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DOMINGUEZ HILLS	United States Department of Education
	Office of Post-Secondary Education
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FULLERTON	Dear Dr. Minor:
HUMBOLDT	Thank you for your letter dated December 5, 2014. Please allow me to inform you that we have taken positive steps to initiate meaningful dialogue between the seven
LONG BEACH	California State University (CSU) Institutions funded through the Hispanic Serving Institutions-Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (HSI-STEM) and Articulation
LOS ANGELES	Title III Part F program administered through your office. While we are still in the planning stage, I am pleased to inform you that we aim to organize a STEM education
MARITIME ACADEMY	summit between not only the participating HSI-STEM campuses, but also the eight CSU campuses participating in our "STEM Collaboratives" project funded by the Helmsley
MONTEREY BAY	Charitable Trust. Our invitation for participation was received enthusiastically by the academic leadership on all the campuses, in recognition of the pivotal importance of the
NORTHRIDGE	CSU system in meeting national expectations as a leader in promoting graduation success in Hispanic and other underserved student populations. We have tentatively set a
POMONA	date of April 8 for the summit, which will be held at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
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	Additionally, we intend to invite proven campus leaders with a history of improving
SAN BERNARDINO	STEM degree attainment through some of our other externally funded, student-focused minority programs such as NIH BUILD, MARC-U-STAR, BRIDGES and RISE, as well
SAN DIEGO	as STEM teacher education programs such as the NSF funded Robert Noyce Program.
SAN FRANCISCO	The summit will provide a focused forum to share longitudinal information on the successful outcomes of interventions applied through these various programs. Our hope
san José	is that the discussions will enable us to distill some of the best evidence-based practices for advancing STEM degree attainment. Equally importantly, we anticipate that the
SAN LUIS OBISPO	results from this and successive summits will help inform a strategic plan for the implementation of sustainable, cost effective practices that are scalable across the CSU
SAN MARCOS	system. Naturally, we will share our findings with the hope of assisting not only other HSI-STEM grantees but also other HSI and MSI designated institutions in meeting our
Sonoma	collective obligation to eliminate the achievement gap between our conventional and underserved student populations.
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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Education for its continued commitment in supporting the educational success of our growing Hispanic population through programs such as the HSI-STEM.

Sincerely, u

Timothy P. White Chancellor

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