



CENTRAL VALLEY

DEGREE COMPLETION SUMMIT

OCTOBER 17-19, 2010 · TENAYA LODGE AT YOSEMITE

*With a wingspan of more than six feet,
the Golden Eagle soars the heights above the rim
of California's majestic Yosemite Valley.*

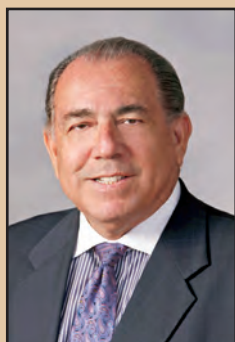
*As stakeholders in higher education,
we unite to ensure that Central Valley students
also soar to great heights...*



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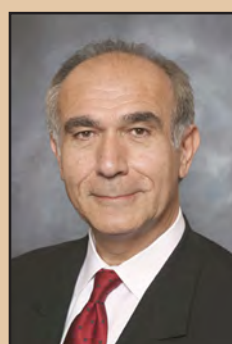
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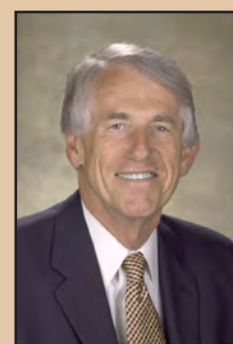
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ABSTRACT - CENTRAL VALLEY DEGREE COMPLETION MODEL

Proposed is a model of regional cooperation that is organized around the theory that improving degree completion is a viable economic recovery strategy. *The Central Valley Degree Completion Model* addresses a growing national need to redesign articulation agreements to improve completion rates and to reduce the time and costs of degree attainment. The model has four points: (1) establish region-wide articulation and transfer agreements (2) utilize common course numbering systems (3) structure curriculum that articulates region-wide and (4) create incentives for transfer and degree completion. Using a cadre of articulation design and implementation teams comprised of faculty leaders, articulation officers, admission, and outreach specialists, **Phase I** will focus on completion for degree programs in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and in Liberal Studies. Employment data and campus offerings will help to prioritize subsequent majors for replication. Measurable outcomes include: (a) completing articulation agreements (b) raising the percentage of underrepresented groups who hold demand-driven degrees (c) increasing the number of students in high demand and regionally offered majors who had all their courses articulated by the receiving institutions and (d) improving transfer rates between two and four year institutions-public, private and proprietary. Additional outputs of the initiative include providing broad communications to Central Valley students and employers and sharing best practices. Evaluation methods will produce quantitative and qualitative data addressing fidelity of implementation and all expected measurable outcomes.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Conference Registration

4:30 p.m.

Summit Call to Order

Opening Comments

*Chancellor Frank Gornick,
West Hills Community College District*

Framing the Problem

*Senator Alex Padilla
Judith Heiman, Legislative Analyst's Office*

**The Vision: Exploring the
Past, Present, and the Future**

*President John Welty,
California State University, Fresno*

SB 1440 Implementation

*President Jane Patton,
Academic Senate for California Community Colleges*

General Working Session I

Welcoming Reception

*Sponsored by:
West Hills Community College District*

Dinner on your own

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

*General Working Session II
General Working Session III*

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Working Session IV

12:00 p.m.

Lunch and Special Guest

*Sponsored by:
State Center Community College District*

Introduction of Speaker

*Chancellor Deborah G. Blue,
State Center Community College District*

Transfer Pathways

Assembly Member Paul Fong

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

General Working Session V

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

General Working Session VI

6:30 p.m.

