

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kirk Uhler, Supervisor District 4

DATE: January 5, 2016

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** – Approve and present a Commendation recognizing Sierra College on their 80th Anniversary of focused quality instruction and elevating the excellence of their community.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Commendation recognizing Sierra College on their 80th Anniversary of focused quality instruction and elevating the excellence of their community.

BACKGROUND

Sierra College serves roughly 26,000 students each year serving all of Placer and Nevada counties and parts of El Dorado and Sacramento counties. Since its first days, the promise of Sierra College has been to facilitate learning, inspire change, and build community. The College continues this mission as it adapts to meet the ever-changing needs of students while promoting learning as a lifelong process. The College maintains high educational standards while keeping programs and services connected to the current needs of the region.

Through the commitment of the College's faculty and staff, Sierra College currently offers 83 associate degree programs, 78 certificate programs, a community education program and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program for retired community members. Evidence of Sierra College's success is demonstrated by the transfer of its students to four-year colleges and universities; Sierra College holds the number one transfer rate in Northern California to the University of California/California State University system. Sierra College is a regional asset, generating an annual economic impact of over \$164 million to the local economy, offers on-site workforce development training programs, internships and is one of the largest employers in the region with 1,120 employees.

This year marks Sierra College's 80th anniversary. Recognition of Sierra College's commitment to higher education throughout Placer County and the Sacramento Region is worthy of commendation and heartfelt congratulations.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING SIERRA COLLEGE ON THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOCUSED QUALITY INSTRUCTION AND ELEVATING THE EXCELLENCE OF THEIR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Sierra College serves roughly 26,000 students each year serving all of Placer and Nevada counties and parts of El Dorado and Sacramento counties; and

WHEREAS, since its first days, the promise of Sierra College has been to facilitate learning, inspire change, and build community. The College continues this mission as it adapts to meet the ever-changing needs of students while promoting learning as a lifelong process; and

WHEREAS, the College maintains high educational standards while keeping programs and services connected to the current needs of the region; and

WHEREAS, through the commitment of the College's faculty and staff, Sierra College currently offers 83 associate degree programs, 78 certificate programs, a community education program and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program for retired community members; and

WHEREAS, evidence of Sierra College's success is demonstrated by the transfer of its students to four-year colleges and universities; the College holds the number one transfer rate in Northern California to the University of California/California State University system; and

WHEREAS, Sierra College is a regional asset, generating an annual economic impact of over \$164 million to the local economy, offers on-site workforce development training programs, internships and is one of the largest employers in the region with 1,120 employees; and

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the College's 80th anniversary, recognition of the College's commitment to higher education throughout Placer County and the Sacramento Region is worthy of commendation and heartfelt congratulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer on behalf of the citizens of Placer County at a regular meeting held January 5, 2016 and hereby extends their congratulations to Sierra College on its 80th anniversary and offers our warmest wishes for its continued success.

Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
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