



San José · Evergreen Community College District

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## Message from Chancellor Budd

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Dear District Community,

What a great first few months!

It has been a very exciting first few months in my new position as Chancellor of the San José · Evergreen Community College District. I want to thank all of you for making me feel so welcome.

Thank you all for what you do on a daily basis to provide our students a great place to learn and prepare for a more successful future.

Please take a moment to review this newsletter as I share with you some of the activities of the past few months. We will be providing regular communication on what has recently been taking place in my work with you and the community.







## New Foundation Director

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I am looking forward to working closely with our new foundation director, Dr. Steve Meneses, as we expand our outreach and marketing campaign for fundraising of the San José Promise. As was evidenced through the presentation at the January 27 Board meeting, I think we have an individual who will bring great experience and insights on how we can grow our foundation to serve even more students.

## Accreditation

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These next few months are extremely important to ensure all our constituent groups are involved in the completion of the self-evaluation report and the quality focused essay. As I have always said, it is extremely important to have a strong report but equally important to have evidence which supports and validates that we continue to meet accreditation standards. We need to ensure we complete the updates to all Board Policies and Administrative Procedures, and that we have evidence of our planning and student learning outcome processes and assessment of those processes and cycles.

I have met with both college Presidents about the importance of our focus on the completion of their Institutional Self Evaluation Reports for a successful visit in Fall 2016.

Vice Chancellor Garcia is working on the Functions Map for college and district functions as part of our report, and President Yong was on a team visit this Spring with the new process. I have asked him to share with everyone the similarities of this evaluation process as well as the changes, of which one is the Quality Focused Essay, in which the College is asked to discuss two or three areas it has identified for further study, improvement, and to enhance academic quality, institutional effectiveness, and excellence.

This will be shared in their Accreditation reports to the Board, and we will review this new process at our upcoming Board Retreat.

## Data-Driven Decision Making

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A big part of validation of institutional effectiveness is ensuring that we make data driven decisions. Dr. Hawley and her team have done great work in validating the data, and we will need to ensure it is at the fingertips of all our constituent groups so that it can be used in discussion and decision-making.

## Increase Transfer

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I look forward to working with both colleges to ensure we have programs in place to assist our students in transfer to both the CSUs and UCs, and that all students know the possibilities for scholarships and receive assistance to complete their essays for UC and private institution admissions. We will review our data so that we make certain all students have the ability to transfer and that we close the opportunity gap.

## Updates to Board Policies and Procedures

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The Policy and Procedure update project is underway. Rosalie Ledesma will continue to manage this project and will bring policy revisions to the Board of Trustees as each chapter has been received from Jane Wright, CCLC consultant, and discussed with the responsible management and staff, and reviewed with all constituent groups through the District Council and Academic Senate when appropriate.

I have talked with both Presidents about bringing in the former District Academic Senate President from the Peralta Community College District, who was instrumental in working with the faculty as we develop the updates to Chapters 4 and 5 of our Board policies and procedures. As both of these chapters focus primarily on academic and professional matters and student services, the sooner we start on this area for faculty participation the better. I look forward to introducing Dr. Van Putten to Eric Narveson and Jesus Covarrubias. Completion of updates to all the SJECCD Board Policies and Procedures is

critical to a successful accreditation visit in October 2016.

I'm pleased to report that drafts of 3 chapters (Chapter 3 - General Institution; Chapter 5 - Student Services; and Chapter 7 - Human Resources, accreditation related policies/procedures), have been completed and were presented as a first draft to District Council at the meetings on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>.

It looks like the bulk of the policies have very few comments or concerns. Those that do need more discussion will be the center of focus group discussions led by the chapter chairs over the coming months. Then the Policies will be placed on the Board Agenda for first and second readings. Once approved by the Board, the administrative team and I will ensure the Administrative Procedures are in place to implement the policy. It is a great deal of work, but I am confident we will meet our timeline of having all of the policies and procedures updated for early fall.



### SharePoint Office 365 “Board Policies Team Site” Created for Updating Board Policies Work Groups

SharePoint Office 365 environment is our District’s present collaborative online framework to collaborate with team members across the district for employees and students. The benefits of SharePoint Office 365 at a high level include increased productivity and transparency. There are three levels of stakeholders/users:

- a. **Owners:** Have full control permission to the site. Very limited number of people (approximately two to four) who can create folders and do all functions including uploading web apps, such as calendars, other custom list libraries, etc.
- b. **Members:** Have contribute permission to the site (e.g., few key people representing a larger group such as constituency presidents). Contributors who can upload and download documents, edits... All actions are recorded through track changes.
- c. **Visitors:** Have read permission to the site. Same as the website version, these users can only read or print the documents.

## Bond Updates

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We are in the process of preparing to issue the final series of bonds for Measure G 2010. It is approximately \$58 million. We are coordinating the legal documents and protocols leading to this issue. Along these lines, one of the final activities will be to present to credit rating agencies in San Francisco and tell our story. We will prepare the documents over the next few weeks.

