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Welcome to the 2009 Ensuring Transfer Success Counselor Institute. It is my hope that you will not only benefit from the practical information shared in the sessions today, but will feel inspired by the renewed attention to supporting California's transfer function.

In February this year, UC President Mark Yudof, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, and California Community College Chancellor Jack Scott announced their intention to develop plans to reinvigorate the state's historic commitment to the transfer of students from two-year colleges to four-year institutions, both for individual student opportunity and for the economic future of the state. Our goal is to help reduce the costs of obtaining a four-year degree for greater numbers of students, increase access to four-year institutions for underrepresented and educationally disadvantaged groups and recognize the fact that many students prefer to begin their college education at an institution close to home.

At a recent UC Board of Regents meeting, President Yudof said that "Expanding the opportunity for a four-year education is a critical need for California. We at the university can't just sit back and wait for them to come. We need to be actively involved, working in partnership with the other institutions of higher education, to help students pursue the transfer option and understand that it is achievable and affordable."

UC has followed up on the promise of access with an effort designed to address affordability. The Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan guarantees financial resources to low-income students.

"If your family makes less than \$60,000 a year and you have financial need, scholarships and grants will cover your fees. It's that simple."

UC President Mark Yudof

As always, the Ensuring Transfer Success Counselor Institute will provide you with the opportunity to engage in discussions of best practices, network with colleagues from the community colleges as well as the University of California, and to return to work with helpful tools to prepare prospective transfers for success at the University of California. We hope you end the day with a renewed sense that the work you do is both important and appreciated.

Our success in guiding students through higher education effectively and efficiently improves the career and financial opportunities for our students individually, but also serves the needs of the State, allowing us all to prosper. Thank you for joining us as we work together to strengthen the transfer path to the University of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy K. Sakaki".

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