

Leave that name alone

I ENJOYED reading Maria Ochoa's My Word ("University missing the point with proposed name change," Dec. 1). She had many valid and heartfelt points in opposition to the name change. It's beginning to seem a little redundant that this topic is still an issue; however, I haven't had my say yet.

Forget about all who flock to the so-called "commuter school;" think about those who are from the area and deserve their school to have the title of their hometown. Being a graduate of Tennyson High School, Chabot Community College and attending Eden Area ROP for a course, I am more than exuberant that I will be attending my first course toward my master's degree in public administration come Jan. 5.

There is a lot in a title, and taking Cal State Hayward away from the institution is an insult, not to mention a waste of funds and energy. Take it from this local girl, removing "Hayward" from the title is like adding insult to injury. We already have poor performing public schools, fragmented development and a bad traffic rap — leave the positives about Hayward intact.

Oddly, this whole name-change waste of breath seems to come at a suspicious time when CSUH is getting some of its highest recognition and rankings ever. I hope that

this Hayward triple graduate gets to cross the stage at a school that's earned its name.

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