As a summary, on November 2, 2010, District voters approved Measure G (2010), authorizing the district to issue \$268 million in bonds. The District has since accessed \$210 million of this authorization for important District projects. The District at this time desires to access the remaining \$58 million in unissued bond authorization.

- On March 8, 2016, a presentation was made to the Board as an information item on the financing plan for this final Measure G (2010) issuance.
- On April 12, 2016, legal documents will be made available for Board approval.
- As part of the bond financing process, the District will present its updated credit folio to the credit rating agencies: Moody's and Standard and Poor's. The district currently has a very strong credit rating of "Aa1" from Moody's and "AA" from Standard and Poor's.
- It is expected that the financing will be completed in June 2016, when the bond proceeds will be available for approved Measure G (2010) projects.

## Aspen Award

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San José City College has been selected, out of a pool of 1,100 community colleges, as one of 150 candidates in the nation for the prestigious 2017 Aspen *Prize for Community College Excellence*.

Awarded every two years, the *Prize for Excellence* is one of the nation's highest achievements for a community college as it measures student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and access and success for minority and low-income students. Besides the prestige, the award provides the winner with a \$1 million prize to go toward their student success efforts.

**For more information about the Prize and the Aspen Institute:** The Aspen Prize is funded by the Joyce Foundation, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, the Lumina Foundation, and the Kresge Foundation.

**The Aspen College Excellence Program** aims to advance higher education practices, policies, and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes. Through the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the New College Leadership Project, and other initiatives, the College Excellence Program works to improve colleges' understanding and capacity to teach and graduate students, especially the



growing population of low-income and minority students on American campuses. For more information, visit [www.aspeninstitute.org/college-excellence](http://www.aspeninstitute.org/college-excellence).

**The Aspen Institute** is an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, DC. Its mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues. The Institute is based in Washington, DC; Aspen, Colorado; and on the Wye River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It also has offices in New York City and an international network of partners. For more information, visit [www.aspeninstitute.org](http://www.aspeninstitute.org).

## Tech Academy Description



**HARVARD**  
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San José City  
College (SJCC)  
will develop

Silicon Valley's first public coding academy in partnership with Harvard University. Using Harvard's CS50X curriculum and technical assistance, SJCC has developed a state of the art coding learning community on campus to equip its students with the skills needed for many of the IT jobs available throughout the Silicon Valley. The program will run for 15 weeks; students will have the opportunity to enroll at the local one-stop to receive transportation assistance, tuition vouchers, and paid internships upon program completion.

Annually, the Academy will train 3 cohorts of 50 students (total of 150 students) to enter the workforce as coders/programmers. Currently, we are in the process of remodeling some of our facilities and labs to offer the highest quality training environments for students.

We are particularly excited because the Academy will focus on recruiting and training women and underrepresented minorities to prepare them for work in the tech sector.

The mission of the "technest@SJCC" is to bridge the tech job gap by providing high quality, affordable education and employment opportunities to dislocated and disadvantaged groups. Income inequality in Silicon Valley is the greatest in the Nation, where the local skills gap is widening. technest@SJCC will train local talent with the aim to narrow the income inequality.

The technest@SJCC is working to bridge the largest tech job and income inequality gap in the nation. technest@SJCC and its key partners are solutions-driven by providing high quality, affordable education to underrepresented groups with placement support.

*Join us for the inaugural class of technest@SJCC in Fall 2016 Course: CS50x with Harvard - email: [info@ta.sjcc.edu](mailto:info@ta.sjcc.edu)*

## Evergreen Valley College Develops Non-Credit Certificates in Engineering

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On Monday, February 1, I had the opportunity to meet with Bob Harper (Head of the Campbell Adult Education program) and Kishan Vujjeni (from our Workforce Institute) who both serve as Co-Chairs of the South Bay Consortium for Adult Education. They were able to share with me some of the highlights of the consortium thus far, as well as the development of a non-credit engineering certificate program through

Evergreen Valley College. I want to thank President Yong and Vice President Aytch for their leadership in the development of this program with the faculty and the team from the Workforce Institute.

I had several meetings with Vice Chancellors Coen and Garcia as we ensure a successful roll out of our non-credit programs.

## Schools City Collaborative

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Rosalie and I attended a 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting facilitated by Mayor Liccardo and Evergreen Elementary Superintendent Kathy Gomez. I had the pleasure of meeting several superintendents including: ESUHSD Chris Funk and several other superintendents. School related topics covered include: SJ Works Youth Jobs Initiative Program (a 6-week program in partnership with work2future Foundation that provides youth employment and job training for “At Risk, High Risk and Gang-impacted youth.”); Safe Summer Initiatives Grants (\$350K is available for grant awards that will provide a safe summer environment for “At Risk, High Risk, Gang-impacted and Gang-intentional” youth ages 6-24 years in summer 2016); ESUHSD Technology Partnership (a partnership between SJ City and ESUHSD) to broaden internet access by installing wireless access points throughout the ESUHSD boundaries with a target area this year of Overfelt, YB and James Lick attendance neighborhoods; and Strong Smart (presented by SCCOE to target the 6K+ preschool age children who currently do not have access to preschool services).



