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Rescue Higher Education: UC, CSU, Community Colleges Students, Faculty to March & Rally to Protest Cuts

On Monday, March 16th, thousands of UC, CSU and community college students, faculty, and staff will hold a news conference, march and rally in Sacramento to protest budget cutbacks, fee increases and layoffs. All segments of the higher education community will join together to protest the harm from the cuts at the state's public educational institutions. "In these difficult times of business closures, unemployment, and deficits, the opportunity for a college education is critical to the economic and social future of California. But our state government continues to place barriers in front of student success," says CFT Vice President Dean Murakami.

A news conference will take place just prior to the start of a march up Capitol Avenue for a rally at the State Capitol.

What: News Conference, March & Rally for Higher Education

**Who: Dean Murakami, CFT VP and Los Rios CCD faculty;
CA Student Assoc. of Comm. Colleges President
Richael Young;
Student Troy Carter, LRCCD;
Student Joshua Nielsen, President, Assoc. Student CCSF;
Axel Borg, UC Davis librarian**

**Where: Raley Field (outside right field entrance)
400 Ballpark Drive, West Sacramento**

When: 9:30 a.m., Monday, March 16, 2009

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