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MEDIA ADVISORY

CA Secretary of State Alex Padilla, AICCU to Announce Historic Partnership to Register Students to Vote

SAN JOSE - California Secretary of State Alex Padilla will announce a historic partnership between the Secretary of State's office and the [Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities \(AICCU\)](#) via a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to be signed at Santa Clara University.

The MOU is part of the Secretary of State's [California Student Vote Project](#) which encourages campuses to offer voter registration opportunities through their student portals as well as send all-campus emails and notifications about the importance of voting before voter registration deadlines and elections. Campuses are also urged to implement best practices for on-the-ground voter education and registration efforts at campus housing and other high-traffic areas on campus. AICCU will join the University of California, the California State University and the California Community Colleges as members of the California Student Vote Project.

AICCU is comprised of 78 private nonprofit colleges and universities, which make up the Independent California Colleges and Universities sector. The core mission of these institutions is to improve lives through higher education by honoring a deep commitment to the public good and by embracing diversity. ICCU institutions range from large nationally-ranked research universities to small faith-based colleges.

WHO: **Alex Padilla**, California Secretary of State
Kristen Soares, President of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU)
Michael Engh, S.J., President, Santa Clara University
Samantha Perez, Student Body President-Elect
Santa Clara University Marching Band & Mascot
Santa Clara University Students, Faculty and Staff Members

WHEN: Thursday May 17, 2018 at 10:45 AM

WHERE: Santa Clara University (Next to Bronco statue)
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053

VISUALS: Official signing ceremony, pep rally and marching band performance.

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