## Visit to the Construction Site of the San José · Evergreen Community College Extension, a Partnership with the Milpitas Unified School District

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On Wednesday, February 10 I visited the Milpitas site and had the opportunity to meet with Superintendent Cary Matsuoka. As can be seen in the pictures, the site work is occurring and we look forward to the foundations going in and the modulares being delivered. We had some wonderful discussions about the high school to college pathways we can develop through dual enrollment, where students can receive high school and college credit. We look forward to working with the college presidents to ensure articulation agreements and onramp programs from the High School to College courses. We also discussed the possibility of technology partnerships and delivery methods, and possibilities of developing a dreamer's center for immigrant and undocumented families.



The District is pleased to announce that the Design Build Contractor, McCarthy, has begun site work at the San José-Evergreen Community College Extension – Milpitas, a partnership with the Milpitas Unified School District. Additionally, they have obtained all required on site approvals from the State of California (CGS+DSA) and are moving forward with the off-site fabrication and on-site construction of the project. The building pads have been approved by the geotechnical engineer, and installation of site utilities has begun.



*The preparation of the building pads during the week of February 15.*

The Contractor has been working through weather caused delays to the site work, and the full impact of the El Nino weather systems has yet to be determined. The current schedule indicates the project to complete construction in the fall of 2016.

The District and the College have been working to finalize the furnishings and equipment for the project. San José City College has taken the lead in operational planning, and is working with the Milpitas Unified School District administration on the details of building operations and class scheduling for the College Extension.

## Board Committee on Legislation

Facilitated by Chair, Trustee Wendy Ho, I attended the February 10 open session meeting from 5-6:30 PM wherein the committee discussed advocacy at the local, state and federal levels. The next Legislative Board Committee meeting was on Wednesday evening of March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Board Ends Policies and Goals

I am currently working with Dr. Hawley as we review the Board ends policies and bring the data to life. We are studying what exists and how we can present it for review at our Board retreat. We want to ensure the ends policies frame my goals and the Board goals for the year, and that they ultimately help set the college presidents goals for the year. It's important we ensure the synergy between the Board Ends Policies with the student

success scorecard, our equity plan and our SSSP plan with our Mission, Vision, Values statements, Educational Master Plans and assessing these plans and outcomes as part of accreditation. I feel so fortunate to be working with a wonderful group of Trustees who are helping us set the model for the State, and want to ensure I play a role in this forward progress.

## Workforce Institute Reaches Out to the Business Community



On February 10, 2016 Workforce Institute conducted an outreach to the business community inviting them to the *Igniting Team Innovation* breakfast briefing. This was a highly interactive workshop that touches on a subject that can be critical to the success of Silicon Valley businesses. The workshop was well received by the participants, evidenced by the overall workshop evaluation ratings that averaged 4.5 out of a possible 5.



The event attracted HR professionals such as the VP of Human Resources of Blach Construction and HR Business Partners from Milestone Technologies. What is noteworthy about this event is that it attracted professionals in Director level positions from other departments including the Director of Reliability Engineering from Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation and the Engineering Group Director from Cadence Design Systems. Both were introduced to Workforce Institute for the first time and have scheduled or requested initial meetings/needs assessment to discuss the priority workforce development issues of their teams.

## Silicon Valley Career Pathways

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On Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Workforce Institute's Silicon Valley Career Pathways leadership facilitated a discussion between MetroED and SJCC regarding future partnership opportunities.

In attendance include:

- Dr. Byron Breland, President, SJCC
- Ms. Sharon Brown, Principal, SVCTE
- Ms. Maniphone Dickerson, Associate Dean of Career & Technical Education, SJCC
- Ms. Alexandra Duran, Dean Workforce and Economic Development, WI-SVCP
- Ms. Alyssa Lynch, Superintendent, MetroED
- Mr. Roland Montemayor, Interim VP-Student Affairs, SJCC
- Dr. Ingrid Thompson, Dean of Business and Workforce Development, SJCC

During the meeting SJCC partners were provided the opportunity to tour SVCTE's high tech campus and speak with students and instructors within the electrical maintenance, dental assisting, construction technology, fire science/first responder and HVAC courses. Partners discussed the opportunities of aligning programs and courses along with dual enrollment options. Innovative ideas were brought to the table including ways of maximizing resources within both institutions and how to provide the necessary skills students need to move forward in their desired careers. A similar meeting with EVC President and key leaders is scheduled.

## Hot Off the Press (Did You Know?)

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Did you know that Evergreen Valley College has the highest transfer rate to San José State University of any community college in the State, and the San José · Evergreen Community College District has the highest transfer rate of any of the 72 districts to San José State University?

## District Council Meeting

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On Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> I held my first District Council meeting. There were quite a few items on the agenda and some very lively discussions. We had the pleasure of being joined by Jane Wright, who has been assisting with the Board Policies and Administrative Procedures; and she and some of our presenters were able to help highlight the work completed to date and help everyone get a much clearer picture of the work ahead. The Student Services group composed of Roland Montemayor, Takeo Kubo, Eliazer Ayala-Austin, Octavio Cruz, Angelina Duarte, and Alma Tanon helped with an excellent presentation on some samples of Board Policies and Administrative procedures they have updated in Chapter 5 thus far. On March 17, the District Council reviewed Board policies in Chapters 3 (General Institution), 5 (Student Services), and 7 (Human Resources).



