



# ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

**2022-2023**  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



**SAN DIEGO  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISTRICT**





# 2022-





THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR CONTINUED TO SEE INCREASES IN IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND SAW THE ADOPTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2030. THE DISTRICT REMAINS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF ITS STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS PARTNERING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AROUND THE SDCCD'S MISSION.

### **Leadership and Innovation**

New faces were seen in leadership positions including presidents at San Diego Mesa and Continuing Education colleges, as well as in three vice chancellor roles. The District is also in the midst of conducting a national chancellor search, with a selection expected by the end of 2023. Access to basic needs continues to be a key focus with San Diego City College moving forward with plans to build affordable student housing in its former Child Development Center space, and the SDCCD helping push for new state legislation that provides pathways for community college districts to build affordable rental housing for employees.

# 2023

### **Student Success**

More than 20,000 degrees and certificates were awarded districtwide, and the San Diego Promise saw continued growth in new enrollments and continuing students. The SDCCD's partnership with San Diego Unified School District made major headway with nearly 4,000 high school students taking college classes at their high school campuses — surpassing even pre-pandemic enrollments. The District also continued to support traditionally underserved populations and, among last year's highlights, the three credit colleges, City, Mesa, and Miramar, were recognized among the top 100 colleges in the country for enrollment of Hispanic/Latinx students, a districtwide Black



Student Success Summit was held, and College of Continuing Education launched an Immigrant-Based Support Program Student Center at its César E. Chávez campus to support immigrants, refugees, and English language learners.

### **Community Engagement**

The District is strengthened by its partnerships within the local community. In the past year, districtwide community events were held in recognition of

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage, Hispanic Heritage, Women's History, Pride — for which the District raised the Pride flag for the first time — Black History, and Disability Employment Awareness, among others. Additionally, College Police participated in the annual Shop with a Cop holiday event, and hosted a blood drive in partnership with the San Diego Blood Bank that collected enough units to save 54 lives. At the colleges, various grants from local representatives, including Sara Jacobs, Scott Peters, Juan Vargas, and Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, were received to support community centers for the LGBTQIA+ community, former foster youth, undocumented students, and veterans.

### **Workforce Development**

The SDCCD is poised to launch its second baccalaureate degree after City College secured approval for its Cyber Defense and Analysis program, and Miramar College has applied for a bachelor's degree in Public Safety Management. Career education programs at the District continue to flourish and support the local economy and are responsible for a \$1.6 billion impact on the region. To help students gain work experience, the SDCCD also joined a regional collaborative that received a grant to offer paid internships to community college students.

As acting chancellor of the SDCCD, I am proud to present the 2022-23 Annual Report to the community.

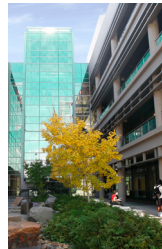
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ACTING CHANCELLOR



# SDCCD – Our Colleges

## San Diego City College

**RICKY SHABAZZ, ED.D.**  
PRESIDENT



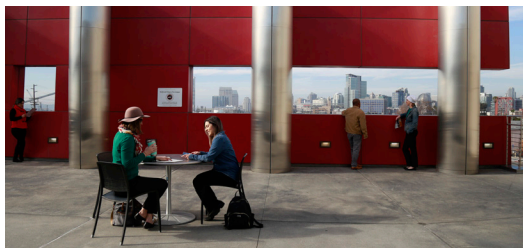
## San Diego Mesa College

**ASHANTI T. HANDS, ED.D.**  
PRESIDENT



## San Diego Miramar College

**P. WESLEY LUNDBURG, PH.D.**  
PRESIDENT



## San Diego College of Continuing Education

**TINA M. KING, ED.D.**  
PRESIDENT





# SDCCD Board of Trustees

THE SDCCD'S FIVE-MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS ACTIVE AND ENGAGED DURING THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR, AS THE DISTRICT SOLIDIFIED ITS FISCAL HEALTH THROUGH RESTORED ENROLLMENT AND INCREASED BUDGET RESERVES.



**Board of Trustees** (left to right)

**MARIA NIETO SENOUR, PH.D.**, *President, District A*

**BERNIE RHINERSON**, *District B*

**CRAIG MILGRIM**, *District C*

**MARY GRAHAM**, *District D*

**GEYSIL ARROYO**, *District E*

A highlight of the year was the December 15 swearing-in of incumbent trustees Maria Nieto Senour (District A), Craig Milgrim (District C), and Geysil Arroyo (District E). Each of the re-elected trustees will serve a four-year term alongside their colleagues Bernie Rhinerson (District B) and Mary Graham (District D), who will be up for re-election in 2024. After being sworn in, Senour was re-elected president of the Board.

In addition to the SDCCD's elected trustees, student representatives from San Diego City, Mesa, Miramar, and Continuing Education colleges also serve a one-year term filling a student trustee position on a rotating basis. Notably, the 2022-23 academic year was the first time a student representative from College of Continuing Education served as a student trustee. Student trustees distinguished themselves with their professionalism and effectiveness, especially when they joined other District representatives in advocacy meetings in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., in early 2023.

In July 2022, the Board approved the SDCCD's Strategic Plan 2023-2030, a roadmap for the District's future.

Previously, nearly 10,000 members of the public and the District community provided input that helped shape the plan, which will guide the District in accomplishing its strategic goals while helping ensure success for all students and expanding efforts to achieve diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

With the near completion of the Propositions S and N bond construction campaign, the Board turned its attention to the District's current and future facility needs. In spite of the many improvements made over the past 20 years, much work remains to repair outdated classrooms, labs, and college buildings. As such, the Board established a subcommittee to explore how a new bond campaign could address areas of need.

Lastly, after Chancellor Carlos O. Cortez announced his resignation in May, the Board initiated a search process for the SDCCD's next chancellor. The appointment of SDCCD's next chancellor will shape the District's future for years to come, and the Board is fully committed to conducting an equitable, inclusive, and transparent national search. An announcement expected by the end of 2023.



**Student Trustees** (clockwise from top left)

**IXCHEL VALENCIA DIAZ**, *Mesa College*

**DIEGO BETHEA**, *City College*

**NAMOD PALLEK**, *Miramar College*

**ADRIANA DOS SANTOS**, *College of Continuing Education*



## Creativity that Inspires

*Julia Kogan, left, became the first ever student trustee to represent College of Continuing Education. In January, she and fellow student trustees, from left, Phoebe Truong, Allen Kuo, and Diego Bethea traveled to Washington, D.C., and met with government officials to advocate on behalf of the SDCCD.*



# Leadership and Innovation

The 2022-23 academic year was a time of change for the San Diego Community College District, with new faces in top leadership positions and a search underway for a new chancellor.

