



DR. REED BUFFINGTON

In 1961, Reed became the Superintendent of the South County Community College District and President of the newly-created Chabot College in Hayward, a position he would hold for 20 years.

Reed was a staunch advocate of the community college concept. The building of Chabot College and the quality of its faculty and programs were some of the things of which Reed was most proud. During this time, he was also President of the California Junior College Association, Chairman of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges, Member of the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges, and on the board of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

In 2010, the Visual and Performing Arts Center at Chabot College was renamed the Reed L. Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center. At that time, a resolution was introduced into the California State Assembly commending Reed for his accomplishments in the area of education and a tribute to him was read into the United States Congressional record.

In 1981, Reed retired from Chabot College. He created an endowment to be used by the college (and later by both colleges) to present an award each year to a faculty member for all-around excellence in their teaching career. This award is considered the most prestigious honor a faculty member can receive.

After retirement, Reed became a driver for the Volunteer Wheels program operated by the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County. He spent 12 years driving and 19 years on the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Center.

In his memoirs, Reed stated, "It is for others to judge us but whatever else we may say, we have been honorable, honest, and responsible".