## Meeting with Academic Senate Leaders

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On February 19th, I had the opportunity to meet for three hours with our Academic Senate Presidents, Eric Narveson and Jesus Covarrubias, as well as Phil Crawford. We were joined by the retired District Academic Senate President from the Peralta District, Dr. Karolyn Van Putten. She has agreed to assist as they

design our new District Academic Senate as well as work with the Senate as they update Chapters 4 and 5 of the Board Policies and Procedures as they relate to academic and professional matters. It was wonderful seeing firsthand the passion of our faculty and their dedication to equity and student success.

## Building K-12 to College Pathways

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I spoke with Trustee Cruz and will be setting up a meeting with Richard Uribe to discuss EDUCARE and how we can implement several programs to assist our K-12 to College Pathways. These include First Five through High School to College Pathways with “Get Focused Stay Focused” that has been implemented in Santa Barbara. While at Berkeley City College we worked closely with the local high school and developed a great program through “Get Focused Stay Focused”. I look forward to working with the College Presidents to identify additional strategies to assist with building our High School to College Partnerships that will ultimately increase our transfers to four year institutions.

## Enrollment Management

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In my short time here, it is evident we need to conduct more training in enrollment management. We need to assist our students in completing their CSU general breadth and IGETC (Intersegmental General Ed Transfer Curriculum) for transfer to the UC. Through developing the proper tools with our data warehouse, we look forward to having the data at the fingertips of the users (the faculty and administration) so they can easily see course

success, scheduling patterns and course-taking patterns of our students.

We will give an overview of some of these strategies at our Board Retreat, and I will be working closely with Vice Chancellor Hawley to develop workshops for our administration to assist as we develop our future schedules and ensure we meet the needs of our students, community and industry.

## STEM Core Annual Convening at NASA



The STEM Core Convening, hosted by Aspen Institute, has been operational for at least 2-2.5 years. There are currently approximately 15 California community colleges in the Network, and the focus is developing the STEM, and particularly Math/Calculus foundations of students, in an accelerated, cohort model – complete with instructional support and wrap-around student services. Additionally, the emphasis is on linking our STEM programs (IT, Engineering, Advanced Manufacturing) student outcomes to the needs of the business/employers, and particularly the National Laboratories,

NASA, JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory), and the private for profit entities as well.

This Network is key in our regional collaboration that developed the Silicon Valley Engineering Tech Pathways (SVETP), designed comprehensively with the Student Support Specialist model, paid internships and successful students completing certificates, degrees and transferring on to university for further Baccalaureate education. The STEM Network is also where discussions on future Resource Opportunities take place – particularly NSF (National Science Foundation) grant opportunities and private foundation investments.

## Town Hall with San José Mayor and SJCC President



On Thursday, February 25 at SJCC, San José Mayor Sam Liccardo and SJCC President Byron Breland engaged in a dynamic discussion about emerging job markets, economic initiatives, and employment training in San José. Carl Guardino, President of Silicon Valley Leadership Group, was the moderator. This live campus Town Hall is for the weekly Silicon Valley Leadership Group “CEO Talk Show,” which was broadcast on AM 1590 K-LIV radio on Tuesday (March 1) at 7:00 PM and the following Sunday (March 6) at 9:00 AM.

Over 200 students, faculty and staff, Chancellor Debbie Budd, and some Trustees (Board President Rudy Nasol, Trustee Mayra Cruz, and Trustee Wendy Ho) attended this great event. Also, in attendance were some students from Lincoln High School. Sitting on stage also were four SJCC ASG leaders (President Sia Saquee and three student club officers).

The one-hour Town Hall covered three parts of questions for Mayor Liccardo and President Breland (Please see videos posted on Office 365):

Part A: CEO Guardino’s questions include topics such as vision, priorities, role of SJCC and SJC in workforce preparation, partnership, training for a diverse workforce especially in high tech, traffic congestion, transportation (BART – Bay Area Rapid Transit), housing, student loan debt, College Promise, and volunteerism.

Part B: CEO Guardino’s “Lightning” quick-response questions include: What was your favorite class in college, major in college, preferring top or lower bunk bed, your advice to your 20 year-old self, doing what for fun, future technology you are most excited about, and who do you admire and is your role model?

Part C: Audience question topics include: What are internship opportunities for our students with the City? What is the impact of automation and innovation on jobs? What is the Mayor working on affordability housing...?

## Silicon Valley Career Pathways

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*Evergreen Valley College and MetroED*



On Tuesday, March 1 I had the opportunity to tour the MetroED campus with the Evergreen Valley Leadership team thanks to the great work of Alexandra Duran. MetroED serves approximately 1,500 students who are currently in high school in Career Technical Education. The courses range from Automotive, Culinary and EMT (Emergency Medical Technicians) to name a few. With our new Adult Ed Pathways through AB 104 and the dual enrollment options, we look forward to expanding our partnerships so that high school students in our community can receive High school and college credit simultaneously.

