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LOS RIOS COLLEGES HIT ACCREDITATION HOME RUNS

Sacramento—The Los Rios Community College District was just notified by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) that all four of its colleges—American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City—have had their accreditations reaffirmed.

“Given that in recent years the accreditation process has become even more rigorous and data driven, this is truly an exceptional outcome,” said Los Rios chancellor Brice Harris. “I am so proud of our colleges and the excellent work they have done.”

Community colleges are accredited by WASC every six years. The process includes a year-long self-study during which a college looks at itself in light of the four accreditation standards used by WASC to evaluate every aspect of college operations, including: Institutional Mission and Effectiveness; Student Learning Programs and Services; Resources; and Leadership and Governance.

Following the self-study, an accreditation team visits the college for several days and reports to the WASC commission recommending a variety of possible actions. Each of the Los Rios colleges was visited by a team last October.

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“The Los Rios Board of Trustees couldn’t be happier,” said Los Rios board president Kay Albiani. “Our colleges have worked so hard to maintain high educational quality in spite of tremendous enrollment growth and some very difficult budget years.”

Highlights of comments made by the accreditation teams for each college follows:

ARC: “When we read the self-study our first impression was what was reported was too good to be true but now we know how good the college is. The culture is based on trust and transparency with faculty and staff working together for student success.”

CRC: “Cosumnes River College has a special physical and cultural environment. The campus is exceptionally well-cared for; and the culture of the college is collegial and prizes academic excellence and student success.”

FLC: “Folsom Lake is truly an exceptional college. The learning environment is fresh and new and the faculty, administration and staff work together toward a common goal of serving students.”

SCC: “It is clear that Sacramento City College has a great appreciation for the value of diversity, shared governance and for encouraging student participation in all aspects of the college. This reflects a great deal of mutual trust and respect.”

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