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California Community Colleges Partners with California Employment Development Department to Integrate CalJOBS into CACareerCafe.com Website Portal with more than 82,000 jobs synched with site designed for community college students

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California Employment Development Department (EDD) have teamed up to provide California community college students with free, instant access to more than 82,000 jobs available through CalJOBS, EDD's website of available positions and internships within the state. The Chancellor's Office newly redesigned website, CACareerCafe.com, also will be a portal for employers looking to fill open positions.

Students are able to search for available positions and internships, post resumes and apply for jobs. Employers can post open positions and review resumes and applications. Other services available on the site include a resume building and archiving wizard, the ability to track and manage all job search activities with customizable student dashboards and equal access to Spanish speakers and the visually impaired.

"This partnership just makes sense on so many levels," said California Community Colleges Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Economic Development Van Ton-Quinlivan. "The CACareerCafe.com website provides a direct connection between student and employer. If a student needs a job while they are enrolled at a community college they can find one; or once they earn a certificate, graduate, or transfer they'll have a place to start a new career. It's all part of doing what matters for jobs and the economy."

The California Community Colleges is the nation's largest system of higher education with more than 2.4 million students and is the state's largest provider of workforce education. California community colleges educate 80 percent of firefighters, law enforcement personnel and emergency medical technicians and 70 percent of the state's nurses.

Community colleges offer associate degrees and job training certificates in more than 175 fields. In addition, approximately 25,000 apprentices are educated each year to meet the state's demand for a skilled workforce. Attending or graduating from a community college doubles an individual's chance of finding a job compared to those who failed to complete high school.

"I'm pleased to be partnering with the chancellor's office on a collaborative effort to connect employers seeking students and students seeking jobs," said Employment Development Department Director Pam Harris. "The EDD's newly enhanced CalJOBS online labor exchange system is a great asset for the state and we're proud it can be leveraged for supporting the valuable work of the CACareerCafe.com project."

The <u>California Community Colleges</u> is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.4 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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