During the meeting, EVC leadership and I were provided the opportunity to tour the Silicon Valley Career Technical Education’s high tech campus and speak with students and instructors within the program areas of automotive services, fire science and medical assisting. Partners discussed the opportunities of aligning programs and courses along with dual enrollment options. Ideas shared included maximizing resources within both institutions (EVC and SVCTE) in order to provide students more options and support in their desired careers.

## Evergreen Valley Academic Senate Highlights

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I was thrilled to be invited by Academic Senate President Eric Narveson to attend the Evergreen Valley Senate meeting on Tuesday, March 1. I arrived just as they were having an in-depth discussion on set standards for the ACCJC and what we should set as our transfer rate. Fortunately, the Senate was realizing the need to increase the College’s transfer rate to above the current 40%. I am hopeful that through the enrollment management training we are initiating and reviewing of the need to increase our IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum), we will increase our transfers to the UCs while maintaining and even increasing our CSU transfer rate.

Also discussed at the Senate meeting was the 27-acre project where I learned a great deal of history and heard some of the faculty’s concerns. We did discuss many of the benefits; and I look forward to a continued dialogue to ensure our community, the college, the students and the district needs are met.

We also discussed the Board Policies and Procedures and the need for involvement of the Senate in the updates of Chapters 4 and 5 in particular.



## Grand Opening of the Auto Tech Center at Evergreen Valley College



On March 2, Evergreen Valley College unveiled its new Central Green space and its \$13 million, state-of-the-art, high tech, 25k square foot Automotive Technology center, which includes 20 lab spaces and the latest equipment to help train students for jobs in the high tech and electric car industry.

With approximately 250 students enrolled in automotive tech classes at any given time, almost 80 percent complete a certificate program and go on to secure a job in the industry. In fact, EVC students have landed high paying jobs at top companies like Tesla, Honda and Chrysler. The demand is so great for high tech auto jobs that students like Johan Murillo who haven't yet completed their program are heavily recruited; Murillo has already secured a job with Honda Motors. Typically, salary for these workers in Silicon Valley could be \$50-60/hour according to Tully Williams of DGDG (Del Grande Dealership Group which represents 14 dealerships). Louis Alonso, CEO of Pan American Collision Centers added that "when an applicant comes in with Evergreen Valley College on their resume, they go to the front of the line... we desperately need technicians... there is job security in this field," a sentiment echoed by the other auto dealer reps in attendance.

News coverage was extensive: e.g., NBC Bay Area, KTVU 2, KGO-7, KTSF 26, KCBS Radio garnering attention from many officials, including the State Chancellor Office.

Click on video stills below to watch news coverage by NBC Bay Area and KGO/ABC 7.

*Note: Hyperlinks can also be shared via email/text with others.*



NBC Bay Area: [http://www.nbcbayarea.com/on-air/as-seen-on/New-Training-Facility-at-San-José-College-Aims-to-Produce-Engineers-for-High-Tech-Vehicles\\_Bay-Area-370870811.html](http://www.nbcbayarea.com/on-air/as-seen-on/New-Training-Facility-at-San-José-College-Aims-to-Produce-Engineers-for-High-Tech-Vehicles_Bay-Area-370870811.html)

KGO TV: <http://abc7news.com/automotive/evergreen-valley-college-unveils-new-auto-shop/1228616/>

Addressing an audience of ~100, including students, staff, faculty and Board President Rudy Nasol and Trustee Mayra Cruz; SCC Board of Supervisors President Dave Cortese; City of San José Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and Councilmember Tam Nguyen; and representatives from the offices of U.S. Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, SCC Supervisor Cindy Chavez, and City Councilmember Ash Kalra, President Yong thanked the voters for supporting Measure G-2010 which helped build the South Campus and Fitness Center (\$58.5 million), the Auto Tech building (\$17.3 million), the Central Green (\$3.1 million), the Central Plant Police Department Building renovation (\$ 15 million), the Parking Lot (\$1.2 million), the Solar Array site 2 years ago (\$10.8 million, which is generating 30% of the electrical usage at EVC).

President Nasol also thanked the voters for approving the Measure G 2010 General Obligation Bond to modernize the buildings and build new facilities where students will learn hybrid technology, electric vehicle technology, and robotics.

In my remarks, I noted that EVC, among the 113 Community colleges in California, has the highest transfer rate to SJSU. I also highlighted the community colleges' three main missions: 1. Helping students with foundational skills by partnering with high schools to ensure college readiness; 2. Transfer to four-year universities; and 3. Career technical education. EVC, SJCC and WI are building partnerships and are reaching out to the local community with the message that EVC and SJCC are the colleges of choice for students in the local area.

Elected officials then spoke to the crowd and applauded college leadership and faculty for the new auto-tech center. Finally, industry leaders were unified in their message to the crowd: the urgent need to hire automotive technicians; and they enthusiastically encouraged our students to apply at their dealerships.

