

**STATEMENT BY BOARD PRESIDENT TOM EPSTEIN
REGARDING LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AT CALBRIGHT COLLEGE**

January 13, 2020

Today, I have accepted the resignation of Calbright College CEO Heather Hiles, effective March 31, 2020. She will be on leave until that time. The board will appoint an interim CEO until a permanent replacement can be hired.

Our board appreciates the leadership provided by Ms. Hiles during her tenure as Calbright's chief executive officer. She led the launch of the start-up college that has already enrolled hundreds of students. Systems are in place to expand operations over time to meet the college's goal of providing flexible online job-based learning opportunities to help adult workers in California obtain the skills they need to advance their careers.

We look forward to working closely with the public officials who entrusted us with oversight responsibility of Calbright to make the college a success. We welcome the input and involvement of all stakeholders in the community college system, including colleges, students, faculty, classified staff, labor organizations, employers, foundations and advocacy groups.

Calbright has the potential to be a powerful resource to help millions of low-income and disadvantaged Californians move up the economic ladder. We are determined to fulfill that goal.

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About Calbright College increases economic mobility for working adults who lack easy access to traditional forms of higher education. We offer flexible, free skills-based programs that provide tangible economic value for both working adults and their future hiring managers.