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### **College of the Siskiyous to Sign MOU with Chico State to Support Transfer Student Success**

Weed / COS – College of the Siskiyous and Chico State will come together Monday, April 29, 2024 in an incredible demonstration of solidarity to support transfer student success toward their educational futures. Chico State President Steve Perez and COS Superintendent/President Char Perlas will sign a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) to formalize dual admission and streamlined transfer for students interested in pursuing their bachelor’s degree at Chico State. They will be joined by other leaders from Butte College, Feather River College, Lassen Community College, Shasta College, Woodland Community College and Yuba College as they sign similar memoranda in a stunning demonstration of support for transfer students across our North State service region.

This guaranteed admission and accompanying support mechanisms lay the groundwork to simplify and ease transfer students’ pathways to pursue four-year degrees, credentials, and further education within their region.

"The College of the Siskiyous and Chico State’s Transfer Guarantee MOU strengthens the bridge between community colleges and universities, ensuring a smooth transition for students and solidifying our commitment to student success," said Superintendent/President Char Perlas. "For people in underserved communities, access to quality education can be a game-changer. It empowers them to secure better jobs, build brighter futures, and offers them a chance to break the cycle of poverty."

The benefits of the collaboration include that Chico State guarantees admission to students from those seven colleges as long as they meet minimum eligibility requirements and apply by published deadlines; Chico State will extend a dual admission program invitation through the Transfer Success Pathway (TSP) to eligible first-time, first-year applicants at the end of their high school career after being denied admission; that each college will establish a mechanism for early identification of students who are interested in transferring and schedule a campus tour for those students; and that Chico State educational opportunities will be promoted at the individual community college campuses.

"Chico State has long been proud and honored to be the comprehensive University of the North State, providing an exceptional and affordable education in an accessible and familiar campus for students across our 12-county service region," said President Steve Perez. "We want to ensure that any

student who wants a Chico State degree can earn one, and to build off the remarkable educations provided by our community colleges. For thousands of students every year, a community college is the right choice for starting their path to a four-year degree and we want to support them in taking that next step.”

A ceremonial signing will take place at Chico State University at 2 p.m., following a short program. After the event, tours will be offered of the Rural Affinity Center and the Transfer Student Success Center.