



**EVERGREEN
VALLEY COLLEGE**

APRIL 12, 2022 BOARD UPDATE

8 YEARS IN THE MAKING... A NEW EVC WEBSITE

On April 6, 2022, EVC launched a new website, almost eight years since its last website went live. When you visit www.evc.edu, you will notice a new online experience created for students and informed by students.

Our goal was to create a clean, intuitive, easy to navigate, and visually appealing site. Every photo on the site is either a current, future, past EVC student, or staff.

The website can be translated into Spanish or Vietnamese. It has a responsive design, so it's as easy to navigate on a mobile device as on a desktop computer. A new search and filter function helps our students easily explore all of the different programs and majors at EVC. And you will notice videos, stories, and an updated 360-degree virtual campus tour.

We hope you enjoy this new cleaner, streamlined, and connected web experience.

QUICK FACTS		
#9	\$79k	\$52k
EVC is ranked as the 9 th Best Community College in Northern California in 2021 (Best Value School)	Average mid-career salary for EVC graduates (Pay Scale) - #2 ranked in California	Average early-career salary for EVC graduates (Pay Scale) - #2 ranked in California
#4	Top 20	63%
Most Diverse Faculty in the Country (Chronicle of Higher Education)	A Top 20 Best Community College in the US (WalletHub)	63% of all Associate Degrees Awarded at EVC are Associate Degree for Transfer Awards

If not for EVC, I wouldn't have continued my education. Now, with a doctorate, I work with inmates, helping change their life trajectory.

Tai Faaleava, PsyD, Mill Street State Creek Prison, Class of 2011

EXCITING HIGHLIGHTS FROM EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE

EVC WILL OFFER FREE TUITION FOR THE FALL 2022 SEMESTER



With 3,094 students benefitting from free tuition at EVC for the Spring 2022 semester, we have announced that once again, Evergreen Valley College will be offering free tuition and zero student fees for the fall 2022 semester.

Students must register for at least six units and upload proof of vaccination upon registration.

We will continue to share this information with the broader community but are excited to provide this opportunity to our students.

EVC AWARDED NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION STEM GRANT



EVC was awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) S STEM grant for \$749,884 to launch our innovative project, Fostering Biology Major Success and Transfer in an Urban Community College in the Silicon Valley.

The grant is for six years and will support four cohorts of biology majors over a two-year scholarship period, providing up to \$10,000 (\$2500/semester) to 45 individual students.

The goal is to increase attainment of associate degrees and transfer into baccalaureate programs in biology.

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EVC LAUNCHES NEW WOMEN IN STEM CLUB



EVC has launched WiSTEM, a women in STEM club. EVC WiSTEM will provide and inform its members of opportunities like scholarships, internships, and mentorship. Although women may not be predominant in STEM-oriented fields, the club's goal is to demonstrate they are here and ever-growing with a passion to change the world.

The club's main focus is to recruit female students; however anyone regardless of how they identify themselves, is invited and welcome to join in on any activities and meetings. EVC WiSTEM firmly believes that inclusivity is necessary for these collaborative spaces.

The club's first meeting is on April 22 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

EVC THEATER PROFESSOR & STUDENTS SUPPORTS EVC ALUM IN "VIETGONE" AT CITY LIGHTS THEATER COMPANY



Theater Arts faculty member, John Kaufman brought a group of current EVC theater students to watch former EVC student Vivienne Truong star in the play "Vietgone," a musical comedy about Vietnamese refugees finding their way in 1970's America at City Lights Theater Company in San José.

EVC theater students said the show was amazing and a great addition to this past month's Womyn's HERstory reading of "The Best We Could Do" by Thi Bui.

"I encourage everyone to go and support Vivienne, see a great show, and see the empathy and humanity that theater can offer. You'll be glad you did!" - Professor Kaufman

MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE

IN-PERSON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY A SUCCESS



March 25 marked the return of in-person professional development day at EVC with the relevant and timely theme of *A Place for All to Learn*.

A keynote presentation kicked off the day from Dr. Joshua Moon Johnson, the author of ***Beyond Surviving: From Religious Oppression to Queer Activism***.

Dr. Johnson spoke about looking inward and outward to create a positive campus environment based on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accountability.

After the powerful keynote, the staff broke out into two workshops on cultural humility and dismantling your own implicit bias led by members of Healing Equity United.

And after lunch together in Central Green, participants went to one of eight break-out sessions led by members of the EVC community.

INCREDIBLE EVENTS AS PART OF WOMYN'S HERSTORY MONTH

2022 Womyn's HERStory Month focused on "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." We hosted a variety of insightful, impactful, and powerful events that were well attended and well received. Take a look at some of the events below.

Evergreen Valley College
Womyn's HERstory Month Presents




STRONG WOMEN:
A conversation with Lisa Willis & Shay Doron about Life in Sports

Zoom Link:
<https://tinyurl.com/whmsports>

wednesday
9TH
march 2022

Zoom events will be closed captioned.
Please contact marjorie.clark@evc.edu for Sign Language interpretation or other accommodations.

Sponsored by:
EVC Women & Gender Studies Program, Women's Gender Equity Center, EVC Associated Student Government, and EVC Diversity Action Council

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Womyn's HERstory Month Presents

**Towards a Multitude of Care for Caregivers:
FILIPINA/O CAREGIVERS IN THE BAY AREA ON THE COVID-19 FRONTLINES**



DR. VALERIE FRANCISCO-MENCHAVEZ
Associate Professor in the Dept. of Sociology at EVC. She is committed to teaching research on the topics of Fil-Am transnational lives, family migration in the U.S. and in the Philippines.

