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CHANCELLOR JACK SCOTT TO SPEAK AT COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE FOUNDATION DINNER

JOSHUA TREE, Ca – In support of the 25th Anniversary of the CMC campus, the Copper Mountain College Foundation is holding their annual Fall Fundraising Dinner Saturday October 24, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Helen Gray Center in Joshua Tree.

Highlighting the evening will be an address by Dr. Jack Scott, Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. This will mark the first visit by Chancellor Scott to the Morongo Basin.

Few individuals can address public education in California and the current funding crisis with as much knowledge as Dr. Scott. For the last 13 years, Dr. Scott has represented California's 21st Senatorial District which includes Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank. As Chairman of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Education, he was responsible for approximately 48 percent of California's state budget.

Prior to his election to the State Senate, Dr. Scott served as President at Cypress College and Pasadena City College. He was the first person to be honored as President Emeritus of Pasadena City College.

"Twenty-five years ago CMC became the first California community college built from community donations," recalls CMC Trustee Board Member, Owen Gillick. "Now, 25 years later the Bell Center, which doubles the size of the campus, has come to fruition because of another commitment of support from our CMC Foundation Board and our community," adds Foundation President, Jane Smith.

Rarely, if ever, has public education and its funding been at such a critical point in California and the CMC Foundation's Fall Dinner is the perfect opportunity for the public to hear the Chancellor in a discussion of the crisis and its implications to our college.

In addition to housing CMC's theater, music, wellness and fitness programs, the Bell Center will be the single largest multi-use event venue in the Morongo Basin. "By your attendance at our Fall Dinner, you can help assist the Foundation in our campaign to properly equip this magnificent addition to the Morongo Basin," says Foundation board member and event chair, Cathy Larson.

Individual dinner tickets are \$125 each and sponsorships are available for companies or individuals. Tickets and sponsorships are available by contacting the CMC Foundation office at 760-366-3791 ext. 4200, or by visiting www.theCMCF.org. "There is no easier way to support your local college and have dinner with Chancellor Jack Scott. Please join us October 24, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Helen Gray Center in Joshua Tree," requests Larson.

For general information regarding Copper Mountain College visit us at www.cmccd.edu or call 760.366.3791.