The event was outstanding on many fronts and showcased EVC as a top college of choice! Special recognition to Dean Lena Tran and her team for organizing such a successful event. I encourage interested individuals to schedule a tour of the new center by contacting Dean Lena Tran:

[lena.tran@evc.edu](mailto:lana.tran@evc.edu)

## Community Advisory Group Breakfast Meeting

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*Thursday, April 28, 2016, 7:30 AM, District Office*

Each semester, we hold a Community Advisory Group Breakfast Meeting to strengthen our district-wide collaborative relationships with community stakeholders through updates and roundtable discussions on topics that advance our student success. Many of our Board members, college presidents, and key leaders in our District have attended and played valuable roles in facilitating discussions at these meetings. At the April 28 meeting, we will be sharing the 2015 Annual Report. Please schedule this event on your calendar. Please invite stakeholders in your networks or send your contacts to Sam Ho so that he can send them invitations on your behalf.

## Meeting with San José Unified School District Interim Superintendent and Curriculum Director

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On Monday, March 7, I had the opportunity to meet with the Interim Superintendent of the San José Unified School District, Nancy Albarrán and her Curriculum Director, Jackie Zeller. It was a very energized conversation about how we can build High School to College Pathways, work together as we roll out the San José Promise, and have high school principals and their teachers, and our college leadership and faculty work together to develop articulation agreements to remove barriers and ensure equitable success.

Through the development of a memorandum of understanding for both data sharing and dual enrollment, we can assist students in completing college coursework while in high school, ensure they are prepared for college-level coursework when they come to San José City College or Evergreen Valley College, and even graduate from high school at the same time they complete their AA degree. With the college leadership engaging the faculty to meet with the high school teams to develop articulation agreements, we can create a seamless transition for the students in our community and begin our process of becoming the college of choice for our local students.

## Meeting with Workforce Institute and Vice Chancellor Coen

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incredible work to build partnerships with our

As you all know, the Board approved the retirement date of June 30, 2016, for Carol Coen of the Workforce institute. Over the years she has done such

local agencies and industry for training, spearheaded the AB 86, now AB 104 Adult Education consortium, and worked tirelessly to seek out and receive grants like the SVETP (Silicon Valley Engineering Technology Pathways) to ensure our college district remains top in innovation and collaboration in the area.

As she begins to transition, we will work to identify the next leader for the WI.



## US Marines Corps Veteran Accepted For Summer Internship at Lawrence Livermore National Lab

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Before joining the Silicon Valley Engineering Technology Pathways (SVETP) program at one of the colleges in our

Consortium, Nick Perez-Marty served for five years in the Marines as a flight crewmember and as a marksmanship instructor. Upon leaving the military, Nick initially pursued the field of law enforcement; however, he quickly realized that he could not keep up with the rigor and demands of the profession due to mental and physical disabilities sustained in the service. Having always

had a strong background and interest in mechanics, when Nick heard about the Silicon Valley Engineering Technology Pathways program, he made the switch. He is a strong leader, a dedicated student, and he has an obvious passion for mechanical engineering technology.

Thanks to the strong partnerships developed under the SVETP program, Nick was recently accepted for a summer internship at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab working in the High Explosives Applications Facility. “Growing up in Livermore, I’ve always wanted to be a part of the Lab.” Nick says, “It’s a dream of mine to do something like this.”

## Workforce Institute is Awarded County of Santa Clara Contract for Instructor-Led Computer Training Classes

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In November 2015, Workforce Institute entered a competitive bid process and responded to an RFP (request for proposal) from the County of Santa Clara to provide information technology (IT), professional development and desktop applications/end user computing skills training for County employees.

On March 9, 2016, the Workforce Institute was notified they were awarded the contract. Workforce Institute’s service will be accessed by various agencies and departments within the County. The main user will be the Learning and Employee Development (LED) Department. The initial agreement is three years with an option to renew for two additional years.

## EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Training

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*Tuesday, March 8 through Friday, March 11*

48 employees and I (who volunteered to be part of the Emergency Response Teams) completed the 8-hour Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) EOC training (two four-hour sessions) at EVC, SJCC, and the DO. The training, conducted by Bob Benton of San Diego-based West Coast Consulting Group, Inc., is to meet compliance requirement.

This training included two table top exercises and an introduction to the Emergency Operations Plan. Training topics included: General EOC Principles and Applications, EOCs at each SEMS level, and coordination between SEMS levels. Major components of SEMS include Incident Command System (ICS), Inter-agency Coordination, Master Mutual Aid Systems, and Operational Areas. Table-top exercises included simulations of the five SEMS Functions in the EOC: Management, Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance.

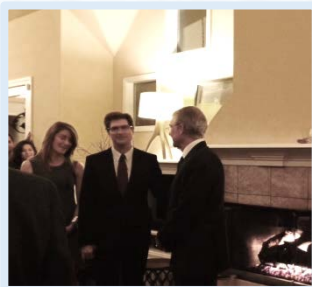
In addition, for the last several weeks Emergency Response Team members were provided opportunities to attend an online training course which consolidated the following required trainings:

- SEMS Introduction
- ICS 100 Introduction for higher learning
- ICS 200
- ICS 700 NIMS Introduction
- IS 800.B National Response Framework

The training has been very well received, and we look forward to increasing our level of preparedness. The Board will be provided a required training session.

