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Greetings from Blythe, where I am attending two graduations for students inside state prisons. Knowing that we're providing a pathway for success upon release instead of the near certainty of a return trip to prison makes me feel extremely proud of the faculty, staff, administrators and trustees of Palo Verde College who didn't let the critics get in the way.

These are difficult times, but, [as I told the Merced college graduates Friday night](#), the success of our students and the job that our faculty, staff and administrators do on our campuses gives us the motivation needed to keep fighting in Sacramento. I'm sure that many of the students leaving campus in cap and gown are two much in the clouds to say it, but on behalf of them, thank you.

Thank you for helping us far exceed our goal of 10,000 Calls for College yesterday. When we stopped the tally at midnight, 16,289 calls had been made. Check out the list of the legislators called the most below!

This morning at 10 a.m., the governor will address a joint session of the Legislature to plead with them for quick action on the budget. You can [watch his speech online](#).

The Budget Committee is expected to deliberate on education issues on Thursday, although the schedule seems to be constantly changing. If you weren't able to make a phone call yesterday, I encourage you to [make a call today](#), or [fax a letter](#).

[10,000 Calls - Who was called?](#)

Here are the legislators that received the most number of phone calls, as recorded as made on the League site:

1. SD39-Christine Kehoe: 726 calls made
2. AD76-Lori Saldana: 687 calls made
3. SD01-Dave Cox: 592 calls made
4. AD03-Dan Logue: 557 calls made
5. AD04-Ted Gaines: 515 calls made
6. SD04-Samuel Aanestad: 418 calls made
7. SD29-Bob Huff: 327 calls made
8. SD06-Darrell Steinberg: 302 calls made
9. SD11-Joe Simitian: 264 calls made
10. SD24-Gloria Romero: 249 calls made
11. SD05-Lois Wolk: 242 calls made
12. SD07-Mark DeSaulnier: 236 calls made
13. SD15-Abel Maldonado: 231 calls made
14. AD14-Nancy Skinner: 230 calls made
15. AD02-Jim Nielsen: 218 calls made

16. AD09-David Jones: 200 calls made
17. AD57-Ed Hernandez: 198 calls made
18. AD60-Curt Hagman: 196 calls made
19. AD26-Bill Berryhill: 195 calls made
20. SD28-Jenny Oropeza: 194 calls made

Check out the full list at <http://www.ccleague.net/act/10000calls.html>.

Thank you for sharing your voice for college access,

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