

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce that employers need and create pathways for Americans to catapult into in-demand, high-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable employers to develop and train their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience with a mentor, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recognizes the pivotal role educators, school counselors, and educational institutions serve in not only bringing awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities to students and parents, but also serving as training providers, program sponsors, and intermediaries.

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges advance Registered Apprenticeship as a cornerstone of equitable workforce development by aligning apprenticeship programs with certificate and degree pathways, including the community college baccalaureate degree in applied learning available at nearly half of our 11 California community colleges and a perfect fit as capstone to apprenticeship and career pathways for our students, ensuring that students can earn college credit while gaining paid, hands-on experience that leads to both a recognized credential and a degree; and in alignment with Vision 2030, the system is committed to expanding access and success for disproportionately impacted populations by integrating apprenticeships into clear pathways, strengthening employer and labor partnerships, and removing barriers to participation so that all Californians can benefit from high-quality education and career opportunities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Sonya Christian, Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, call upon stakeholders and partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote awareness and expansion during National Apprenticeship Week.

IN SUPPORT,



Dr. Sonya Christian, Chancellor, California Community Colleges