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Chabot College Hosts Grand Opening Celebration of El Centro Resource Center on Campus

*September 14 Festivities to Unveil Latino/Chicano
Resource Center That is Open to All*

(Hayward, CA) - Chabot College in Hayward will host a grand opening celebration of the El Centro (The Center) Chicano/Latino one-stop resource center on Thursday, September 14 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Students, staff, and the public are invited to the Bienvenida (Welcome) event at the new El Centro center in the south wing of Building 700 on the Chabot College campus at 25555 Hesperian Boulevard.

"I encourage students, staff, and the larger community around Chabot College to put the opening of the new El Centro center on your calendar," said Chabot College President Dr. Susan Sperling. "El Centro is a tangible example to our community, that we welcome diversity in all of its forms and that all people have the opportunity to reach their full educational potential regardless of their background or immigration status. El Centro will serve as our one-stop resource center which will offer a wide range of services, from help with registration, financial aid and tutoring to hosting workshops for parents. There is something for everyone."

The Bienvenida (welcome) event will feature an introduction of the center staff and information about El Centro's services, as well as information about a wide variety of programs and services available on the Chabot campus designed to support student access and success. Food will be provided with cultural entertainment by Mariachi Tapatio and Mexican Folklorico Los Laureles.

The center, which centralizes the experiences and cultural background of Chicanos/Latinos, provides services to all students focusing on low-income students who are the first in their family to attend college, staff, and community members. Services include tutoring, counseling, financial aid assistance, office hours with instructors in a variety of fields, a safe space study lounge with access to computers and printers, and special events to celebrate the diversity of our student body. With the assistance of a Title V U.S. Department of Education Grant, El Centro's goal is to transform lives through education and reduce the time to complete an educational goal of a certificate, associate degree and/or transfer to a four-year college or university. The center is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

About Chabot College

Chabot College in Hayward is a comprehensive community college in the heart of a thriving, diverse community where students of all ages and backgrounds can get a high quality education at an affordable price. The college awards associate degrees and certificates, and specializes in university transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities.

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