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July 8, 2009

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the California Writing Project on the 35th anniversary of its creation. The history of the California Writing Project (CWP) is long and storied. It was the first of the Subject Matter Projects to be established in California, and the model for all future projects. When James Gray and his colleagues founded the Bay Area Writing Project in 1974, they created a movement that resulted in the formation of both the California Writing Project (CWP) and the National Writing Project. During the last 35 years the CWP has brought thousands of teachers together from all levels to improve their own and their students' writing. Its impact has been felt across California and the nation.

The California State University is currently host to eight CWP sites and one satellite. Writing is one of the most important skills that students bring to postsecondary education and the world of work. Good writing is the hallmark of clear thinking and effective communication. Our partnership with the project manifests our commitment to P-12 education and the preparation of educated, responsible people to contribute to California's schools, economy, and future.

Congratulations, again, as you celebrate this significant anniversary and many more years of "teachers teaching teachers."

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Charles B. Reed
Chancellor