CITY COLLEGE TO HOST HUBU HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE

SAN DIEGO – January 29, 2016 – San Diego City College (SDCC) will host the first Hermanos Unidos Brothers United (HUBU) High School Conference on Thursday, February 4, “Empowering Men of Color.” The half-day event, piggybacking on the well-known HUBU events for college students, will feature inspirational keynotes and motivating workshops presented by respected Southern California educators.

“This event is one way we can share with young men of color that there are resources available to help them reach their academic goals,” said Elizabeth Vargas, SDCC’s Outreach Coordinator and chair of the conference. “Unfortunately, some of these young men do not have positive role models, so we at City College are doing our part to provide plenty of external inspiration and motivation.

After a continental breakfast and welcome from Dr. Anthony Beebe, SDCC president, attendees will enjoy two keynote speeches and choose two of five workshops to attend. Dr. Tyrone Howard, professor and associate dean at UCLA, and Dr. Enrique “Kiki” Ochoa, professor at Lincoln High School, will present the keynotes.

The five workshops — “The Importance of Education”; “Establishing a Culture of Success in STEM”; “Buying In, Never Selling Out: Embracing the Journey of Education; Why Race and Culture Matter in Education”; and “Come and Play: Forget About the Movement!” — will be led by Ise Lyfe, artist and educator; Rafael Alvarez, SDCC MESA Program director; Trimaine Davis of CSU Long Beach; Howard; and Ochoa. The event will end with a Tie Ceremony led by Mike Love, “Each One, Teach One.”

It is expected that 225 students from SDCC’s feeder high schools — Lincoln, Morse, Crawford, Hoover and San Diego High — will attend. Vargas sees the conference as an extension of the pre-enrollment services her office already provides at these high schools in order to facilitate their transition onto college.
“We look forward to welcoming these young men to City College and having the opportunity to motivate and encourage them on their path to higher education,” Beebe said. “This conference aims to inspire students through topics that address real-life issues.”

About San Diego City College
Established in 1914, San Diego City College serves as the educational cornerstone of downtown San Diego. A 60-acre urban campus, City College serves more than 16,000 students, offering 200 majors and degrees, 500 certificates and 1,800 classes. City College is part of the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), the second largest of California’s 72 community college districts, which also includes Mesa College, Miramar College and Continuing Education. For more information, visit www.sdcity.edu.