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## CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERS

## Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that, as part of the University of California's ongoing efforts to better serve community college students, we have extended the 2016 transfer application deadline to give students more time to apply.

Students hoping to transfer to a University of California campus next fall will now have until January 4, 2016, to complete their application.

We took this step, in part, based on our conversations with you about how to increase transfers to UC. This expanded window will give eligible students, who might not have seen UC as within their reach, more time to consider and apply to one of our campuses.

Among other benefits, it will provide students with greater opportunity to learn about the generous financial aid that is available through programs such as UC's Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, which covers the full cost of tuition and fees for more than 60 percent of students who transfer to the university.

As you know from our conversations earlier in the year, UC proudly enrolls more community college students than any other institution of its caliber. These students come academically well prepared, with a wealth of perspectives and life experiences. And they flourish on our campuses, graduating at a rate that matches or exceeds those who enter as freshman.

That is part of the reason I've made it a priority for the University to open its doors even wider to transfer students.

UC will seek to enroll an additional 5,000 undergraduates next year, and 10,000 total over the next three years, as part of a major effort to boost UC's enrollment of California students. As we expand enrollment, the University aims to enroll at least one new transfer student for every two new freshmen.

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Going forward, I will continue to work with California Community College leaders like you and UC faculty to seek new ways to make the transfer process clearer and easier for students.

I urge you to share information about the extended application window with your students and encourage them to apply broadly to UC. Please feel free to use the attached flier to help inform students about the new deadline. I look forward to our continued shared efforts to support hard-working, talented California students in their quest to attain a world-class education.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano

President

Attachment