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### **CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH WOODLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The California Tribal College Board of Regents and the Yuba Community College District Board of Trustees announce a partnership focused upon providing quality higher education opportunities and resources to Native American students across the State. Beginning in January 2018, the California Tribal College (CTC) will be located at Woodland Community College (WCC) and will provide educational opportunities for Native and non-Native students to attain Tribal cultural and language enrichment through rigorous curricula. Courses and programs, grounded in the CTC's mission of "creating educational, research, and economic development opportunities by honoring Native ways of knowing" will prepare future Native business and Tribal leaders to succeed, strengthening sovereign Tribal governments. With support from more than 70 California Tribal governments and national and statewide tribal organizations, the California Tribal College has been working strategically with education experts and Tribal leaders for more than five years to lay the foundation for an enduring educational institution to serve the needs of Native students for generations to come.

Incorporated as a 501(c)(3), and overseen by a 13-member Board of Regents consisting of academic, tribal, and business leaders, the CTC began offering educational programs in 2015. To date, the CTC has offered five Certificate Programs in Tribal Leadership & Governance, and has provided over 250 certificates to community members, leaders, and professionals across the State. The CTC intends to develop a campus in the greater Sacramento region and will offer online learning programs to ensure access for students in remote areas. The CTC plans to offer two Associate Degree programs in Tribal Management and Tribal & Public Administration as early as Fall 2018.

CTC President, Dr. Billie Jo Kipp states, "The California Tribal College is quintessential to providing access to higher education to over 110 tribes in California. The partnership with Woodland Community College, which shares our values and mission, is unique in beginning the process for accreditation for CTC. This is a significant time of growth for the California Tribal College in addressing the educational and workforce landscape of Native Nations." WCC President, Dr. Michael White adds, "Woodland Community College has long enjoyed a wonderful relationship with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation through the Tribe's Community Fund, primarily in support of our Foster and Kinship Care Education program. It is an honor to now host and support our new California Tribal College colleagues. Woodland Community College, too, will benefit greatly by further developing all staff cultural competencies and enhancing a campus culture that embraces diversity."

To learn more information about the California Tribal College's progress and opportunities or for additional inquiries about the CTC, please visit, [www.californiatribalcollege.com](http://www.californiatribalcollege.com), or email [info@californiatribalcollege.com](mailto:info@californiatribalcollege.com).

**About Woodland Community College:** Woodland Community College (WCC), located at 2300 East Gibson Rd., Woodland, CA was accredited in 2008 as the 110th California Community College. The main campus in Yolo County as well as campuses in Lake and Colusa Counties provide educational opportunities for residents in Yolo, Colusa, Lake, and other nearby counties. In addition to transfer programs, WCC offers developmental courses, career-education (CE) and other life-long learning opportunities. For more information about Woodland Community College, please visit the website at [wcc.yccd.edu](http://wcc.yccd.edu)

