

"We are thankful to the governor and the legislature for making higher education a priority this legislative session. After years of consecutive budget cuts, our institutions now have a more stable source of funds to better serve the students of this state. We will continue to seek additional dollars to support critical programs such as TOPS, and advocate for significant and sustainable funding sources to increase the educational attainment of our students in a competitive national economy."

> *~Commissioner Rallo* 6/24/16