

Calaveras County's biggest asset is agriculture. With open fields and people interested in pursuing a career in agriculture, there is potential for a booming economy. The problem is that Calaveras has an unevolved education system as well as a lack of job opportunities.

Currently, the only jobs available for young people are those that require a high school degree. Times have changed, more and more people are seeking a higher education but Calaveras County has not moved past preparing students to successfully graduate high school. Students in Calaveras County grow up surrounded by agriculture, they have an interest in the field, but to further their education they have to leave for college. If we were to open a community college offering agricultural degrees, students would stay in the area because they want to give back to their community and build a future there. It would also attract students from surrounding towns to come to this campus. A community college would also create new job opportunities.

Professors will want to work and live in Calaveras County because of the promising education system. Bringing students into the area would allow more money to flow into the county. This money can be used to create and maintain agriculture based classes in the high schools. Additionally, this would allow the county the opportunity to give teachers a higher salary, attracting aspiring teachers. The increase in college students and families residing in the area, will also create a high demand in other professions. An increased need for doctors will lead to the establishment of new clinics. This will attract aspiring doctors, and nurses. Building a community college will also open a market for engineering firms to construct housing and consult with farmers to create effective farming methods.

The opening of these business will not affect Calaveras County's historical sites or bring a massive population to the towns. Instead, these jobs will be filled by people from Calaveras County who have been forced out of the area due to a lack of jobs. The goal of expanding the

education system in Calaveras is to create more jobs for people who grew up here. This will cause Calaveras to better their economy, spending on something that will create an economic return. This successful economy will rely on agriculture. A more diverse economy will allow farmers to produce more of their products. A community college that has a great agricultural program, will better prepare students for jobs in that field. Other jobs that are created will support Calaveras County's agricultural economy.

Calaveras County's community loves everything about where they live. They are proud of the agricultural business that interests their young people. These people however can't plan a future in their hometowns because there is a poorly constructed education system and a lack of jobs. Opening a community college would inspire more young people to stay in the county to pursue a career in agriculture and be able to share their childhood experiences with their own children.