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## **El Camino College Announces Commencement Speaker: Dr. F. King Alexander**

El Camino College recently announced that Dr. F. King Alexander, president of California State University, Long Beach will address the Class of 2007 at the 60th Annual Commencement Ceremony scheduled for June 9.

“We are honored to have Dr. Alexander speak at our college’s 60<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremony,” said Dr. Thomas M. Fallo, president of El Camino College. “He is truly dedicated to academia and especially higher education. We are certain our students will appreciate the insights offered by this prominent scholar and administrator.”

Dr. Alexander became Long Beach’s sixth president in 2006 after serving for five years as president of Murray State University in Kentucky. California State University, Long Beach is the nation’s 25th largest university and is recognized as a “university of choice” among students throughout California and the western United States.

In addition to his administrative and teaching experience, Dr. Alexander has also served as a reviewer, an editorial board member, a university instructor and faculty member, and is a widely respected scholar in the field of higher education finance and economics. His research on university revenue and expenditure patterns has been featured in *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Australian*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Dr. Alexander’s efforts to improve federal higher education policy has contributed to the development of Congressional legislation advancing the “net tuition concept” in order to enhance public accountability and future funding of higher education institutions.

His academic background includes a doctorate in higher education administration and finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was honored with the School of Education’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2002. Dr. Alexander also has a master’s degree from the University of Oxford, England in comparative education policy; and a bachelor’s degree from St. Lawrence University in political science.

A Foundation Fellow at Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, Dr. Alexander is also a faculty affiliate at the Cornell University Higher Education Research Institute (CHERI). He has also served on the Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee, both in Kentucky and Illinois.

Dr. Alexander has published numerous book chapters and journal articles on a variety of topics in higher education and has presented at conferences and summits. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities; United Way of Kentucky, Board of Directors; American Council on Education, Policy Advisory Committee; Association for the Study of Higher Education; Association for Institutional Researchers; and the American Association of University Professors.

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