## Event at the Guardino's

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On Friday, March 11, Trustee Cruz, President Yong and I attended an event with Tom Torlakson at the home of Leslie and Carl Guardino. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet many elected officials and community members and learn of even greater opportunities with the High School to College Pathways we can develop with partnerships with our local businesses to enhance our internship programs. Carl Guardino is planning to set up a town hall radio program with Mayor Liccardo, me and, hopefully, an executive from our local technology sector to discuss some of these possibilities.

## South Bay Labor Council

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On Saturday, March 12, I had the opportunity to attend the South Bay Labor Council event held at the San José Convention Center. Both Trustee Ho and I were in attendance; and it was a great opportunity to meet the Executive Officer of the

Labor Council, Ben Field, as well as spend time with our AFT President David Yancey and faculty from both San José City College and Evergreen Valley College. The Lifetime Award Recipient had a great message about working together.

## CEO Conference in Yosemite

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Early Sunday morning of March 13, President Byron Breland, President Henry Yong and I joined 100 other Chief Executive Officers from around the state for a three-day conference in Yosemite. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the \$200 million in CTE funds that will soon be distributed state wide, more about the Institutional Effectiveness Planning Initiative, as well as hear from our State Chancellor Brice Harris before his retirement on April 1. The entire afternoon on Monday was spent discussing the ACCJC and possibilities for the future. There was a great deal of discussion about what exists across the country, their accreditation process and how other states have their community colleges as part of Senior WASC.

On Friday, March 18, there was a discussion at Consultation Council in Sacramento and on Monday, March 21, there was a recommendation from our State Chancellor as to his suggestions for how we move forward.

There was also a panel of CEOs from across the State who shared their experiences of being new presidents to seasoned leaders of 40 years. President Breland made us very proud in serving on the panel. It was a great opportunity to meet with the SJECCD presidents, as well as leaders from across the State to share successes and tips for success.

## Board Retreat Date Update

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The Board Retreat will be held on Tuesday, May 17, from 4-9 p.m. at the District Office.

On June 14, prior to the Board Meeting, the Board will meet from 4-6 p.m. for the required Emergency Response Training.



## Meeting with East Side Union High School District Superintendent Chris Funk

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On Tuesday morning March 22, I had a great meeting with Chris Funk, the Superintendent of the East Side Union High School District. In our conversation we discussed so many exciting possibilities for partnerships with our two districts.

We have already put a plan in place to increase our High School to College Pathways by increasing our articulation agreements with the high schools and expand the multiple measures for entry into our programs. On our next Professional Development Day, April 8, East Side Union will be sending over their Math and English lead faculty to work with the Evergreen Valley College faculty to begin to develop course articulation agreements and set standards for entry through multiple measures, not solely the assessment test. I want to thank President Henry Yong for ensuring this important collaboration occurs so we can serve our community.

President Byron Breland will be reaching out to San José Unified School District to see if they might also be able to arrange a meeting with the high school faculty and key faculty at the college on our April 8 PDD or soon thereafter.

In talking with Superintendent Funk, we are looking forward to offering additional math courses this summer to ensure students have the tools and skills to enter college level math upon completion of high school and even possibly having completed college level math prior to graduating from high school through dual enrollment programs.

We discussed the benefits of developing an MOU for Dual Enrollment and Data Sharing. I am confident that by building these partnerships and working with our local districts, the faculty and counseling staff at our local high schools will realize that San José City College and Evergreen Valley College should be the colleges of choice for the students in our community; and they will begin to serve as some of our best promoters.

As I have mentioned earlier, it is my goal that our colleges will build strong dual enrollment programs with the local high schools so that when students graduate with their High School Diploma, they will have the opportunity to graduate the next day, or even before, with their AA degree.

## San José Rotary Luncheon Meeting

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On March 23 I was the guest of Rotary Member Rosalie Ledesma whose table included those pictured: new San José Chief of Police, Eddie Garcia as well as other outstanding business and community leaders such Mike Blach, CEO of Blach Construction; entrepreneur Ray Singh Castaneda; multi-business owner Cesar Pascal; General Motors General Manager Efrain Moreno and Sacred Heart School President, Sonya Arriola (taking our picture).

I had an opportunity to talk with Chief Garcia and learned of his work within the San José Police Department, where he started as a police officer in 1992. Beginning in the year 2000, he held the roles of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, and Acting Chief of Police. Eddie was recently confirmed as the San José Chief of Police on March 1, 2016.

The speaker for the lunch program was Dr. Charles Bruhn who is an expert in Type I and Type 2 diabetes. It was a wonderful event and I look forward to attending future meetings and ideally becoming a member of this wonderful organization.



