San José Promise Gets Support from eBay

(San Jose, Calif.) — More local students will have the opportunity to attend college with no out-of-pocket costs in 2020, thanks to a generous contribution from the eBay Foundation to the San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) Foundation in support of San José Promise.

The $250,000 donation comes as SJECCD focuses on the 2020 San José Promise cohort—the fourth since the Promise program launched in 2017 in partnership with the office of San José Mayor Sam Liccardo and other educational partners.

“San José Promise is designed to remove barriers and ensure more local students have access to higher education and enhanced services. This approach facilitates student success once they enroll in college,” said Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland, SJECCD chancellor. “This support from the eBay Foundation will help provide a direct pathway from high school to a career for countless students in our community.”

More than 85 percent of students enrolled in San José Promise come from low-income families and nearly all of them are the first in their families to attend college. As a result of financial support and enhanced student support services, their semester-to-semester persistence rates and attainment of college-level courses outperform that of their non-Promise peers.

“San José Promise reflects our city’s collective commitment to ensuring that underserved San José high school students have the opportunity to continue their education and pursue a future with unlimited opportunity,” said Mayor Liccardo. “We are proud to partner with San José – Evergreen Community College District on this effort and grateful for eBay’s generous gift. This investment will be transformative in the lives of our students.”

The funds, managed by Silicon Valley Community Foundation, are immediately available for San José Promise scholarships and services, including programs such as SJ Aspires. The donation was the result of a proposal submitted by San José Promise and a luncheon hosted by eBay, SJECCD, and Mayor Liccardo’s Office last fall in celebration of San José Promise and the successes it has achieved thus far. eBay was the lead sponsor of that
event, which also included contributions from early investors and supporters: SunPower, Deloitte, Valley Water, SuperMicro, Boston Properties, and Wolff Urban Management.

For more information on San José Promise, including details on how you can support the program, visit [www.sanjosepromise.org](http://www.sanjosepromise.org).

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**About San José – Evergreen Community College District**

Located in vibrant downtown San José in the heart of Silicon Valley, the San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) encompasses more than 300 square miles, including a large portion of the City of San José and all of the City of Milpitas. SJECCD is comprised of: San José City College, the first community college in Santa Clara County, established in 1921; Evergreen Valley College, established in 1975; the Community College Center for Economic Mobility (previously known as the Workforce Institute), established in 1988; and the San José – Evergreen Community College Extension at Milpitas, established in 2016. For more information, visit [www.sjeccd.edu](http://www.sjeccd.edu).