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## Greetings from Sacramento

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am honored to write to you in my new capacity as Interim Executive Director of the California Council on Science and Technology.

So much of CCST's success today owes to Susan Hackwood's trailblazing leadership. For 23 years as executive director, Susan was a mentor, connector, and innovator, guiding CCST to establish new partnerships and new ways to help science inform policy in California. I am thankful for all that Susan has done to nurture our staff and grow our organization - and I look forward to continuing to call on her for advice and friendship in the years to come.

Susan's career is but one of many achievements and highlights we will be celebrating this September - the 30th anniversary of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 162 (Farr, 1988), which called for the creation of CCST to "respond appropriately to the Governor, the Legislature, and other relevant entities on public policy issues significantly related to science and technology."

CCST has been running on all cylinders during this anniversary year. In February, we relaunched our CCST Science & Technology Week and hosted our inaugural CCST Leadership Awards. This summer, we welcomed eminent scientists UCLA Chancellor Emeritus Al Carnesale and UC Davis Distinguished Professor Alexandra Navrotsky to the CCST Board of Directors, while giving thanks to retiring champions like Susan Hackwood and Bruce Alberts. This autumn, we will participate in the historic Global Climate Action Summit hosted by Governor Jerry Brown in San Francisco, and we will welcome the 10th Anniversary Class of our CCST Science & Technology Policy Fellowship.

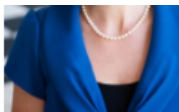
All of this is made possible through our partnerships with an incredible network of experts and champions - as well as by our talented, driven staff at CCST headquarters on K Street in Sacramento. I am especially proud to recognize Sarah Brady, who has been promoted from Director of Policy Engagement to Interim Deputy Director at CCST. Sarah will work closely with me to oversee our CCST projects and programs, and ensure that CCST proactively and appropriately fulfills its science advice mission serving state leaders here in Sacramento.

In complement, Christine Casey has been promoted to Director of Partner Engagement - a new role tasked with nurturing dialog across CCST's amazing partner institutions. Christine will ensure that CCST keeps pulse of innovations and developments across our university, college, and federal laboratory partners, so that we may effectively call upon them as technical advisors and highlight their resources whenever possible.



That Sarah and Christine are both graduates of our CCST Science Fellows Program is a testament to our important work at CCST, and I invite you to stay connected with CCST as our anniversary year continues on. We have so much more to share with you - the best is yet to come.

Amber Mace, PhD  
Interim Executive Director



## News from CCST



### UC Davis Distinguished Professor Alexandra Navrotsky and UCLA Chancellor Emeritus Albert Carnesale Join CCST Board

"Their deep insights and experiences into the societal importance of science and technology will greatly inform CCST's mission and service to State leaders in California," says CCST Board Chair Charles F. Kennel PhD. Read more about Dr. Carnesale and Dr. Navrotsky's careers:

[Read the CCST Press Release](#)  
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### UCSF's Bruce Alberts Retires from CCST Board of Directors

Longtime CCST champion and famed UCSF biochemist Bruce Alberts PhD is retiring from the CCST Board of Directors after twelve years of service. Alberts was a vocal and instrumental supporter for the creation of the CCST Science Fellows and CalTAC programs.

[Read the CCST Story](#)



### Grad Students and Postdocs: Apply for the CCST Climate Science Translators Showcase by July 29th!

We are recruiting presenters for our next CCST Science Translators Showcase, to be held in conjunction with the Global Climate Action Summit (#GCAS2018) hosted by Governor Jerry Brown in San Francisco in September 2018! Application and audition video are due Sunday, July 29th. Please see application link and FAQ for eligibility and instructions:

[Find the Press Release and Link](#)



### Brady, Casey Appointed New CCST Roles

Sarah Brady PhD has been appointed Interim Deputy Director and Christine Casey PhD has been appointed Director of Partner Engagement - proud career marks for both of these CCST Science Fellows alumni. Read about their new duties in the Sacramento Business Journal:

[Sarah Brady Announcement](#)  
[Christine Casey Announcement](#)

## Our CCST Science Fellows



### Learn About the CCST Science Fellows Program at #ESA2018 in New Orleans

2018 CCST Science Fellow Dylan Chapple PhD will share insights about our program at the Ecological Society of America's 2018 Annual Meeting, during a Wednesday session showcasing science policy fellowships and careers.

[Find the Session Date and Time](#)

## Science Policy Beyond California



### Massachusetts Senate Calls for Fellowship Program

On July 12, Massachusetts Senate President Harriette Chandler (First Worcester) and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (First Essex and Middlesex) presented a resolution calling for a science policy fellowship program to planning team lead (and former CCST Science Fellow) Professor Nathan Phillips. Learn more:

[Share the Photos on Twitter](#)  
[Watch the Floor Session Video](#)

## CCST In Pictures



**UC Lick Observatory Celebrates 130th Anniversary:** On July 23rd, Senator Bob Wieckowski, Senator Jim Beall, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, Assemblymember Kansen Chu, and U.S. Representative Zoe Lofgren joined UC Santa Cruz Chancellor George Blumenthal and Lick Observatory Staff to the celebration of the famed observatory's opening in 1888. Owned and operated by the University of California, the observatory serves astronomers from all eight UC astronomy campuses (Berkeley, Davis, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Diego, Irvine, and Riverside) as well as the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Lick users range in age from undergraduates to the most senior and eminent astronomers in the UC System. (Photo courtesy of Office of California State Senator Bob Wieckowski)

- [Retweet the Photo from Senator @BobWieckowskiCA](#)
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- [Read the History of the Lick Observatory.](#)



**CCST Science Fellows Visit OEHHA:** On June 29, our 2018 CCST Science & Technology Policy Fellows got to visit with Director Lauren Zeise PhD and the talented scientists and public health researchers at the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). Getting to know California's state science agencies is a key part of our fellowship enrichment experience - deepening the Science Fellows' understanding of different government branches and opening doors to potential future careers.

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**A Science Fellows Program for the Commonwealth:** Pictured above is the resolution presented to the Massachusetts state fellowships planning team by Massachusetts State Senate President Harriette Chandler, inviting and encouraging nonpartisan, nonprofit scientific institutions and allies "to convene a planning process and engage with legislators in Massachusetts for the establishment of a non-partisan science and technology legislative fellows program." A fantastic milestone made possible in part via the CCST State Fellowships Planning Grant funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and Simons Foundation. (Photo courtesy of Nathan Phillips)

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