

## TOP TRANSFER COLLEGES CITED

**Santa Monica College, DeAnza College and Orange Coast College** top the 2005-6 list of California community colleges sending transfer students to the University of California and the California State University.

The top ten were **Santa Monica** with a total of 2,169; **DeAnza** 1,936; **Orange Coast** 1,815; **Diablo Valley**, 1,719; **Pasadena City** 1,640; **Mt. San Antonio**, 1,506; **San Francisco**, 1,418; **Fullerton**, 1,391; **El Camino**, 1,375 and **Riverside**, 1,357.

For the 16th consecutive year, **Santa Monica College** held on to its No. 1 position in transfer of students to UC campuses in 2005-06, sending a total of 903. In terms of numbers of students transferring to UC, **DeAnza** was second with 656, followed by **Santa Barbara**, 581; **Diablo Valley**, 577; **Orange Coast**, 502; **Pasadena**, 486; **San Francisco**, 355; **Riverside**, 349; **Mt. San Antonio**, 312; and **El Camino**, 306.

**Orange Coast** led the list for community college transfers to the CSU

campuses, with a total of 1,313. Other colleges in the top ten were **DeAnza** with 1,280; **Santa Monica**, 1,266; **Fullerton**, 1,214; **Mt. San Antonio**, 1,194; **Pasadena**, 1,154; **Diablo Valley**, 1,142; **Fresno City**, 1,101; **American River**, 1,099, and **San Diego Mesa**, 1,089.

**Los Angeles Southwest College** transferred the most African-American students, 138, to the CSU system and **DeAnza** transferred the most, 21, to the UC system. **Santa Monica** transferred the most Chicano/Latino students to the UC system, 109, and **East Los Angeles College** transferred the most Chicano/Latino students, 505, to the CSU system.

Rounding out the top 25 list of California community colleges sending transfers to UC and CSU were ( #11 through #25) **San Diego Mesa, American River, Fresno City, Grossmont, Sierra, Palomar, Moorpark, Santa Rosa, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles Pierce, Saddleback, Glendale, Sacramento City, Cerritos, and East Los Angeles.**

The information on transfer numbers came from the CSU Chancellor's Office and the UC Office of the President.

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## PEOPLE



Michael Claire



Eloy Oakley



Rose Marie Joyce



Karen Halliday

### APPOINTMENTS

■ Michael Claire, who began his association with the **San Mateo County CCD** two decades ago as a student, has been selected president of **College of San Mateo**. During his career, Claire has worked at all three colleges in the district, including positions as an instructor, program developer, and division dean. For the past two years, Claire served as the vice president of instruction at CSM. Claire holds an associate in arts degree in business from **Cañada College**; a bachelor of science degree in business administration from San Jose State University; and an MBA from CSU, East Bay. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

■ The **Long Beach CCD** board of trustees appointed Eloy Ortiz Oakley as its superintendent/president. Oakley has recently served as

executive vice president of administrative services. Prior to coming to Long Beach in 2002, Oakley was the vice president of college services at **Oxnard College** from 2001-2003. Oakley received his B.A. in Environmental Analysis and Design and his MBA in Business Administration from the University of California, Irvine. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Walden University.

### RETIREMENTS

■ After five years at the helm of **Rio Hondo College**, Rose Marie Joyce announced she will retire January 1, 2007. Joyce, the first Latina president of the college, has worked since 2002 to address the needs of students by redefining the way the administration is structured and the way the college addresses access issues, and has

overseen the creation of a new footprint of the physical campus. She is the former superintendent/president of **Gavilan CCD** and is also a former superintendent of a unified school district.

■ Karen Halliday announced her retirement as president of **Las Positas College** effective August 2007. Halliday was named president in 2002. She led the college through the facilities and educational master planning processes and has overseen the construction of two new facilities on campus. She has worked tirelessly in the community to establish the Las Positas College Foundation, whose assets have grown from \$1,703 in 2003 to \$353,000 in 2006. Prior to her appointment as president, Halliday served the college for eight years as the vice president of student services. She has co-authored several publications on learning disabilities and matriculation.

■ Susan Cota, chancellor of the **Chabot-Las Positas CCD**, has announced her retirement effective August 2007. Citing a desire to spend time with family and friends, Cota told the board of trustees, "After more than 30 years in the California community colleges, 16 years in this district, it is time for me to chart a new direction." Named to the position in 2001, Cota has led a district that serves more than 22,000 students in the San Francisco East Bay Area. Cota was the first Hispanic female chancellor in California and in the district's 40-year history. In 2004 she led a massive district and community-wide effort in the suc-

### CCCT'S KAY ALBIANI NAMED BOG PRESIDENT

■ Kay Albani, immediate past president of the California Community College Trustees (CCCT), has been elected president of the California Community College Board of Governors. Albani was appointed to the board by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2004.

She has served on the **Los Rios CCD** board of trustees since 1996. At Los Rios, she served as president of the board in 1998 and 2004.

Said Albani about her new role, "I want to thank my fellow Board of Governors for entrusting me with this important role at a time when our colleges face many critical funding and access issues."