- The District's Vice Chancellor of People, Culture, and Technology Services, Gregory Smith, was selected to serve as acting chancellor following the resignation announcement of Chancellor Carlos O. Cortez, in May. The District is conducting a national search for a permanent chancellor, with an announcement expected by the end of 2023.
- At its July 2022 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the comprehensive districtwide Strategic Plan 2023-2030 that will guide the District's actions and efforts toward creating equitable outcomes for its students while providing well-trained graduates needed by local employers.

- The District welcomed three new vice chancellors: Laurie Coskey, vice chancellor of Development and Entrepreneurship; Michelle Fischthal, vice chancellor of Institutional Innovation and Effectiveness; and Kelly Hall, vice chancellor of Finance and Business Services.
- Ashanti T. Hands, began serving as president of San Diego Mesa College on July 1, 2022. She also was accepted into the Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship and served as a "Presidential Equity Champions" panelist during the fall 2022 California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers conference.

- Tina M. King, was selected as president of San Diego College of Continuing Education and stepped into the position on July 1, 2022. The adult education college, one of the state's largest providers of free workforce training, has seven campuses across the county from Barrio Logan to Miramar. King had been named an Aspen Institute Rising Presidents Fellow for the 2021-22 academic year.
- Julia Kogan was selected as the first student trustee representative for College of Continuing Education, joining student trustees representing San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, and San Diego Miramar College. The student trustees joined other representatives from the District to advocate with state and federal legislators in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.
- The District once again was a leader in utilizing hydrogen fuel cells, an eco-friendly power source, to power its campuses. A 650-kilowatt hydrogen fuel grid, which is projected to save \$594,000 annually while reducing carbon emissions by 23%, was installed on the City College campus. Hydrogen fuel cells are already in place at Mesa and Miramar colleges.
- City College moved forward with plans to build an affordable student housing development on its campus on the site of the former Child Development Center at the corner of 16th and B streets. The District received \$344,000 in state funding and \$160,000 from private sources to explore the feasibility of student housing and develop a conceptual design.
- New state legislation, AB 1719, was passed to make community college districts eligible for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to build affordable rental housing for employees. The District worked closely with Assemblymember Chris Ward (D-San Diego) on the legislation.
- The District installed dispensers that provide free feminine hygiene products in all women's and gender-neutral restrooms. About 200 dispensers were installed, exceeding the requirements of the Menstrual Equity for All Act, legislation that requires public schools and colleges in California to provide free menstrual products.





“ The word equity from my perspective means promoting access to the resources we have, doing outreach, and providing literacy services.”

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**EDEAMA  
ONWUCHEKWA  
JONAH**

EQUITY AND  
ENGAGEMENT LIBRARIAN  
AT MESA COLLEGE

Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah says some students aren't familiar with a library or the many resources it offers. As the equity and engagement librarian at Mesa College, Jonah works to provide access to the library for all students and meets with students to encourage them to use the library. She and her colleagues have created shelf guides so students can locate books more easily and QR codes leading to the databases and streaming videos that the library offers.

# City College – A Year in Review

YOU BELONG HERE! SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE, KNOWN FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, HAS MADE DELIBERATE STRIDES IN ENSURING ACCESS TO OVER 200 DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH ESSENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES AND ADDRESSING THEIR BASIC NEEDS.



*City College held a grand opening for its Basic Needs Center and Knights' Table Food Pantry in T-150.*

Highlights from the past academic year include:

- City College secured approval to offer the first bachelor's degree in the college's 109-year history. Students at the downtown San Diego campus will soon be able to earn a four-year degree in Cyber Defense and Analysis, which is scheduled to launch in fall 2024.
- The Nursing Program ranked second in the state and third in the nation for best nursing school in California, according to RNCareers.org.
- The college was awarded a \$2 million Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education to improve and expand its capacity to serve Asian American, Native American and Pacific Islander students, and low-income individuals.
- The award-winning Graphic Design program ranked as the top educational program of its kind in the world by a London-based graphic design industry nonprofit. City College also ranked second in the World Brand Society's Global Design Education Ranking, which is based on a cumulative number of points and awards secured in its competitions.
- Welcome Home City supported more than 500 students with housing and basic needs resources and provided over \$190,000 in direct rental assistance.
- The college opened the Basic Needs Center and Knights' Table Food Pantry in T-150. Since then, the Knights' Table Food Pantry has had more than 1,000 student visits.
- The twice-monthly Hunger Action Day food distributions had nearly 2,000 total visits from 515 individual students, classified professionals, faculty, and community members.
- President Ricky Shabazz was named one of the Top 50 Black Leaders of Influence by the San Diego Business Journal. He was joined by President Ashanti T. Hands of San Diego Mesa College and President Tina M. King of San Diego College of Continuing Education.
- The Intercultural Centers in L-206, which includes the First-Gen Hub, Pride Hub, and Womxn's Hub, and the Dreamer Resource Center, opened its doors for in-person student engagement on a regular basis.
- The college received 1,333 scholarship applications and awarded approximately \$300,000 in scholarships to more than 300 deserving students.
- The World Cultures Program hosted 35 events with a total attendance of approximately 1,400 students, faculty, classified professionals, and community members.
- Luxe Gallery presented a Black Identity Photography Show as part of Black History Month programming. The event, which was open to the community, was the first juried showcase celebrating Black photography at City College.
- In partnership with Asian & Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APSA) and the World Cultures Program, the college hosted its first Lunar New Year Celebration in Curran Plaza.
- Communications and Outreach continued its diverse and robust marketing and outreach campaign, which included English and Spanish recruitment ads; information sessions; Signing Days at high schools; and email, text, and traditional mail communications.

*City College secured approval to offer its first bachelor's degree in Cyber Defense and Analysis, which will launch in fall 2024.*





# Mesa College – A Year in Review

THROUGHOUT 2022-23, SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE SHINED A LIGHT ON THE EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE EFFORTS OF ITS COLLEGE, STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, ALUMNI, AND PARTNERS.

