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North Orange Promise Offers Tuition-Free Education for First Two Years of College

Anaheim, Calif. –Beginning with the fall 2020 semester, the North Orange Promise Program will expand to offer tuition-free education for eligible students for two consecutive years—a substantial expansion of the current one year program.

The North Orange Promise pilot program was launched with nearly 1,800 students in the fall of 2018. In 2019 the North Orange Promise grew to serve 4,100 students from surrounding areas. In 2020, we'll be able to serve even more. "The North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) is so proud to be able to offer our students up to two years of outstanding higher education with zero tuition costs," said Dr. Cheryl Marshall, NOCCCD Chancellor. "We have seen firsthand what our amazing students can accomplish when they are supported in the right way."

NOCCCD, which includes Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuing Education, serves over 85,000 students from 12 local cities. Over 70% of our students are not able to afford college and must apply for some type of financial aid. The North Orange Promise intends to overcome financial barriers to ensure that the benefits of college education remain available to students of all backgrounds. Under the program, students who meet eligibility requirements can receive up to two years of their education completely free of tuition and health fees. Students must be:

- First-time college students
- High school graduates or accepted equivalency
- A California resident, AB540 or DREAM approved applicant

Once accepted into the North Orange Promise Program, students (at a minimum) must:

- Enroll full-time for at least 12 units in fall and spring semesters
- Complete a current financial aid (FAFSA/CADAA) application
- Develop a Student Education Plan with the help of our college counseling team
- Earn a minimum 2.0 grade point average in the fall semester to maintain status for the spring

The North Orange Promise is a last-dollar scholarship program, which means it meets any outstanding funding needs after federal and state aid programs have been applied. The program will cover students' credit fees, comparable to tuition, which are paid on every unit for which the student registers.

For more information on the North Orange Promise Program, go to <https://www.nocccd.edu/north-orange-promise>.

NOCCCD Background

Two of the state's premier colleges and most extensive continuing education program combine to provide the quality educational programming of the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD). Nearly 85,000 students enroll each term at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuing Education. College students are able to shape their futures in programs leading to associate degrees, vocational certificates, and transfer opportunities. Life-long learning also is possible in continuing education programs that range from high school completion and basic skills mastery through an array of vocational training and self-development courses. The NOCCCD campuses serve an area of over one million diverse people – each pursuing their own, unique ambitions.

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