

# The History and Mission of the California Community Colleges



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## JUNIOR COLLEGE

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— 1901 —

- America's oldest public community college
- Founded 1901
- Experimental postgraduate high school program

# Chaffey College



Claims to have held first classes in 1883; however, is not recognized as the oldest college in California because classes have not been held continuously.

# Fresno City College

- Founded in 1910
- First public junior college in California
- Not initially established as a separate district



# Junior College Act - 1917

- To provide financial support
- Enlarge mission
  - Mechanical and Industrial Arts
  - Household economy
  - Agriculture
  - Civic Education
  - Commerce
- Citrus College opens 1915



# Junior College Districts

- Authorized by legislature in 1921
- Under State Board of Education
- Modesto Junior College - 1st J.C. District





# California in the 1940s

- In 1947 population reached 10 million
- Junior College enrollments up to 107,000
- Offerings expanded for returning G.I.s
- El Camino College opens 1946



# California Community Colleges in the 1960s

- Population reached 16 million
- Junior College enrollments up to 340,000
- Grossmont College opened in 1961





# Master Plan for Higher Education

- High quality, accessible, affordable
- U.C. - top 1/8
- C.S.U. - top 1/3
- Community Colleges - open door
- Victor Valley College - opens 1961



# Board of Governors

- Created in 1967
- Removed community colleges from SBE
- Does not follow CSU model
- Strong support for local control
- DeAnza College opens - 1967



# California in the 1970's

- Population grows to 23 million
- Becoming more diverse
- CC enrollments double to 1.3 million  
104 colleges, 70 districts in 1975
- Three Major Influences on CCC
  - Revenue Limits
  - Collective Bargaining
  - Proposition 13
- Oxnard College opened in 1975



# California in the 1980's

- Population grows to 30 million
- Economy struggles; fees imposed
- Many voices - little consensus
  - Revenue per ADA down
  - Eliminated recreational courses
  - State could not fund Capital Outlay needs
- More details in statutes
- IVC - 1986



# The Review of the Master Plan 1986-88

- Results in AB 1725
- Validates mission
- Recognizes system
- Collegial Consultation
- 1988 - Las Positas College





# CCCs in the 1990s

- Proposition 98 –
  - Minimum Revenue Guarantee
  - Program Based Funding
- Proposition 111 – Allowed for a lower minimum guarantee
- Differential Fee for BA Holders

# CCCs in the 1990s

Can you name this college which first held classes in 1999?



# CCCs in the 2000s

- AB540 – Passed in 2001
- SB 361 – New Funding Model



# CCCs in the 2000s



- Can you name this college which first held classes in 2004?
- Woodland Community College



# CCC in the 2010s

- 112 Colleges celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- California falls in college graduates
- Student Success Act
- BA Degrees – Pilot Program





# CCCs in the 2010s

- Can you name the newest California Community College?



Clovis  
Community  
College

# Community Colleges in the United States Today

- 12.3 million credit students
- 45% of all U.S. undergraduates
- 1,166 community colleges
- Average tuition (2016) \$3,340 annually
- Over 600 Boards of Trustees
- 6,500 Board members



# National Student Profile

- 52% of all African American students in higher education
- 57% of all Hispanic students
- 43% of all Asian/Pacific Islander students
- 55% of all Native American students
- 41% of first time freshmen
- 57% female; 43% male
- 64% part-time; 36% full-time
- Average student age is 29



# California Community Colleges Today

- Largest system of higher education in the world
- 113 colleges in 72 districts
- 2.1 million students
- Lowest tuition in the U.S.
- Among the most diverse systems of education in the world
- Uniquely successful experiment in higher education for the masses

# Board of Governors

- 16 member board appointed by the Governor
  - 1 designated as a local trustee
  - 2 community college faculty
  - 1 student trustee
- Provides policy and direction for the system
- Selects the Chancellor
- Directed to maintain and continue, to the maximum degree permissible, local autonomy and control of the CCs





# Major System Issues in Year 2017

- Shortages of Skilled Workers in California
- Shortage of BA Degrees
  - Improve Transfer Rates
  - Improve Completion Rates
- Declining Enrollment
- Funding Retirement Benefits
  - PERS & STRS
  - OPEB
- Recruitment of Quality Employees



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