Highlights from the year include:

- Mesa College was ranked by Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine as one of the top schools in the United States for Hispanic students.
- In fall 2022, Mesa College hosted its first ever Black Excellence Symposium to help establish and build rapport among Black students and their peers.
- Local elected officials and San Diego Community College District representatives joined Mesa College administrators, faculty, staff, and students, and LGBTQIA+ community members to celebrate the grand opening of the campus Pride Center.
- Mesa College has saved students over \$4 million through zero-textbook-cost initiatives.
- Best Universities identified Mesa College as one of the top five “Best Fashion Design Schools in California.”
- The U.S. Department of State recognized Mesa College as a top Gilman International Scholarship Program for students who participate in study abroad programs.
- Mesa College launched its Small Business Virtual Incubator (SBVI) and Mesa Impactship Program (MIP), and offered California’s first Board-approved college-based Health and Wellness Coaching certificate.
- A Mesa College baccalaureate project,

titled Benefits and Opportunities:

California’s Community College Baccalaureate Programs, received a 2023 Honorable Mention Award from the Research and Planning Group (RP Group) for California community colleges.

- Mesa College football players received over 160 offers and Mesa student-athletes collectively received over \$2.4 million in total scholarships.
- Mesa College President Ashanti T. Hands was selected for the Aspen Institute’s New Presidents Fellowship.
- Mesa College Vice President Isabel de Los Angeles O’Connor was named as a 2022-23 Fellow of Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities’ Leadership Academy/La Academia de Liderazgo.
- Communication Studies Professor and Coach Das Nugent-Odasso received the 2022 Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association (PSCFA) Wyman-Howe Coaching Award.
- Psychology Professor Inna Kanevsky continued to debunk misinformation regarding mental health, which led her to amass 1.1 million TikTok followers.
- Communication Studies Professor Veronica Gerace received this year’s Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Regina Stanback Stroud Diversity Award.

- Professor Manuel Vélez was elected as the vice president of the ASCCC.
- Mesa College partnered with San Diego State University to receive a \$1 million U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to support sustainable food and agriculture training for Latinx students.
- Northrop Grumman Aeronautics Systems Sector partnered with Mesa College on its fall 2022 Community College Internship Program.
- Mesa College alumnus Wesley Renda invented the “WesCup,” which is now available in more than 30 7-Eleven stores.

*Hundreds gathered in February to celebrate the opening of the Mesa College Pride Center.*



# Miramar College – A Year in Review

SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE CONTINUES TO BOUNCE BACK FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC INTERRUPTION WITH A SOLID RISE IN ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES. HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR INCLUDE:



*Jimmy the Jet welcomes students back to campus.*

## **Miramar College Receives \$2.5 Million for Veterans Resource Center**

Miramar College was granted \$2.5 million from the state of California to upgrade resources for its veteran and active duty military students and their dependents. The funding, spearheaded by Assemblymember Brian

Maienschein, was part of Gov. Gavin Newsom's 2022-23 state budget. These funds provide enhanced services and infrastructure for the College's military community.

Miramar College used a majority of the funding to renovate and complete its long-planned Veterans Resource Center, now located on the ground floor of the I-Building. The newly constructed facility tripled the center's space to 3,000 square feet. The expanded VRC is now equipped with new furniture, private study and meeting rooms, and a student lounge. The college also built a computer lab in the center.

Infrastructure enhancements include LCD

screens, projectors, laptop loaners, and internet upgrades. A HyFlex technology room is planned for construction. In addition, Miramar College will provide an upgrade to its satellite teaching facility at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar.

Expanded services will include additional peer mentoring, tutorial, admissions, orientation, and mental health counseling services.

A portion of the funding will be used to provide emergency grant aid that will assist veterans with basic needs.

## **Miramar College Awarded Developing Hispanic Serving Institution Grant**

Miramar College joined its fellow San Diego Community College District institutions as a Hispanic Serving Institution grant recipient after the Board of Trustees' approval to accept a \$2.7 million DHSI/STEM Éxito Project grant from the United States Department of Education. The grant allows the college to participate in the development of expanding programs and improving Latinx and low-income students' success outcomes, specifically in STEM fields.

## **Program Mapper Launched to Assist Students on a Guided Pathway**

In an effort to provide a Guided

Pathway for students to better navigate completion of their degree/certificate programs, Miramar College created a program mapper, which debuted in July 2022.

"The program mapper provides students access to a tool that allows them to explore the degree and certificate options available to them," said Michael Odu, vice president of Instructional Services at Miramar College. "Students will find the mapper organized in groups of similar programs, or what we call academic and career pathways."

Students are encouraged to visit the program mapper to ensure they can achieve their educational goals quickly. The new program mapper can be found at [san-diego-miramar.programmapper.com/academics](http://san-diego-miramar.programmapper.com/academics).

*Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, front center, helped secure a grant of \$2.5 million from the state of California to support veterans and active duty military students.*





# College of Continuing Education – A Year in Review

SAN DIEGO COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION SERVES THE MOST VULNERABLE ADULT POPULATIONS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING FIRST GENERATION, LOW-INCOME, FORMERLY JUSTICE-INVOLVED, DREAMERS, MILITARY VETERANS, AND STUDENTS FROM UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES. FOR MANY, THE COLLEGE IS HELPING MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOUSING AND FOOD INSECURITY AND UPWARD MOBILITY AND GENERATIONAL CHANGE.

Here is a look at some of the highlights from the past year:



*College of Continuing Education conferred 16,177 diplomas and certificates.*

- Programs supporting former foster youth as they transition to adulthood received a significant boost in June 2023 thanks to a \$1.4 million grant to College of Continuing Education and nonprofit Promises2Kids through California Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins. The grant will help Promises2Kids' Guardian Scholars program and College of Continuing Education's Gateway to College and Career in building a seamless system of support for former foster youth seeking a solid education and well-paying careers.
- A record-breaking 227 students at College of Continuing Education were provided \$80,000 in scholarships and awards at the 15th annual Stars on the Rise scholarship and awards event on April 21.
- College of Continuing Education opened an Immigrant-Based Support Program Resource Center at the César E. Chávez Campus in Barrio Logan. The program, paired with free ESL, Citizenship, and High School Diploma/Equivalency courses, is helping refugees and immigrants increase their earnings and apply for college.

- Students at select San Diego Unified School District high schools can now train as certified nursing assistants through College of Continuing Education classes that count toward required Certified Nursing Assistant preparation. Lab classrooms mirror a hospital setting to prepare CNA students for careers at hospitals, medical centers, skilled nursing facilities, or in-home health.
- To strengthen the college's sense of teamwork, R&D Facilitation was hired to assess the overall culture at SDCCE, with an eye toward focusing on strengths and weaknesses, in helping to grow College of Continuing Education pride.
- College of Continuing Education brought on board a professional development coordinator, with the help of an In-Person Instruction grant, to develop a professional development infrastructure.
- A President's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Taskforce was created and consultant Regina Stanback Stroud was hired to build effective pathways toward DEIA policies and practices.
- College of Continuing Education was one of just 14 institutions in the nation selected for the Non-Credit and Credit Alignment Lab by the Association of Community College Trustees and Education Strategy Group.
- College of Continuing Education, for the first time, raised the Pride flag and Juneteenth flag in June 2023.
- A record 16,177 diplomas and certificates were conferred by College of Continuing Education.