## Training of Our New Student Trustee

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On Tuesday, March 22, Joy Pace and I held training for our new student Trustee Bethel Kim. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful addition to the Student Trustee team. She was inquisitive, and I am confident she will be an asset to both the Board and the College in her new role.

## VTA ECO Pass Possibilities

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Let me take this time to compliment the great work of Sia Saquee, ASG President of San José City College, and the adviser at SJCC Blake Balajadia, along with President and External Affairs Director of the ASG at Evergreen Valley College, Kenny Jackson and Segan Gebrehiwet.

Because of their efforts, we are well on our way to having Eco Pass access for our students. On

March 23, we met with Mr. Dino Guevarra, manager of VTA, to discuss details of how we can make this happen for our students as early as Fall 2016. Before the students can place this item on their elections ballot in late spring 2016, it will require the Board to first pass a resolution authorizing that action. More details to follow.

## Former SJECCD Trustee Nancy Pyle Recognized by Senator Jim Beall (District 15) for “Lifetime Achievement Award”



In the spirit of Women’s History Month, on Wednesday, March 23 Trustees Mayra Cruz, Wendy Ho, Jeffrey Lease, Rudy Nasol and I along with some of our SJECCD staff and faculty attended Senator Beall’s “2016 Women of the Year” Award event. Among the five distinguished award recipients is our very own former Trustee Nancy Pyle for the “Lifetime Achievement Award.”



Senator Beall highlighted Ms. Pyle’s special attributes of determination, hard work, independence and persistence in all that she did. He reminded the audience of approximately 70 attendees how she, as a former SJECCD Board Member, had a significant role in the SJECCD’s effort of getting the community’s support and passing the District’s first Bond Measure (Measure I). Ms. Pyle expressed her gratitude for the award, and cheerfully shared her story of how she was so committed to bringing in resources for SJECCD such as the \$135 million Measure I GO Bond; and as a result, there are so many beautiful buildings and football field at San José City College.

In November 2004, Ms. Pyle was elected as Councilmember on the San José City Council (District 10), and honorably served the City of San José through this role until her retirement in 2012. Other recipients include: Teresa Castellanos (Mentorship Award), Melinda Chacon (Rising Star Award), Heidi Oatis (Business Owner of the Year Award), and Jenny Do (Trailblazer Award). Remarks by all recipients about their lives, experiences, and dreams were inspirational and at times moving.

## Workforce Institute Attends FANUC America

### *Robotics Presentation & Tour*



On Tuesday, March 22, 2016 Workforce Institute’s Vice Chancellor Carol Coen, Dean Kishan Vujjeni and Project Supervisor Lynette Gray attended the FANUC robotics presentation and tour at their Union City facility. FANUC America is the market leader in robotics working in a wide range of industries including aerospace, automotive, consumer goods, education, food, metal fabrication, medical, pharmaceutical, solar panel, and many other industries. FANUC has over 380,000 robots installed worldwide. The presentation included a tour of the Company’s robotic line and six robot demonstrations.





The WI team connected with leaders of the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), which supports the Bay Area in creating regional growth and Advanced Manufacturing jobs. This is one of the steps needed for an Applied Engineering Network focused on creating opportunities similar to the STEM Network supporting the SVETP grant.

## State of California Releases the 2016-17 Proposed Consortium Allocations

The State released the 2016-17 Proposed Consortium Allocations for the 70 adult education consortiums. Our South Bay Consortium for Adult Education (SBCAE) Steering Committee is working to reach a consensus for the final allocations for the seven consortium member districts. The process includes a Leadership

Convening for academic senate and collective bargaining units from all SBCAE member districts to learn about the 2016-17 local AEBG program priorities, member allocations and other district updates in a focused convening, prior to the Public, Formal Governance meeting.

## San José · Evergreen Community College Foundation



Foundation Institutional Advancement Officer Steven Meneses and Doriann Tran (who has been facilitating the Chang Scholarship for the Foundation) met with Mr. Liu to honor the Robert N. Chang Scholarship, which has provided more than one million dollars in student scholarships over the past 13 years. We have scheduled a Chang Scholarship Luncheon on Friday, May 13 to honor a donor who has made such a significant difference for our students.

## Community Survey Results

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It is a true testament to the fantastic work of our faculty, staff and administrators that there is such great support in the community for the work we do. As you know, we recently completed our Educational Master Plans and Facilities Master Plans. These plans incorporate how we can continue serving our students and the community into our long term future.

- We are elated that the community continues to value the essential educational services SJECCD provides.
- In the recent survey conducted last month, nearly 90% of respondents can name their local colleges unaided.
- Two-thirds of the respondents have a personal connection to one of the colleges.
- Sixty-nine percent rate the colleges as doing an “excellent” or “pretty good” job—all of which are great affirmation for the important work the Colleges continue to deliver!

I have truly enjoyed my first few months as Chancellor, and look forward to getting a chance to know each of you better as we build our working relationship that will strengthen over the years.

I am here to ensure the San José · Evergreen Community College District is the best District in the Silicon Valley; and I know we can make this happen by working together to ensure our District’s Vision and Board’s Ends Policies are realized.

