Resource Development and System Support

The Foundation for California Community Colleges is dedicated to supporting the California Community College system through financial and in-kind support. As we move into our second decade of service, we are committed to raising public awareness of the value of Community Colleges and increasing the ability of Community College foundations to raise much-needed funds.

Supporting the System

In addition to the millions in grant monies passed on to schools to support learning programs and the millions of dollars colleges and students save each year through the Foundation's CollegeBuys program, the Foundation has continued to augment its support to the Community Colleges and Chancellor's Office through customized services and communications support. The Foundation provides grants development and fundraising support, including researching funding opportunities, writing grant proposals, overseeing the grant reporting process, and developing partnerships with funders to secure revenue for Foundation and Chancellor's Office programs and services. The Foundation also sponsors all major statewide awards given by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Academic Senate, as well as a variety of other awards.

Attracting Support

The Foundation remains committed to developing and attracting additional philanthropic support for the system. In addition, the Foundation is a major sponsor of the Network of California Community College Foundations, which provides leadership, training, and networking opportunities to support the resource development capabilities of the Community Colleges and their foundations.

Making Possibilities Permanent

In Spring 2008, the Foundation began a major statewide fundraising campaign, which culminated in June 2011 with a $68 million California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment, a fund to support student success and opportunity. The Endowment was made possible by a $25 million lead gift from The Bernard Osher Foundation—the largest gift ever given to a community college system—and included a 50 percent match for every dollar raised by the Foundation and the California Community Colleges. This emerging program provides $1,000 student scholarships for those in the greatest financial need, ultimately touching the lives of millions of Californians.

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- California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
- Network of California Community College Foundations
- The Bernard Osher Foundation

The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the official foundation to the California Community Colleges' Board of Governors and Chancellor's Office. The Foundation's mission is to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community College system, the largest higher education system in the nation. Incorporated in 1998, the Foundation works with Community Colleges and partner organizations to manage donations, grants, programs, and services that drive excellence in education. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation and receives no direct state support.

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