



Frequently Asked Questions & Answers
Providing Affordable Higher Education and Career Training at
San Jose- Evergreen Community College District

Q: What is the issue?

A: The cost of attending California’s public universities continues to rise, and many students, families and returning veterans are relying on local community colleges like ours to provide a high-quality education they may not otherwise receive – saving them tens of thousands of dollars on their way to a four-year degree. We need to increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits and certifications, learn job skills at a reasonable price, and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Q: How does San Jose -Evergreen Community College District support quality education?

A: San Jose City College has been providing high quality, affordable higher education and career training in the South Bay for nearly 100 years. With the addition of Evergreen Valley College and the San Jose Evergreen College Extension in Milpitas, we are able to provide excellent training that prepares to students to transfer to U-C and Cal State schools to complete their Bachelor’s degrees. Our local colleges also allow high school students to get a jump start on earning college credit by taking college courses before they even graduate. We need to ensure that we can continue to offer this caliber of education while saving families money on the first few years of tuition.

Q: What about quality job training?

A: San José City College and Evergreen Valley College provide essential job training and vocational for students, veterans, and local residents, successfully preparing them to become part of our local workforce. We need to upgrade classrooms, facilities and technology to expand access to training programs that help students learn new skills and find better paying jobs in business, biotechnology, nursing, engineering and other high demand careers.

Q: How can the District improve programs for veterans?

A: San Jose City and Evergreen Valley Colleges have served hundreds of military veterans, many of whom have recently returned from war zones and face challenges such as post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disability. We need to upgrade and expand veteran service and job training so returning Service Members receive the support they need to complete their education and enter the civilian workforce.

Q: What are San Jose and Evergreen Valley College's educational needs and priorities?

A: Educational needs and priorities identified by our public include:

- Preparing students to transfer to four year college systems such as UC and California State Universities
- Improving educational resources for veterans
- Upgrading classrooms and labs for nursing, science, technology and engineering fields
- Improving campus safety and security
- Removing asbestos and lead paint

Q. How can I get more information?

A: We will be updating the community over the coming months about our effort to ensure San Jose - Evergreen Valley Community Colleges can continue to provide affordable education and job training to local students and returning veterans for generations to come. The most important feedback comes from YOU! Please take a moment to complete our community feedback survey and let us know your priorities for our colleges. To complete this survey or for more information, <http://www.sjeccd.edu/>. If you have any specific questions feel free to contact us by phone at 408-270-6426 or by email at Community.Feedback@sjeccd.edu.