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SACRAMENTO, Calif. —California Community Colleges Board of Governors President Pamela Haynes and Interim Chancellor Daisy Gonzales, PhD, issued the following statements on Gov. Gavin Newsom’s appointment of Paul Medina from Compton Community College to serve on the California Community Colleges Board of Governors:

“We are delighted to welcome Paul Medina to the Board of Governors at this important time for our system and its 1.8 million students. He is filling an important seat representing students, who are at the core of our decision-making and policy design. Mr. Medina has a wealth of experience that will bring valuable insight as we continue to make progress toward the goals of the Vision for Success and help all students realize their educational dreams,” Haynes said.

"Our governance is strengthened when students participate in all levels of decision-making in the California Community Colleges, and their voices hold us accountable to our commitment to create universal belonging and success for students at our 116 colleges. Mr. Medina will help shape the future for our system and ensure that we empower the voices of students in the largest system of public higher education at a time that is critical to our state," Gonzales said.

Medina, 36, of Monterey Park is president of the Associated Student Government at Compton Community College, where he has served since 2022. He has also been a business development associate at Security National Mortgage Company since 2021. Medina was a student trustee on the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees in 2022 and was regional affairs director at the Student Senate for California Community Colleges from 2021 to 2022.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation, composed of 73 districts and 116 colleges serving 1.8 million students per year. California community colleges provide career education and workforce training; guaranteed transfer to four-year universities; and degree and certificate pathways. As the state’s engine for [social and economic mobility](#), the California Community Colleges supports the [Vision for Success](#), a strategic plan designed to improve student success outcomes, increase transfer rates and eliminate achievement gaps. For more information, please visit the [California Community Colleges website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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