



HERE'S WHAT CALIFORNIANS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE COLLEGE-ACCESS PROBLEM

“California ranks 28th among the states in terms of the number of ninth graders who go on to graduate from college (only 17 out of 100 ninth-grade students). Closing the college door in the face of hundreds of thousands of young Californians who want to go on to higher education will make this dismal situation even worse. That is why I support the Campaign for College Opportunity.” – **Pat Callan, president, the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education**

“Think in practical terms. Who will provide us with healthcare services 10 or 15 years from now if we don't educate our young people for jobs as nurses, lab technicians and doctors?” – **Bruce G. Bodaken, chairman, president and CEO, Blue Shield of California**

“It is vital to the California economy and to the quality of life in our state that we educate all the young people in our state for the jobs that exist today and will exist tomorrow. For that reason, it is critically important that the Campaign for College Opportunity succeeds in reaching its goal.” – **Bill Hauck, president, California Business Roundtable**

“One of the greatest challenges I face as a community college president is trying to accommodate Californians who need the opportunities that community college can offer. Years of underfunding, budget cuts and reductions in classes have forced institutions to turn away thousands of students each year. California's colleges and universities are gateways to California's economic health. Access to them should be one of the state's top investments.” – **Dr. Constance M. Carroll, chancellor, San Diego Community College District**

“Millions of Californians are working long hours and still can't afford a decent quality of life for their families. We have to provide educational opportunities, and especially the chance to go to college, to help meet this crisis.” – **Eliseo Medina, executive vice president, Service Employees International Union, AFI-CIO**

“Information technology jobs are moving outside the U.S., as have manufacturing jobs in the past. But with a strong educational and research base in science and technology in California, we can create good, high-skill jobs that will stay in the state. For that to happen, it's imperative that we prepare an adequate number of students for college and ensure that they graduate. The Campaign for College Opportunity will help make this happen.” – **Karl S. Pister, chairman of the board, California Council on Science and Technology**

“The future of California's greatness may well be measured by the number of young people we educate. Now is the time to put our differences aside and find consensus.” – **Barry Munitz, president and CEO of J. Paul Getty Trust**