*College of Continuing Education, for the first time, raised the Juneteenth flag.*





“ I couldn’t have done it without the guidance of my instructors at City College. They made us believe that you are capable of working and getting your dream job.”

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**MAYRA FAVELA**

DESIGNER AT BASIC/  
DEPT DIGITAL BRANDING  
AGENCY

Mayra Favela wanted to work in graphic design, but she didn’t want to spend four years getting a degree. At San Diego City College, she got her associate degree in graphic design in two years, graduating in 2021. Within a few months, she was hired to a full-time position at BASIC/DEPT, which was named the Branding Agency of the Year by Ad Age in 2023. She loves working with her colleagues on digital marketing projects. “I feel seen and valued,” she said. “I can’t believe that I got my dream job.”





# Student Success

Student success is evident throughout the San Diego Community College District, from the record number of high school students taking college courses to the thousands of graduates at the District's colleges. Programs targeting specific student populations ensure that all students have the opportunity to reach their educational goals.

- The number of high school students taking college classes through the District reached a new high as the result of a partnership with the San Diego Unified School District. Nearly 4,000 high school students took college classes at their high school campuses. About 700 high school students took courses at the college campuses, and almost 2,900 high school students earned college credits by passing a college-level exam for career education courses.
  - San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges were recognized as among the top 100 colleges in the country for enrollment of Hispanic/Latinx students, according to Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine. Among two-year colleges, Miramar College was ranked sixth and City College was ranked 35th. Mesa College was ranked 45th for four-year colleges and universities, a ranking it received for data purposes because it offers a bachelor's degree. Although the noncredit San Diego College of Continuing Education was not eligible for the list, the college is committed to serving its Latinx students, who make up 37% of its student body.
  - Miramar College received a five-year, \$1.4 million state grant to create
- a Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement program, called MESA. The program, which already is established at City College, is designed to help underserved and disproportionately impacted students majoring in the sciences to achieve their goals, particularly in transfer programs. The college also was awarded a \$2.7 million federal grant that allows it to expand programs that will improve outcomes for Latinx students, particularly in science, math and technology fields.
  - The District's Outreach teams expanded their work as the colleges' connections to the community, helping potential students with information and enrollment support. Their efforts were most apparent in the record number of students who enrolled in the San Diego Promise, which offers up to two years of free tuition. Almost 2,500 Promise students enrolled for the fall 2022 semester, in addition to 1,400 Promise students in their second year.
  - The districtwide virtual Black Student Success Summit in August 2022 provided an opportunity to ensure awareness of the resources available to support Black students. Students and licensed therapists shared their perspectives of successful efforts.
  - A \$50,000 gift from the Molina Family Foundation was used to fund emergency grants of up to \$500 for students who encounter unexpected major expenses that could derail their education. It provides transportation support such as bus and trolley passes and gas

cards so students can get to school.

- In October 2022, City College was awarded a \$2 million federal grant to expand its capacity to serve Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students. About 13% of the college's 20,000 students identify as Asian American or Native American Pacific Islander.
- City College's nursing program was ranked fifth in California, according to RegisteredNursing.org. Programs were ranked based on how well they support students and pass rates for the nursing licensure examination. Additionally, its Graphic Design program was ranked the top educational program of its kind.
- Mesa College was recognized as one of the U.S. colleges and universities that sent the most students abroad through the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program.
- Miramar College received a \$382,500 state grant to support incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students in attaining their education goals. The Rising Scholars Network grant is designed to support formerly incarcerated students enrolled in community college and to provide instruction to students in prison or jail.
- College of Continuing Education launched a new Immigrant-Based Support Program Student Center to assist immigrants, refugees, and English language learners. The center, based at the César E. Chávez campus, features weekly presentations in Spanish and English and group chats where students can share resources.

## A Roadmap for a Bright Future

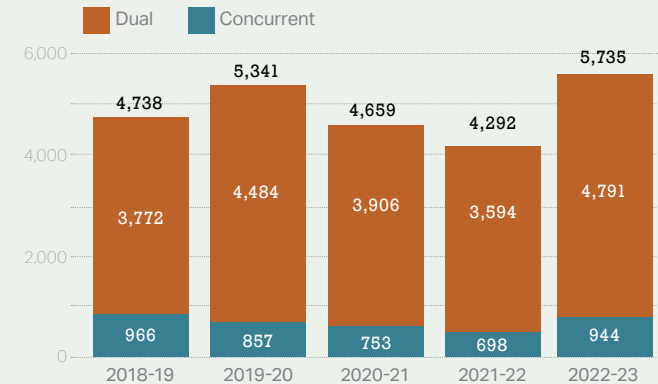
# Student Success by Degrees

STUDENT SUCCESS AND DEGREE COMPLETION CONTINUE TO BE AT THE TOP OF THE SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT'S LIST OF PRIORITIES. NEARLY 11,000 CAREER TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED, HELPING BETTER THE LOCAL WORKFORCE WITH MORE SKILLED EMPLOYEES.

## Among the Highlights this Past Year

- The SDCCCD awarded 20,662 degrees and certificates to students attending San Diego City, Mesa, Miramar, and Continuing Education colleges. Sixteen percent of the awards conferred were associate and bachelor's degrees, and 84% were certificates or College of Continuing Education high school diplomas.
- The credit colleges of SDCCCD (City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges) awarded 3,361 associate degrees.
- College of Continuing Education awarded 9,991 career technical certificates, while the credit colleges awarded 972 career technical certificates.
- In 2022-23, 597 Promise students (from all cohorts) earned a total of 687 associate degrees. In addition, 196 Promise students earned a total of 221 certificates within the District. Two Promise students also graduated with bachelor's degrees from Mesa College.
- There were 18 students awarded bachelor's degrees from the Health Information Management program at Mesa College.
- 1,617 students took part in the District's Honors program. Latinx students — at 43% — constituted the largest segment of the Honors population. While the Honors program has not fully recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic, there was remarkable growth in 2022-23, serving 60% more students than the prior year.
- SDCCCD served 5,735 high school students enrolled in college coursework in 2022-23 — 4,791 of whom participated in dual enrollment (College and Career Pathways [CCAP] or Accelerated College Program [ACP]) courses. In 2022-23 the CCAP program — taught tuition-free at high school campuses as part of the regular school day — served more students than any prior academic year.

