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HISTORIC AGREEMENT HELPS FOSTER CHILDREN GO TO COLLEGE

*San Diego County Health & Human Services Agency,
California State University San Marcos Sign Memorandum of Understanding*

- WHAT:** San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding that will guarantee foster children admission to CSUSM if they meet admissions standards.
- WHO:** San Diego County HHSA Director Jean Shepard
California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) President Karen Haynes
Melissa J., former foster youth
- WHEN:** 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
- WHERE:** Craven Hall, 5th Floor, President's Conference Room
California State University San Marcos
222 Twin Oaks Valley Road
San Marcos, CA
- WHY:** This agreement will lead to more opportunities for foster youth to pursue post-secondary educations and help them attain greater levels of achievement, lifelong learning and independence that they may not have otherwise had. CSUSM will also be establish a program to help foster youth prepare for university life. HHSA and CSUSM have a similar agreement in place for foster youth that attend San Pasqual Academy. This historic agreement expands that opportunity to all San Diego County foster youth.
- VISUALS:** Giant pens to sign the Memorandum of Understanding

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