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CALIFORNIA WRITING PROJECT

Dear Friends:

Thirty-five years ago, James R. Gray launched an educational movement on the University of California, Berkeley campus—the Bay Area Writing Project. This influential project has grown from a single campus-based program to become the California Writing Project, a statewide network that includes 17 university-based projects, nine of which are housed on University of California campuses.

The California Writing Project improves student writing by putting teachers at the center of classroom reform and by inspiring teachers to become writers themselves. The writing project summer institute is legendary for its impact on teachers' work. Teachers prepare in the summer institute for leadership roles and conduct programs for their colleagues that guide reflection on teaching and learning. The California Writing Project also sustains robust state and local networks of teachers who support each other to improve practice and to address emerging educational challenges in California. These include the literacy of English learners, including migrant communities, the preparation of students for college and the workplace as well as digital literacy education.

On behalf of the University of California, I would like to congratulate the California Writing Project on its 35th anniversary. I also want to thank the directors and teacher leaders for their contribution to Pre/K-16 classrooms. We recognize your dedication and encourage you to stay connected and help the University continue this important work.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mark G. Yudof
President