Kay Albani



*Susan Cota*



*Shirley Kelly*



*Maria Sheehan*



*Rocky Young*



*Manuel Baca*

successful passage of a \$498 million facilities bond and the third largest bond in California community college history. She served as president and dean of students at **Las Positas College**. In 2005 she received the prestigious Harry Buttmer Award from the Association of California Community College Administrators for her exemplary service as a community college chief executive officer.

■ Shirley Kelly, president of **College of San Mateo**, retired at the end of this year. The past 13 years of her 40-year community college career have been at CSM as vice president of instruction, and most recently as president. Kelly served at the helm at a crucial time in CSM's history: campus-wide construction is now underway with the passage of Measure C in 2001 and Measure A in 2005. In addition to massive infrastructure work, two new buildings have been completed under her guidance: the science building and the regional public safety center. An active member in the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce and the San Mateo Rotary Club, Kelly is a member of board of directors for the Service League of San Mateo County.

■ Maria Sheehan, superintendent/president of **College of the Desert** since 2001, plans to retire on Aug. 1, 2007. Sheehan's retirement comes at the end of a whirlwind six years of activity, in which she reorganized virtually every facet of campus management, balanced the budget, successfully advocated for voter approval

of bond funds for a massive building campaign, and enthusiastically embraced the philanthropic giving for which the college was known. She initiated an on-campus giving campaign that is one of the most successful in the state.

■ Following more than 35 years of service at community colleges, Darroch "Rocky" Young has announced his retirement as chancellor of the **Los Angeles CCD**, effective August 2007. He will have served two years as chancellor. Under Young's leadership, the LACCD has embarked on one of the largest building projects in the nation. LACCD's \$2.2 billion Proposition A/AA bond construction program includes more than 40 new or renovated campus buildings. The LACCD has also started one of the largest "green" building projects in the nation, which has been recognized nationally with many awards. Prior to his appointment, Young served for 18 months as interim senior vice chancellor. Young also served as president of **Pierce College**, a position he took in 1999, and before that vice president of academic and student affairs at **Santa Monica College**.

## INTERIM APPOINTMENTS

■ Irving Kendrick has been selected to be the interim president of **Moreno Valley College**. Kendrick has previously served as dean of education at **Riverside Community College**.

■ Manuel Baca has been appointed interim superintendent/president of **Rio Hondo CCD**.

Baca earned an associate degree from Rio Hondo. He is currently professor of government at the college and has previously held the position of vice president of student services. Since 1999 he has served the **Mt. San Antonio CCD** as a governing board member.

■ Gerry Fisher, vice president of student services, is the new interim superintendent/president at **Solano CCD**. Fisher replaces Paulette Perfumo.

■ Linda Lacy, the vice president of student services at **Riverside City College**, is the new interim president. She replaces Daniel Castro who resigned in December after one year on the job. ♦

## On CAMPUS

### SIERRA CLIMBS TO \$1 MILLION GIFT

Before he passed away earlier this year, Les Miller decided to donate his estate of \$1 million to the college where he got his start: **Sierra College**. It represents the single largest donation in the college's history. The money will be used for a variety of needs, including outfitting a new technology building and establishing a scholarship fund in Miller's memory. "We are honored that Les Miller would remember Sierra College in his will so significantly," said superintendent/president Leo Chavez. "In his life, he devoted himself professionally to engineering and invention. We will use this gift to help others follow in his footsteps." Sonbol Aliabadi, executive director of the Sierra College Foundation, commented, "His gift to the college will benefit students for many years. We are very grateful for his kindness."

Miller apparently knew what Sierra needed as well, understanding his donation would help improve the college's technology capability. "Sierra College made a big impression on him. He wanted his money to go someplace where it would make a difference," Brent Miller, his brother, said. "At a larger college it would just blend in. At Sierra he knew his donation would make a big difference." Miller graduated from Sierra in 1966. While at UC Berkeley, he earned an engineering degree and received his master's degree one year later. Miller left the Berkeley campus in 1969 and entered the work force as an electrical engineer for a small company that made instruments for chemical analysis. The company was acquired by Spectra Physics, where he worked for many years. While at Spectra, Miller was credited with developing Labnet, a network to connect various instruments to collect and analyze data. ♦

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itive perspective on student outcomes. "If we're going to be looking for a way to look at evaluating the system, we need to look at the ARCC data and begin to have conversations about its usefulness and what it tells them about their local community colleges. What strikes me about the PPIC article is what the article says and how the media has reported it. There seems to be a significant gap. The media focused on the lack of certificates and degrees but the authors of the report say it must be emphasized that many of these students enrolled without the intent of transferring or earning a degree. It's very conceivable that the students achieved their goals and left. This major caveat by the authors has been ignored by the media."

But Gabriner warns, "I don't consider the PPIC report a report we can dismiss. The achievement gap is real between African-American and Latino and white and Pacific Island/Asian students. We need to take it seriously but read it carefully so we don't mistake what the media reported and what the issues really are." ♦



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