## Dual Enrollment Growth by Headcount



Note: The above table utilizes a hierarchy approach to classifying special admit students. The "Dual" row shows the number of those students who enrolled in a CCAP or ACP class during each academic year. The "Concurrent" row shows the number of students with a concurrent enrollment (high school student in college class with other college students outside of an agreement) who did not have a dual enrollment in each academic year. The "Total" equals all unduplicated count of special admit students enrolled at one of the credit colleges.

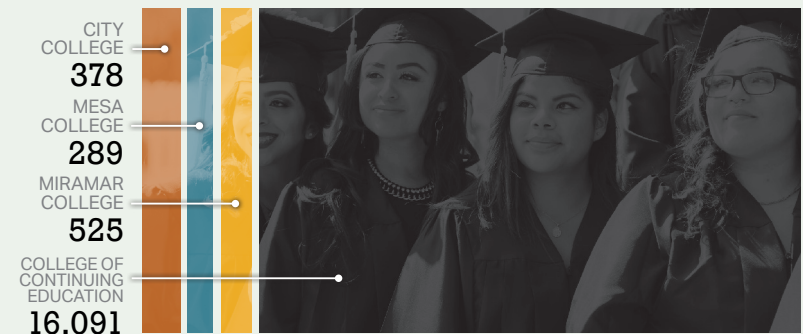
## AA/AS/BS Degrees Awarded 2022-2023

TOTAL DEGREES 3,379



## Certificates Awarded 2022-2023

TOTAL CERTIFICATES 17,283

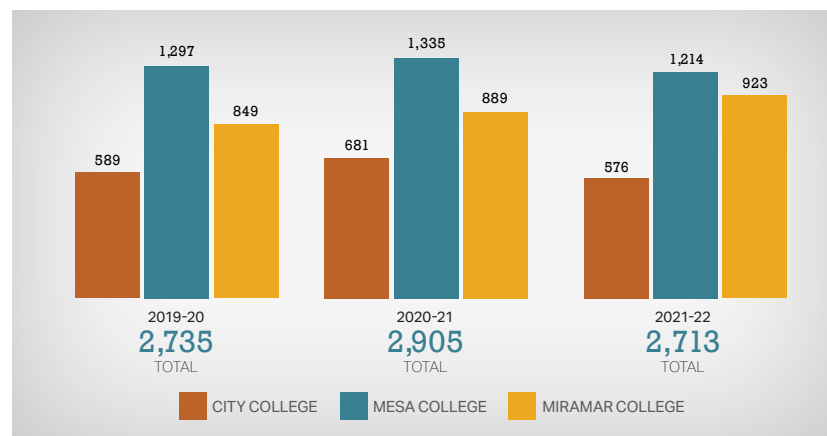




## Importance of Student Transfers

During 2021-22 (the last year data was available), more multi-ethnic students (students who choose more than one ethnicity other than Latinx) transferred from San Diego Community College District to four-year institutions than in any prior academic year. Of the 2,713 students who transferred from SDCCD to a four-year institution, the top five transfer destinations were San Diego State University, University of California San Diego, California State University San Marcos, National University, and University of San Diego. Transfers to UC San Diego (358 transfers) and CSUSM (147 transfers), increased 72% and 250% from 2016-17, respectively. National University was the largest private college destination, followed closely by USD, while Arizona State University was the largest out-of-state beneficiary of the District's students. While overall student transfers from the SDCCD saw a slight dip (down 6.5%) from 2020-21, Miramar College bucked the trend with a 4% increase. This increase is part of a larger trend at Miramar College that started in the 2016-17 school year, with annual transfer counts increasing every year since.

## Student Transfers

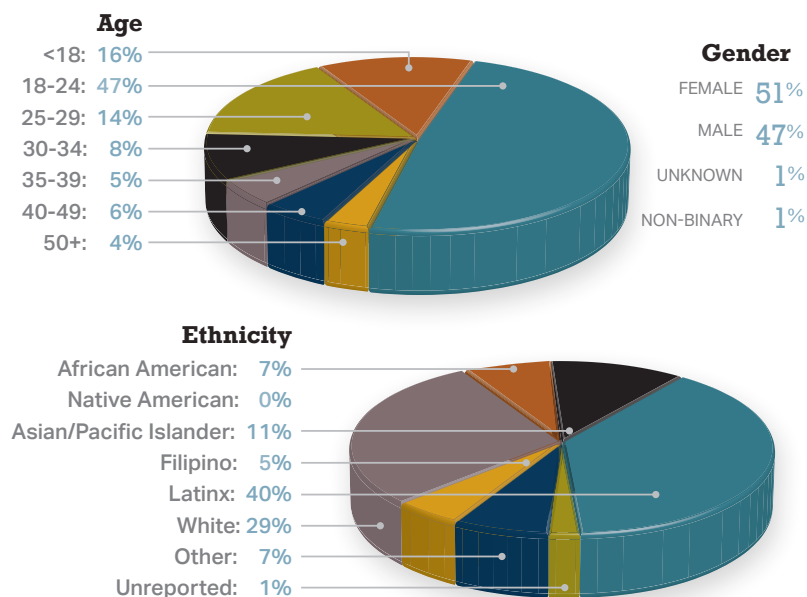


Note: 2022-23 figures were not available before print.

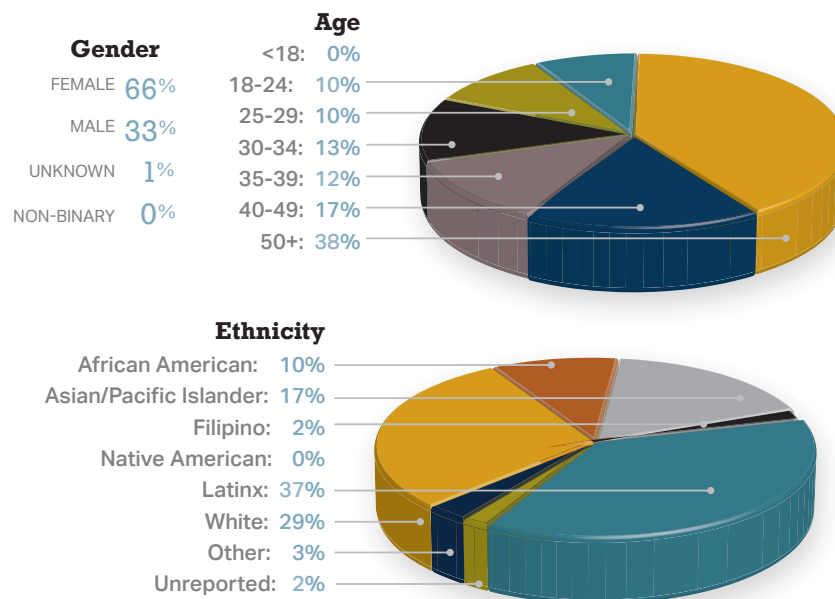
For this Annual Report, transfer data were calculated by applying Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) criteria, which state a student has to complete 12+ units at SDCCD in one year prior to transfer. Previous transfer reports were higher since they allowed for a six-year window for students to transfer. This new way of reporting is directly tied to how the SDCCD will be paid for transfer students starting this year.

