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TO: Chief Executive Officers
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Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

**SUBJECT: Reissued Application to Participate in the California Community Colleges
Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program**

On September 28, 2014, California Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 850 (Block) authorizing the Board of Governors of the California's Community Colleges (BOG), in consultation with representatives of the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC), to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program at no more than 15 California Community Colleges. The Board of Governors was charged to develop a process for selection of the pilot programs.

The Chancellor's Office selected 15 colleges in the first round of the application process; 12 colleges received final approval from the Board of Governors on March 16, 2015, and two colleges are in consultation with the CSU and the Chancellor's Office. As the Chancellor's Office goal is to have 15 colleges in the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program, there is one opening and *potentially* two more (depending on the outcome of the consultation efforts).

Hence, the Division of Academic Affairs is announcing the second release of the Application to Participate in the California Community Colleges Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

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Please be aware of the following criteria of eligibility:

- Community college districts will be allowed to submit only one application.
- Community college districts that currently have a college participating in the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program are not eligible to apply.
- If the college or college district currently has accreditation sanctions, the college will not be eligible to request a required substantive change to offer a baccalaureate degree; therefore, the college is not eligible to apply.
- The selected degree must not be duplicative of courses and programs offered at the California State University and the University of California.

If a college applied in the first round but was not selected and would like to participate in this round, they do not need to submit another application. However, they may want to consider updating their application package and the college must inform the Chancellor's Office of their continued interest in the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program no later than April 16, 2015.

If a college is interested and meets the eligibility criteria, please submit an Application to Participate by using the attached application and forms.

Deadline for the Application:

Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 5:00 PM

Applicant's Webinar:

Thursday, March 26, 2015, at 11:00 AM

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will announce the selected Pilot Colleges in May 2015.

The application can be accessed on the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office website by accessing the Academic Affairs Division [Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program](#) page.

Please contact Jackie Escajeda at 916-327-2066 or jescajeda@cccco.edu, should you have any questions regarding the Application to Participate.

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