How well are we preparing our young people for life after high school?

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The benefits and challenges of small schools, innovative ideas in career preparation, concern about retention rates among African Americans and Latinos, California’s exit exam, the impact of No Child Left Behind on teaching and A-G coursework for all students—all critical issues facing Californians. From educators and students to policymakers and parents and from the business community to the higher education community, how we approach and address these issues will ultimately impact California’s social climate, competitiveness and future in the global economy.

The 18th Annual Envisioning California Conference will bring together students, teachers, administrators, policymakers and others to discuss the many critical issues facing California’s high schools, to propose solutions to problems and to determine the outcomes necessary to move our high schools and the state forward.

The Conference will be enhanced by the inclusion of the Annual California Journalism Awards. Co-sponsored by the Center for California Studies and the Sacramento Press Club, the California Journalism Awards have, for twelve years, honored excellence in media coverage of state government and politics. The Awards for 2005 will be presented at the Friday lunch session.

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**
6:00–7:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception
The California Legacy Project—A Spoken Word Presentation
7:00–9:00 p.m.
Dinner and Keynote Address
Jack O’Connell, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**
Concurrent Panel Sessions
9:00–10:15 a.m.
• A View from the Trenches
• Retention rates: Why are so many young men disappearing from our schools?
• Schools as Political Terrain
10:30–11:45 a.m.
• The High School Exit Exam and the era of testing: Is it helpful or harmful for students and beneficial for the community as a whole?
• Improving Teacher Education for Pupil Success
• Restructuring High Schools: Opportunities and Challenges
12:00–1:30 p.m.
12th Annual California Journalism Awards, Lunch and Plenary Session with California Education Reporters
2:00–3:15 p.m.
• A-G: Is College Prep for Everyone?
• Measuring Success in our High Schools
• Innovative Ideas in Career Preparation
3:30–5:00 p.m.
Closing Plenary
Achieving a Shared Vision: Creating an Environment of Success
5:00–6:00 p.m.
Reception for conference attendees
6:30–8:00 p.m.
Capital Fellows Alumni Reception

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Service work at Burbank, Hiram Johnson and McClatchy High Schools, Sacramento City Unified School District

**Panelists**
- Russlynn Ali
  Education Trust-West
- Karen Benson
  Teacher Education, California State University, Sacramento
- B. Teri Burns
  Birdsall & Associates
- Todd Clark
  Constitutional Rights Foundation/Civic Mission of Schools
- Nancy Cleeland
  Los Angeles Times
- Brian Coaxum
  Franklin High graduate and sophomore at UC Merced
- Linda Darling-Hammond
  School of Education, Stanford University
- Odie Douglas
  Lodi Unified School District
- Mona Field
  Los Angeles Community College District & Glendale Community College
- John Fleming
  Hiram Johnson High School, Sacramento City Unified School District
- Arturo González
  Morrison & Foerster, LLP
- Jordan Horowitz
  WestEd
- Karen Humphrey
  California Postsecondary Education Commission
- Michelle Khayat
  Valley High School, Elk Grove Unified School District
- James Lanich
  California Business for Education Excellence
- Ted Lascher
  Public Policy and Administration, California State University, Sacramento
- Julie Mendoza
  UC College Prep Initiative
- Akili Moses Israel
  LEED Sacramento
- Linda Murray
  Education Trust-West
- Joe Nuñez
  State Board of Education
- Ida Oberman
  Springboard Schools
- Suzanne O’Keefe
  Department of Economics, California State University, Sacramento
- The Honorable Deborah Ortiz
  California State Senate
- Rose Owens-West
  WestEd
- Matt Perry
  Health Professions High School, Sacramento City Unified School District
- Jay Schenirer
  Capital Impact
- Ting Sun
  California Charter Schools Association
- Jill Tucker
  San Francisco Chronicle
- Granger Ward
  California AVID Center
- Kevin Weston
  Pacific News Service
- Lisa William-White
  Bilingual and Multicultural Education, California State University, Sacramento
- Helen Young
  The Young Center for Academic and Cultural Enrichment

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REGISTRATION FORM

Early Registration must be postmarked by Sept. 8, 2006.

I would like to register for the 18th Annual Envisioning California Conference.

Full Conference Registration—includes all panel/plenary sessions, receptions and meal events
☐ $105 Early Registration (by September 8)
☐ $125 Registration (postmarked after September 8)
☐ $95 Capital Fellow Alumni Affiliates
☐ $40 Student with valid ID

Daily Registration Rates
☐ $55 Thursday reception, dinner and keynote address
☐ $70 Friday only (includes all panel/plenary sessions and meal events)
☐ $25 Friday lunch and Journalism Awards
☐ $10 Capital Fellows Alumni Reception ($10 suggested donation)
☐ FREE Student registration with valid ID (panels only, no meals)
☐ FREE Saturday Service Work (lunch included)

Public School Educator Registration (with valid ID)
☐ $75 Full conference registration
☐ $30 Thursday reception, dinner and keynote address
☐ $50 Friday only (includes all panel/plenary sessions and meal events)

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