## Student Demographics

### CREDIT COLLEGE PROFILES



### COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROFILES





# Community Engagement

## Working with Others for the Benefit of All

The San Diego Community College District celebrates the many communities represented by its students and employees, ensuring that all feel honored and welcomed. Through events, industry partnerships, advocacy, and community outreach, the District is able to bring awareness to its mission and is better able to serve its students.

- The District and colleges celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May with a variety of events including film screenings focused on Taiwan, Japanese brush painting, and a town hall meeting on how to better serve the AAPI community.
- Black Student Success Week, held April 24-28, was celebrated to focus on approaches that help ensure Black students thrive at the colleges. Highlights included a drum performance and lecture, information sessions, career development events, and a panel on racial labels.
- The District received three federal grants totaling \$3.4 million that benefit more than 100,000 students. A \$1.2 million grant is being used to better serve LGBTQIA+ students; a \$1 million grant is funding an initiative to expand service at San Diego College of Continuing Education to youths who have recently aged out of the foster care system; and a \$1.2 million grant is financing new and expanded centers serving undocumented students. The grants were secured by Representatives Sara Jacobs, Scott Peters, and Juan Vargas, respectively.
- The District raised the Pride flag for the first time in its history in honor of Pride Month celebrating the LGBTQIA+

community. The flag was raised on June 1 at the District Office and at each of its eight college campuses. Additionally, in observance of the national holiday and as a statement of the SDCCD's values and recognition of the racial injustices that have been and continue to be levied on Black communities around the world, the Juneteenth flag was raised at each location.

- District faculty, classified professionals, administrators, students, and trustees walked in the 41st annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. A float created for the parade by San Diego College of Continuing Education welding department won first place, and the District float was awarded second place in the education division.
- Six College Police officers participated in the annual Shop with a Cop event, which aims to provide children with a happier holiday season and build positive relationships with police. The day included breakfast at SeaWorld and a \$200 shopping spree at Target.
- In partnership with the San Diego Blood Bank, College Police hosted a blood drive and collected 20 units of blood, which has the potential to save 54 lives.
- San Diego Miramar College's Regional Entrepreneurship Center Innovation Lab joined the San Diego Food Justice Project collaborative, which was awarded \$1 million to give small business training to entrepreneurs in the food industry: home kitchen operations, sidewalk vendors, pop-ups, caterers, and immigrant-owned restaurants.

- District students and San Diego City College President Ricky Shabazz attended the All African Diaspora Education Summit in Ghana. A key goal of the conference was to discuss how to bring an African-centered education to the United States, setting aside outdated views of the continent's culture. The summit grew out of previous trips to Africa sponsored by the African-American Male Education Network & Development organization (A2MEND), a statewide group of Black male community college administrators and faculty members.
- San Diego Mesa College opened its Pride Center, which will provide a space of community support for the LGBTQIA+ community.
- Miramar College received a \$2.5 million state grant to upgrade resources for its veteran and active-duty military students and their dependents. The funding, spearheaded by Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, provides enhanced services and infrastructure for the college's military community. The new 3,000-square-foot facility expanded from a 1,000-square-foot space. Services include peer mentoring, tutorial, admissions, orientation, and mental health counseling services.
- College of Continuing Education held Exploration Days, a public open house series for prospective students and families. Attendees at the event were able to learn more about the college through campus tours, interactive demonstrations, and a meet-and-greet with faculty and staff.





“The San Diego Food Justice Project program is giving participants hope and giving them the tools they need to make their dream come true. We’re giving them the proper education to make their business a reality.”

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**TOM BUI**, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MANAGER, CITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Tom Bui and his organization are working with Miramar College’s REC Innovation Lab and other groups to teach aspiring restaurant owners how to run their businesses. Students in the grant-funded program take an eight-week course learning business essentials such as developing a business plan, marketing, permits, and licensing. After completing the course, graduates receive between \$2,500 and \$7,500 to help them start their businesses. The program is serving 170 participants throughout San Diego County.



# Keeping the Promise

A record-breaking 2,483 students enrolled in the San Diego Promise for the fall 2022 semester, joining about 1,400 students who were in the second year of the two-year program. The Promise, which began as a pilot program in 2016, provides free tuition to full-time students, along with book grants, health fees, instructional supplies, counseling, and support. It has served more than 10,000 students since the program started.

Students of San Diego College of Continuing Education were also eligible to apply for the program and enroll at San Diego City, Mesa, or Miramar college. The San Diego Promise, through private funding, extends pathways to the program for special populations, including foster youth, veterans, formerly incarcerated, undocumented students, and those who could not attend full time due to unique circumstances.

Assembly Bill 19, signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2017, was amended in late 2022 to extend eligibility to returning students who had not

been enrolled in any of the District's three credit colleges for three or more semesters. Students who fell under this category were eligible to register for the 2023-24 academic year under the Promise program.

"We know that the Promise starts way before enrollment," said Andrew "Luke" Menchaca, dean of Outreach and Student Affairs. "During the information phase, we're out in the community informing

# 229%

increase in the number of students served, from 2021-22 to 2022-23, in special populations (including San Diego College of Continuing Education students, veterans, formerly incarcerated, foster youth, and undocumented)



Jennifer Gonzales,  
City College student

parents, students, and program services about what this amazing program has to offer."

Additionally, a new fundraising record was set during the 2022 Keeping the Promise giving day in which nearly \$35,000 was raised from 97 San Diego Community College District employees — an almost 19% increase from the previous giving day in 2020. The donations were led by matching gifts totaling \$15,000 from donor Roger Frey and Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Ann Dowd, who retired in late 2022.

To be eligible for the program, students must be a California resident or AB 540 eligible and not have earned a bachelor's degree or certificate. They must maintain a 2.0 grade point average, sign a Promise

contract, meet with a counselor each semester, and complete an education plan.

