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**ASSEMBLYMEMBER PHILIP TING (AD-19) RECOGNIZED FOR STUDENT-CENTERED PANDEMIC RESPONSE**

**Sacramento, CA** – The Campaign for College Opportunity recently recognized Assemblymember Philip Ting (AD-19) during their second annual Legislative Dean’s List Reception. Assemblymember Ting was honored with ***Distinction in Courageous Pandemic Response*** for his leadership in developing timely and efficient budgets that ensured adequate funding for our California colleges and universities amid a global pandemic. Assemblymember Ting, who serves as chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, worked to protect financial aid levels for California students and to ensure the availability of emergency funding to community college and undocumented students during a time of tremendous financial uncertainty amongst students.

“Assemblymember Ting’s work on the 2020-21 State Budget recognized the urgent need for state leaders to protect college access and success for thousands of students with dreams of earning a college degree, particularly Latinx and Black students who have been disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic,” said Jessie Ryan, executive vice president of the Campaign for College Opportunity. “We commend Assemblymember Ting for leading our state to make these important investments that will support our students to continue and complete their education.”

Assemblymember Ting’s *Distinction in Courageous Pandemic Response* award was presented by Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Vice President of Systemwide Affairs of the California State Student Association. He was honored on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Campaign for College Opportunity’s second annual Legislative Dean’s List Reception, a virtual event celebrating the extraordinary work of Californian legislators and staffers for their commitment to increasing college access and success, ensuring racial equity, and prioritizing higher education. Other honorees included Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber, Los Angeles County Supervisor (2<sup>ND</sup> District) Holly J. Mitchell, Assemblymember Jose Medina (AD-61), and Aleksandra Reetz, policy advisor to the California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis. The event welcomed higher education leaders and advocates, elected officials, civic leaders, and students from across the state to honor outstanding legislative leaders for their efforts.

Watch the event recording [here](#).