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Free Tuition to Eligible Students through North Orange Promise

Anaheim, Calif. –Starting with the fall 2018 semester, select high school graduates will be able to attend Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuing Education without paying tuition through a new program known as the North Orange Promise.

The program is the latest in a growing number of similar programs at two-year colleges around the country. The California Community College system is the largest higher education in the U.S., with 2.1 million students attending 113 colleges. The North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) itself serves over 85,000 students from 12 local cities. Over 70% of our students are not able to afford college and need to apply for some type of financial aid. The North Orange Promise intends to lower barriers to ensure that the benefits of college attendance remain available to students of all backgrounds.

“We are dedicated to expanding the educational opportunities for our community,” said NOCCCD Chancellor Dr. Cheryl Marshall. “The North Orange Promise will ensure that college remains accessible for every student with the will to learn.”

Under the program, students who meet eligibility requirements will receive one year of their education completely free of tuition fees. Students must:

- Be a graduate of a campus from the Anaheim Union High School District or a graduate (within one year) of the North Orange Continuing Education High School Diploma Program.
- Complete financial aid applications.
- Maintain a 2.0 grade point average in the fall in order to be eligible for the Promise in the spring semester

Cypress College and Fullerton College Students:

- Register for a minimum of 12 units in both fall and spring semesters.
- Maintain a 2.0 grade point average in the fall in order to be eligible for the Promise in the spring semester.

North Orange Continuing Education Students:

- Be a former AUHSD student enrolled in a North Orange Continuing Education Career Technical Program.
- Demonstrate progress toward completion.

The program was launched at a fundraising event on October 19, 2017, during which Disneyland pledged a \$50,000 endowment to show its support of higher education and the North Orange Promise. “We applaud the North Orange County Community College District for launching the Promise program in the community we have called home for over 60 years,” said Jill Bolton, director of corporate citizenship, Disneyland Resort. “Our support is part of our long-standing commitment to Anaheim students and the education community.”

The North Orange Promise is a last-dollar scholarship program, which means it meets any funding need remaining after federal and state aid programs and private scholarships have been applied. The program will cover students’ credit fees, comparable to tuition, which are paid on every unit for which the student registers. Funding will be provided to each individual student for one academic year.

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.