Jennifer Gonzales, a City College student, is one of the thousands of students who have benefited from the Promise. She decided to attend City College instead of one of the four-year institutions where she had been accepted after talking with her family about her future during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At City College, Gonzales sharpened her focus on her career goal of becoming an architect, and said she hopes to shape plans for affordable and sustainable housing.

"That was the biggest lesson that I learned during my City College journey — to try to find a passion that you have a clear goal for," she said.



# Community Engagement

## Propositions S and N Citizens' Oversight Committee

The District's capital improvement program is overseen by an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), whose members represent various organizations, community groups, and students. These community leaders are appointed by the SDCCD Board of Trustees and are charged with monitoring the \$1.555 billion in voter-approved bond measures.



2022-23 members from left, back row: Mike Frattali, Bob Kiesling, and Shandon Harbour. From left, front row: Linda Zintz, Leslie Bruce, and Elizabeth Armstrong. Not pictured: Ed Oremen, Jason Paguio, and Ixchel Valencia Diaz.

## Trustee Advisory Council

Members of the Trustee Advisory Council (TAC) assist in improving communications between the Board of Trustees and the community, and advise the Board on community attitudes, perceptions, and opportunities. They serve as advocates to the community and decision-makers, to ensure that the District's educational programs and services meet the needs of area residents.



2022-23 members, from left, back row: John Watson, Mark Tran, and Alberto Ochoa. From left, front row: Jesús Martín Gallegos-Muñoz, Marissa Vasquez, William Ponder, and Becky Phillpott. Not pictured: Alan Mobley, Anchi Mei, Cecil Steppe, Clint Carney, Courtney Baltiyskyy, David Valladolid, Dean Aragoza, Ellen Nash, Gary Rotto, Jeff Marston, Martha Ranon, Peter Zschiesche, and Rebekah Hook-Held.

## Corporate Council

The Corporate Council continues to emerge as an integral adviser to the San Diego Community College District regarding workforce education and training. Composed of business representatives from industry clusters that drive San Diego's economy, the Corporate Council provides a means to ensure good relations between the SDCCD and its business partners throughout the region. The District looks to the Corporate Council to identify strategies for meeting business and employer needs. Throughout the year, the Council was kept well-informed on District matters, including workforce partnerships and their role in advocacy regarding legislative issues.





“ We need to be upgraded and up to date with our technology in order to provide high-quality instruction to our students. We can support our students with access to the updates they need in order to support the workforce.”

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**ARMIN RASHVAND,**  
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF  
CAREER TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION, SAN DIEGO  
COLLEGE OF CONTINUING  
EDUCATION

In his role as College of Continuing Education Strong Workforce coordinator, Armin Rashvand is responsible for coordinating state and federal grants that promote workforce training. The college offers short-term courses so that students can quickly obtain the skills they need for a job. He's excited about the many innovative courses that are offered, such as a program linking English as a Second Language learners with the healthcare program to assist them with finding jobs in the field.







# Workforce Development

The San Diego Community College District plays a key role in providing workforce training for the San Diego region. To fulfill that role, the District is offering innovative programs such as a new cybersecurity baccalaureate, teaching high school students to become certified nursing assistants, and training arborists who will help prevent wildfires. The effect on the region is clear: The District's career education programs have as much economic impact as hosting four Super Bowls.

- San Diego City College secured approval from the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to offer a bachelor's degree in Cyber Defense and Analysis. The program is expected to launch in fall 2024. It is the first time that City College will offer a bachelor's degree program and makes it the second college in the District to offer a baccalaureate program. San Diego Mesa College began offering a bachelor's degree in Health Information Management in 2015, part of a pilot program for California community colleges. San Diego Miramar College has submitted a proposal for a bachelor's degree program in Public Safety Management.
- A study found that the economic impact on the region of the career education programs at the District totaled \$1.6 billion. The economic impact ranges from training students for higher-paying jobs to the employees and services that the District utilizes to provide its programs. The study

found that the added income of the District's career education programs supported more than 19,000 jobs in the region. The study, by Lightcast, a labor market data company, focused on the 300 career education and certificate programs offered at the colleges. More than 28,000 students take credit career education courses and nearly 8,000 take non-credit career education courses. The study found that every dollar students invest in their education has a return of \$6.20 in increased lifetime earnings — an annual rate of return of 23.5%.

- Students at two San Diego Unified School District high schools are now able to train as certified nursing assistants through San Diego College of Continuing Education. The program is open to students at San Diego High School's MedTech Academy and the School of Biomedical Science and Technology at Kearny High Educational Complex. The program allows students to become certified nursing assistants by the time they graduate high school and sets them on a career pathway to become a licensed vocational nurse or a registered nurse.
- San Diego Gas & Electric Co. awarded a three-year, \$1.2 million grant to San Diego College of Continuing Education Foundation to provide Arborist/Utility Line Clearance training. The tuition-free, five-week program trains students to become

skilled arborists who can help prevent wildfires by clearing trees away from utility equipment and lines.

The funding from SDG&E is one of the first partnerships between a California community college and a utility company to support curriculum as part of the company's fire risk mitigation budget.

- The District is taking action to offer more paid internships to students so they can gain valuable work experience and build relationships. Many low-income students cannot afford to participate in an internship unless they are paid. The District is part of a regional collaborative for San Diego and Imperial counties that was awarded an \$18.1 million grant to offer paid internships to community college students.
- Kay Faulconer Boger was named in the new role of Chancellor's Liaison for Community Engagement. Boger is responsible for working with more than a dozen industry representatives on the District's Corporate Council, which advises the SDCCD on issues regarding workforce education and training. The Council also helps ensure curriculum remains relevant and provides a means to maintain excellent relations between the District and its business partners. She previously served as acting president, acting vice president of instruction, and director of industry partnerships at College of Continuing Education.

## Finding Opportunities to Better Serve Students

# Driving the Economy

The San Diego Community College District has a wide-ranging economic impact on the region — from the better jobs that students obtain from their education to the costs of running a district with a nearly \$1 billion budget and nearly 5,000 employees. A recent study found that the SDCCD had a \$4.5 billion economic impact on San Diego County — equal to the economic benefits of hosting 13 Super Bowls, and approximately 1.6% of the gross regional product of San Diego County.

The study, which was conducted by Lightcast, a leading provider of economic impact and labor market data, also concluded that the District and its four colleges are a great investment for students, taxpayers, and society. The results of the analysis were based on data from the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The SDCCD's economic impact is reflected in the jobs that graduates attain in high-demand industries because of their education, the cost of running the institutions, and the costs of construction at the college campuses.

