

# SAN DIEGO PROMISE PROGRAM UPDATE



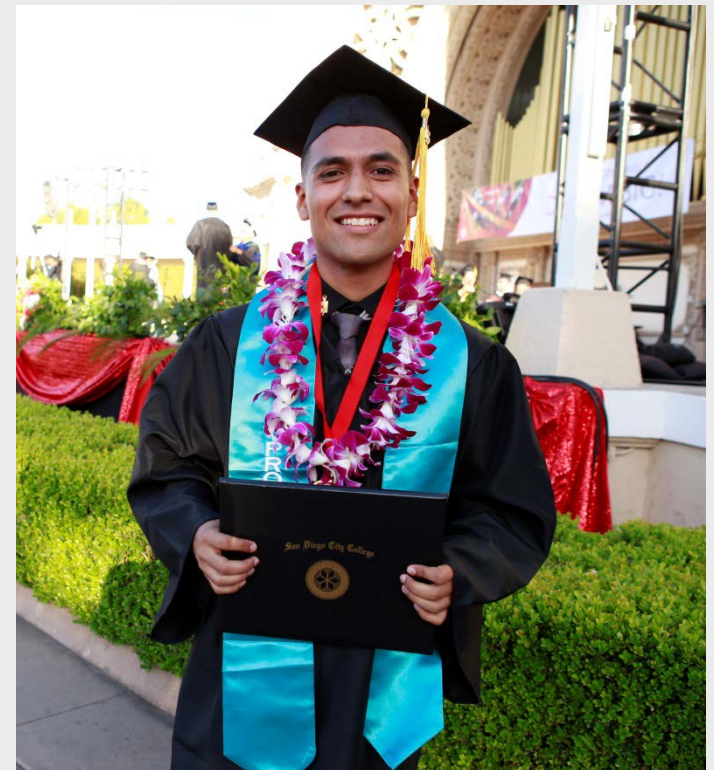
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# SAN DIEGO PROMISE PROGRAM BACKGROUND

- The San Diego Promise began as a pilot program in 2016-2017 with 186 participants from the San Diego Unified School District and San Diego Continuing Education
  - 80% of participants qualified for financial aid; 90% were students of color
- In 2017-2018 the program expanded to include 650 students
  - 80% of participants qualified for financial aid; 89% were students of color
- AB 19, *California College Promise*, enabled the District to further expand the program in 2018-2019 to more than 2,000 students from high schools throughout the region and beyond

# AB 19 – CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE

- Established by the State Legislature for the 2018-2019 academic year
- Provides funds to waive fees for all first-time, full-time students for one year
  - Funds may also be used for other direct support, including instructional materials, and transportation
- Funding does not supplant the California College Promise Grant (CCPG), formerly known as BOGW
- AB 19 enabled the District to expand the San Diego Promise to a two-year program; the first year funded by AB 19, and the second year funded through private donations



# THE SAN DIEGO PROMISE PROGRAM

## A COMPLETION PROGRAM

### Year One - Funded by AB 19

- All program participants must:
  - Sign a Promise Program Commitment Contract
  - Complete a Personal Growth (college transition) class in their incoming fall semester
  - Participate in an orientation program
- Students with financial need received a \$400 book grant for instructional materials for the year
- Participants are provided a full range of support services, including tutoring, academic program planning, follow-up, and peer mentoring

# SAN DIEGO PROMISE PROGRAM

## Year Two - Funded through Private Donations

- All Promise participants who successfully complete 24 units in year one are eligible for year two
- Participants with financial need will receive a book grant depending upon available resources
- Participants will continue to receive support services including tutoring, academic program planning, follow-up, and peer mentoring
- The District is carefully tracking student needs and outcomes



# SAN DIEGO PROMISE 2018-2019

## FALL 2018 PARTICIPANTS



**2,041**  
participants

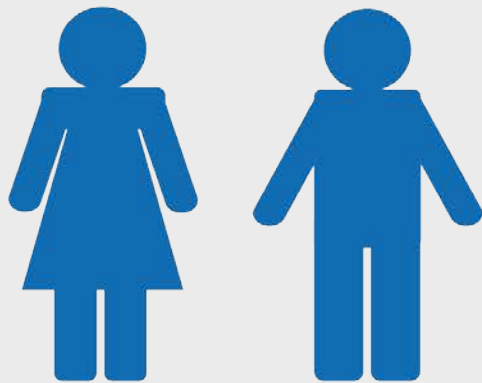
### NUMBERS BY CAMPUS

**637**  
City  
College

**837**  
Mesa  
College

**567**  
Miramar  
College

**84%**  
are students  
of color



**35**  
foster youth  
participants

**67**  
participants are  
prior CE students

**38%**  
are first generation  
college students

**56%**

**44%**

**31**  
Veterans or  
Active Military

**69%**  
received  
financial aid

# HIGHLIGHTS OF SAN DIEGO PROMISE STUDENT OUTCOMES

- San Diego Promise participants are showing promising outcomes
- Students of color tend to show higher GPA's and course success rates
- Participants tend to have higher persistence rates
- 93% of Promise participants earned an average GPA of 2.79 for cohort 2 and 2.72 for cohort 3
- Almost 20 students from the pilot cohort earned a certificate or associate degree by the end of their second year in the program



# PLANNING FOR THE 2019-2020 COHORT

- **AB 2, *California College Promise (Santiago)*, would authorize community colleges to waive fees for the first two academic years**
  - If passed, additional funds will be provided by the state for year two
- **AB 2 will allow the District to leverage private funds to expand book grants and provide for instructional materials, and support for transportation and other basic needs**
- **The District is also considering a part-time (9-11.5 units) track for students with qualifying Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) accommodations**