## Free tuition for select LTCC students

Starting this fall, all first-time, full-time California residents or AB540 eligible students attending Lake Tahoe Community College will pay zero tuition their first year.

The Lake Tahoe College Promise is available to any student who is attending college for the first time.

"Finances can be a huge barrier for those considering a posthigh school education," Jeff DeFranco, LTCC's president, said in a press release. "We are proud to be a leader in this movement of opportunity by providing a first-rate, affordable education that equips students with the skills to attain a good-paying job, transition to a four-year institution either on our campus or elsewhere, or advance in their current careers."

In addition to free tuition for a year for qualifying students, LTCC also offers a range of campus resources and programs that can help students achieve success. Among these is the Open Educational Resources Initiative, which works to supply free or reasonably priced textbooks and other course materials. Other resources include laptop rentals, unlimited free bus transportation within the South Shore, free tutoring and mentoring services, writing help, and academic counseling.

For more information about the Lake Tahoe College Promise or Lake Tahoe Community College, go **online**.