

THE CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGES

The California State Colleges are a unique development of the democratic concept of tax-supported public higher education for all qualified students.

Spanning the state from Humboldt County in the north to San Diego in the south, the 17 campuses of the California State Colleges (with another campus soon to be constructed) represent the largest system of public higher education in the Western Hemisphere, and one of the largest in the world. Current enrollment exceeds 157,000 full- and part-time students. The faculty and administrative staff numbers approximately 8,000.

The individual colleges, each with a geographic, curricular and academic character of its own, offer a solid basic program in the liberal arts. Beyond this, each college is noted for its individuality in academic emphasis which makes for a diversified system. Course offerings leading to the bachelor's and master's degrees are designed to satisfy existing student interests and to serve the technical and professional manpower requirements of the state.

The California State Colleges are dedicated to rigorous academic standards. Constant striving for academic excellence is at the heart of the system. The primary responsibility of each faculty within the system is the instructional process on the teacher-student level, with appropriate recognition of the necessary and constructive role of research in any institution of higher education.

Responsibility for the California State Colleges is vested in the Board of Trustees, which is appointed by the Governor, and the Board's administrative arm, the Chancellor. The Trustees and the Chancellor set broad policy for the colleges while delegating considerable independent responsibility for implementation at the college level. A statewide Academic Senate, made up of representatives elected by the faculty at each college, acts as a consultative body to the Chancellor in the area of academic affairs.

Although the oldest of the colleges, San Jose State College, dates back a century, the California State College system under an independent Board of Trustees was created by the Donahoe Act of 1960. Formerly, the colleges were under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education.

Today, the California State Colleges are in a particularly dynamic period of their development. Prior to World War II, there were seven State Colleges with a peak total enrollment of some 13,000. Since 1947, ten new colleges have been developed; one is operating in temporary quarters in southwestern Los Angeles, and another has been authorized, to be located in Kern County. Enrollment in the system is expected to reach 225,000 by 1970.

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