California Community Colleges

SYSTEM WEBINAR SUMMARY (Dec. 2023): CELEBRATING 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This webinar focused on Celebrating Courageous Leadership across the California Community Colleges and our accomplishments in 2023. Guest presenters included Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen, SSCCC; Cheryl Aschenbach, ASCCC; Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, FACCC; Eric Ramones, ACCCA/ACHRO; Mark Sanchez and Zaneta Salde Encarnacion, Southwestern College.

What are Key Accomplishments of Consultation Council Members in 2023?

- SSCCC: Remarkable turnout of ~400 students at recent Advocacy Academy event and significant strengthening of our connections with students across the system.
- ASCCC: Ongoing commitment to Inclusive Diversity, Equity, Access, and Accountability (IDEAA), establishing Strategic Directions 2023-2026, collaborating with intersegmental partners on CalGETC and transfer alignment, delivering high-impact professional learning events, and planning for many more in 2024 to support Vision 2030.
- FACCC: Sponsored successful legislation that adds MESA to statute and increases funding (SB 444) and removed barriers for students who use an ITIN (SB 467), and planning to support Vision 2030 through offering scholarships for the Great Teachers Seminar and our legislative advocacy.
- ACCCA/ACHRO: Enhanced our partnerships with many groups, focused on a pipeline for faculty and staff to become administrators, intentional efforts to embed DEIA in our programs and conference, developed a Social Justice Career Advancement Program (information to come!), and helped with EEO diversity efforts including training modules.

What are Some Key Opportunities Systemwide for 2024?

- The state of our system is strong, but the state of our untapped opportunity is even stronger – 80% of high school students not yet in dual enrollment, 6.8 million Californians with high school diploma but no college degree are just two examples.
- It's the era of partnerships, and we're mobilized to work with industry, labor and nonprofits to bring education and career training to those who need them most.
- Well positioned to play a central role in climate action, a leadership role in strengthening the care economy, and engaging fully in generative AI.

How is Southwestern College Approaching Vision 2030?

- Positive things are happening - spring enrollment is up and so is Pell Grant receipt/disbursal; expect to exceed pre-pandemic enrollment by fall 2024.
- The college is participating in San Diego Regional EDC's 2030 Inclusive Growth Framework focused on adding 20,000 skilled workers per year to the region's talent supply through investing in Latino and Black student success.
- The college is focused on challenging our systems and structures we've been using for a long time that have not been working to achieve progress for students of color.
- Partnerships are a big part of our efforts to achieve regional goals, including the University Now Initiative in partnership with the City of Chula Vista, employers, and education partners to identify the academic programs needed to meet regional workforce demand using the Talent Pipeline Management model.
- The initiative includes strategic partnerships with public and private universities to increase bachelor's degree options for our students. We are identifying opportunities to create needed programs that do not exist through collaborations or our own baccalaureate degree programs.
- AB 91 offers new options for our bi-national region and for cross-border educational partnerships and international learning experiences for our students.
- The college is working to maximize financial aid and reduce units to completion, including a partnership with National University for a free bachelor's degree with ADT and a partnership with Sweetwater USD on STEM Early College dual enrollment.

What are Some Opportunities to Learn About Important Work of the System?

- See the opening slideshow of the system's 2023 accomplishments at the beginning of the recording for this webinar
- Register for 2024 systemwide webinars – first one will be on January 10 (registration page available soon!)
- First Virtual Student Housing Professional Development Forum, January 25, 2024, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Equitable Hiring Practices Curriculum *
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