Dinner

*Sponsored by:
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AT&T Partnership Recognition

*President Cynthia Azari,
Fresno City College*

Introduction of Panel

*President Ben Duran,
Merced College*

Student Panel Discussion

Introduction of Panel

*Penny Schafer,
Alliant International University*

**Graduate & Professional Degree
Panel Discussion**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast Brief

*Sponsored by:
Alliant International University*

Introduction of Speaker

*President Geoffrey Cox,
Alliant International University*

Equity Issues In Higher Education

*Rúben Lizardo,
PolicyLink*

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010

7:30 a.m.
Breakfast Brief

Sponsored by:
DeVry University

Welcome & Speaker Introduction

*Dean Joseph Coppola,
DeVry University*

**Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
(STEM) & Underrepresented Populations**

*Wendy Ramage Hawkins,
Intel Foundation*

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
General Working Session VII

10:00 a.m.
Break

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
General Working Session VIII

12:00 p.m.
Lunch & the Launch

Sponsored by:
Merced College

Welcome

*President Ben Duran,
Merced College*

The Sense of Urgency

*President Bill Scroggins,
College of the Sequoias*

Next Steps & Closing Comments

*Chancellor Frank Gornick,
West Hills Community College District*

1:00 p.m.
Conference Concludes



CENTRAL VALLEY HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM AT A GLANCE...

The Central Valley Higher Education Consortium (CVHEC) was founded in 2000 to create a united force for improving higher education in ten counties: Fresno, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Kings, Tulare, and Kern. Its mission is to increase higher education access, participation, and success in the Central Valley region of California and to make a positive and sustaining impact on the educational achievement of this growing and increasingly diverse area. Today, nearly 30 colleges and universities are members of the CVHEC. The CVHEC strategies for improving higher education, economic development, job training, business and community involvement are regional and far-reaching.

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**Senator
Alex Padilla**

California State Senate

In 2006, Senator Alex Padilla was sworn in as a member of the California State Senate representing the 20th District, which serves the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles. Senator Padilla served on the Senate Rules Committee which confirms gubernatorial appointments and refers all bills in the Senate and in December 2008, was named Chair of the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee. In addition, Senator Padilla serves on the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee; the Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Revenues and the Economy; the Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee; the Natural Resources and Water Committee; the Revenue and Taxation Committee; and the Government Organization Committee. He also Chairs the Select Committee on Obesity & Diabetes and the Select Committee on College and University Admissions and Outreach. His landmark SB 1440, the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, was signed by the Governor on September 29, 2010, written to streamline the transfer process, saving students time, money and freeing up campus resources to serve more students.



Speakers & Presenters



**Assembly Member
Paul Fong**

California State Assembly

Assembly Member Paul Fong was elected as the representative of the 22nd Assembly District in 2008. His district, located in the southern Bay Area, is made up of Cupertino, Mountain View, Sunnyvale and portions of Santa Clara County, Santa Clara and San Jose. Assembly Member Fong is the Chair of the Elections and Redistricting Committee, which oversees all issues that relate to voting districts elections. He also serves as a voting member of the Banking and Finance, Higher Education, and Utilities and Commerce Committees. In addition, he serves on the Select Committees on Aerospace, Biotechnology, Community Colleges, Domestic Violence, and Innovation and the Bay Area Economy. Assembly Member Fong's AB 2302, signed by the Governor on September 29, 2010, builds upon the efforts of SB 1440 (Padilla) to help facilitate the successful implementation of transparent transfer pathways.

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Judith Heiman
State of California,
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Judy Heiman is a principal analyst at the Legislative Analyst's Office, California's nonpartisan fiscal and policy advisor. Previously she served as deputy secretary for education and senior budget and policy analyst for Virginia. Earlier experience includes nonprofit and public sector management. Judy has a BA from Brandeis University and an MBA from UC Berkeley.



Rúben Lizardo
Associate Director,
Policy Link

Mr. Lizardo is a national expert on program design and policy issues related to equitable opportunities in employment training and higher education. His work includes research and public education, training and technical assistance to strengthen community and civic participation in decision-making, and working with public officials to develop investment strategies and policies that further equity and economic vitality.



Wendy Ramage Hawkins
Executive Director,
Intel Foundation

Wendy Ramage Hawkins is Executive Director of the Intel Foundation. The Intel Foundation is active worldwide, awarding grants totaling approximately \$40 million each year and focusing on STEM education (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), increasing opportunities for girls, women, and under-represented minorities, and supporting the volunteerism and philanthropic efforts of Intel's employees in education, their communities, and in response to disasters around the world.



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