The study found that:

- The economic impact of alumni spending was \$3.8 billion, the equivalent of supporting 35,667 jobs.
- For every \$1 million of public money invested in the SDCCD, taxpayers will receive a cumulative value of \$1.4 million over the course of the students' working lives.
- The economic impact of District spending for operations was \$472.8 million, with the SDCCD employing 4,835 full- and part-time employees, 95% of whom lived in San Diego County.

- The economic impact of construction at the colleges was \$5 million, which, as the District's two bond programs — Propositions S and N — come to a close, supported 54 jobs.
- A student's investment in the SDCCD has an annual rate of return of 17.3%, which far surpasses the U.S. stock market's 30-year average rate of return of 9.6%.



# Grant Highlights

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Grant and Contract Awards

**TOTAL FUNDING**

**\$75,531,780**

## City College

**TITLE** Title III HSI STEM Growing and Sustaining Identity

**FUNDER** United States Department of Education

**AMOUNT** \$995,706

**TITLE** Title III Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI)

**FUNDER** United States Department of Education

**AMOUNT** \$400,000

## Mesa College

**TITLE** Title III HSI STEM-Articulation Program

**FUNDER** United States Department of Education

**AMOUNT** \$995,709

**TITLE** AANAPISI Equity, Empathy & Excellence

**FUNDER** United States Department of Education

**AMOUNT** \$302,000

## Miramar College

**TITLE** Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Training Enhancement

**FUNDER** California Energy Commission

**AMOUNT** \$1,800,000

**TITLE** Native American Student Support and Success

**FUNDER** California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

**AMOUNT** \$600,000

## College of Continuing Education

**TITLE** Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act

**FUNDER** California Department of Education

**AMOUNT** \$2,036,445

**TITLE** Gateway to College and Career Guardian Scholars Program at Promises2Kids

**FUNDER** California Student Aid Commission

**AMOUNT** \$1,402,591

## SDCCD

**TITLE** IT System Upgrades and Modernization for Online Learning Pathways

**FUNDER** State Department of Rehabilitation

**AMOUNT** \$978,000

**TITLE** Cooperative Workability III

**FUNDER** State Department of Rehabilitation

**AMOUNT** \$447,936





# Managing Our Resources

The San Diego Community College District continues to live up to its well-earned and outstanding reputation for exceptional educational programs and for being a well-managed and fiscally responsible community college district. Student success, with a focus on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, in an effort to reduce barriers to access for all students, continues to be front and center regarding all operational and educational aspects of the District. Through its newly established Strategic Plan 2023-2030 and sound fiscal management, the District was able to serve and support all students, particularly those experiencing basic needs challenges, in pursuit of their educational goals.

The Board of Trustees adopted a \$992.2 million budget for 2022-23, \$557 million in General Fund and \$435.2 million in other funds, representing a \$119.8 mil-



lion increase in all funds as compared to 2021-22. The 2022-23 budget enabled the District to serve approximately 80,000 students at three credit colleges, San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar, as well as San Diego College of Continuing Education. In 2022-23, the District was beginning to return to on-campus operations, a process that was completed as of the start of the 2023-24 academic year.

The following are some additional highlights for the 2022-23 fiscal year:

- The District met all of its internal and external short- and long-term fiscal

obligations.

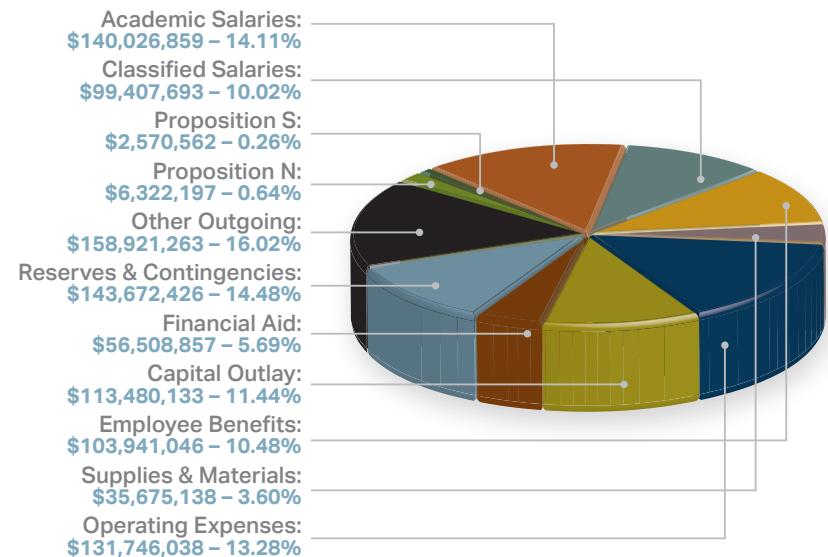
- The annual audit as of June 30, prepared by an independent external public accounting auditing firm, was once again “Unmodified.”
- The adopted budget included the District’s focus on growing and maintaining an ending fund balance as protection against potential national and state economic downturns.
- The District continued to make progress in 2022-23 completing all major construction projects identified in the District’s Facilities Strategic Plan and authorized under Proposition S, General Obligation Bonds (2002) and Proposition N, General Obligation Bonds (2006).

Highlights from the bond program projects include:

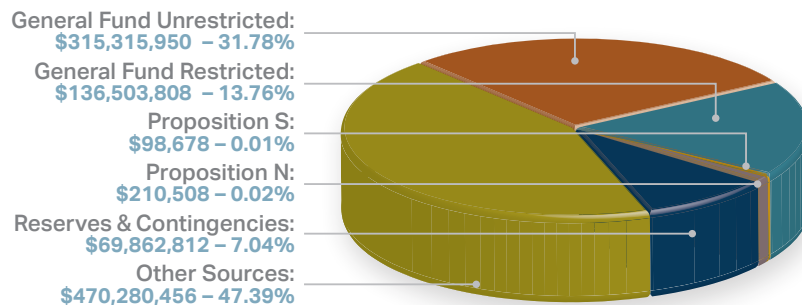
- Addition of strategic energy and environment planning projects to help align energy efficiency and/or sustainability measures between the District’s facilities master plan and each college’s strategic facilities master plan.
- State-of-the-art technical upgrades and Wi-Fi enhancements across all campuses enable the District to serve student demand and address network security and resiliency.

The SDCCD pledges to continue in its efforts to serve the community in a fiscally responsible manner for years to come and appreciates the ongoing support of San Diego taxpayers.

## 2022-2023 EXPENDITURES: \$992,272,212



## 2022-2023 REVENUE: \$992,272,212





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