Zoom Link:
tinyurl.com/evccaregivers

tuesday
15th
march 2022
12:15 - 1:15 PM
Free & Open to the public

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2022 Womyn's HERstory Month Book Discussion

featuring Thi Bui's *The Best We Could Do*
(an illustrated memoir/graphic novel about a Vietnamese-American family's inspirational journey)



Date: Thursday, March 31
Time: 12:15-1:15 PM
Location: [Zoom](#)

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MARCH 16 & 17 – ALCOHOL & DRUG AWARENESS FAIR



EVC's Student Health & Wellness Services hosted a two-day Alcohol & Drug Awareness Fair at the Central Green on March 16 & 17.

In addition to tables and resources from community partners such as Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), Healthright 360, there was a presentation from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

The event provided a great opportunity to learn how drinking impacts college students, and what resources are available to help.



EVC CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONALS KICK OFF CARING CAMPUS

On Friday, March 18, EVC Classified Professionals convened in Gullo II for the Classified Professionals Retreat.

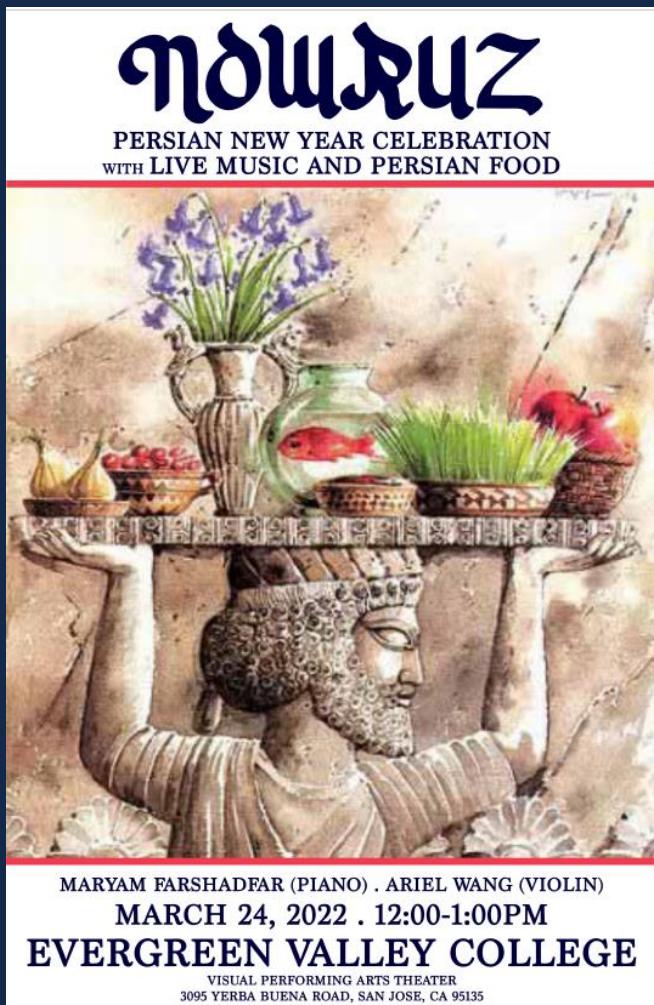
The event kicked off the campus-wide Caring Campus Initiative which aims to foster an environment of connectedness and belonging for our students by making it known that we are here to support them.



MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE

PERSIAN NEW YEAR

Maryam Farshadfar, EVC music faculty member and the music department, hosted Nowruz. The event featured multiple music performances followed by a post-concert reception with food celebrating the Persian New Year that marks the beginning of spring.



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ENLACE PROGRAM FEATURED ON NBC & TELEMUNDO

VIDEOS NOTICIAS



The EVC Enlace Program was recently featured in the Comunidad del Valle show which aired on both NBC Bay Area and Telemundo in English and Spanish featuring Dr. Susana Ramirez and Mayra Garcia.

The English version can be found on the NBC link and the Spanish version on the Telemundo link below.

[NBC Part 1](#) & [NBC Part 2](#)

[Telemundo Part 1](#) & [Telemundo Part 2](#)

In the feature, they talk about the importance of mentorship, supporting the varying needs of our students, how potential students can get involved, and how ENLACE ultimately helps students become better versions of themselves.

FREE TAX PROGRAM CONTINUES TO PUT MONEY BACK INTO POCKETS OF EVC STUDENTS

TAXES ARE HARD
We
MAKE THEM EASY!

TAX Season starts Feb. 3, 2022 For FREE!

Evergreen Valley College

Library, (Check-in at foyer kiosk)

February 3, 2022 - April 7, 2022*

Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Fridays* 10:00 - 3:00 pm

*Closed Friday 2/18

Please Note: San Jose-Evergreen College District mandates anyone visiting the campus must show proof of vaccination.

Thanks to the continued leadership of Melody Barta, EVC accounting instructor, in partnership with SparkPoint San José, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is delivering big returns for EVC students.

With the program nearly complete, seven student volunteers and three site coordinators have accomplished the following as of April 8:

Returns: 186
Total refunds : \$277,089