



**EVERGREEN
VALLEY COLLEGE**

MAY 10, 2022 BOARD UPDATE

'TIS THE SEASON FOR CELEBRATION

Employee Recognition

Tuesday, May 10th
2:00 pm-3:00 pm
Gullo II

EVU Umoja-AFFRIM Graduation

Thursday, May 12th
5:00 pm-7:00 pm
Amphitheater

TRIO Upward Bound Senior Celebration

Thursday, May 12th
6:00 pm
Maggiano's Little Italy

Enlace Graduation

Friday, May 13th
2:30-4:30pm
Gullo II

Special Programs Award Ceremony

Thursday, May 19th
1:00 pm-3:00 pm
Gullo II

Community Partner Day

Friday, May 20th
9:00 am-1:00 pm
Gullo II

Scholarship Recognition

Monday, May 23rd
3:00 pm-5:00 pm
Gullo II

SJECED Black Graduation Celebration

Tuesday, May 24th
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
SJCC Central Greens behind General
Education Building

EVU Commencement

Friday, May 27th
Pre-graduation VIP reception 5:00pm
Graduation procession and ceremony
beginning 6:00pm
EVU Soccer Field



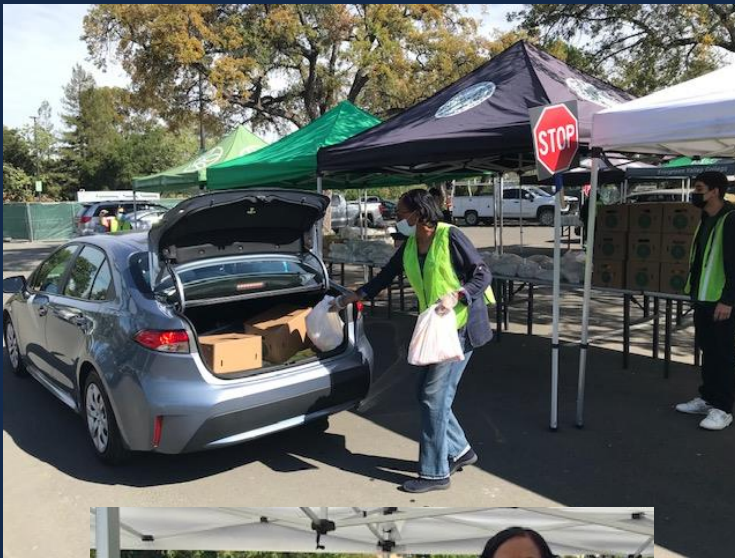
AAPI HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION IS A SMASHING SUCCESS

EVC's ASPIRE Program and the Associated Student Government sponsored the AAPI Heritage Month Celebration on Wednesday, May 4. Pictured below you can see a few of the wonderful performers and exhibitors who shared their talent with us: Filipina American vocalist, Kat Damian, the Traditional Samoan Dance group Princess Tina Sauao & Company, and the calligrapher Bao Truong.



SOBRATO FOUNDATION JOINS IN DISTRIBUTING FOOD

On Friday, May 6, Hana, Evelyn, and Maggie from the Sobrato Family Foundation joined EVC staff and student volunteers in distributing food to EVC students and the community as part of our bi-weekly drive-thru food distribution in Parking Lot 1 in partnership with 2nd Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley.



EVC STUDENTS FLOCK TO HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, on May 3, EVC hosted a Health & Wellness Fair. More than 150 students came out to access important health resources, learning great methods to implement self-care from EVC's wellness counselor, Jacob Maciel.



EVCC DELIVERS MEANINGFUL BLACK STUDENT TOWN HALL

On April 27, EVCC hosted a virtual Black Student Town Hall. This provided an opportunity for our students to meet some of EVCC's Black employees and to discuss their experience at EVCC as well as to provide resources and support to ensure their success.



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EXCITING HIGHLIGHTS FROM EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE

EVC RECEIVES DIGITAL INCLUSION GRANT



Evergreen Valley College is excited to announce it was awarded a \$52,500 Digital Inclusion Grant from the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

The City of San José established a dedicated Digital Inclusion Partnership to advance Digital Equity and close the Digital Divide in San José.

The funding will enable us to achieve 150 Adoptions towards an overall goal of 50,000 San José households achieving and sustaining the appropriate digital skills proficiency level (basic, intermediate, or advanced) to stay ahead of technology and increase equality of life outcomes (education, workforce, healthcare and more).

EVC TO LAUNCH FIRST WOMEN'S BADMINTON TEAM

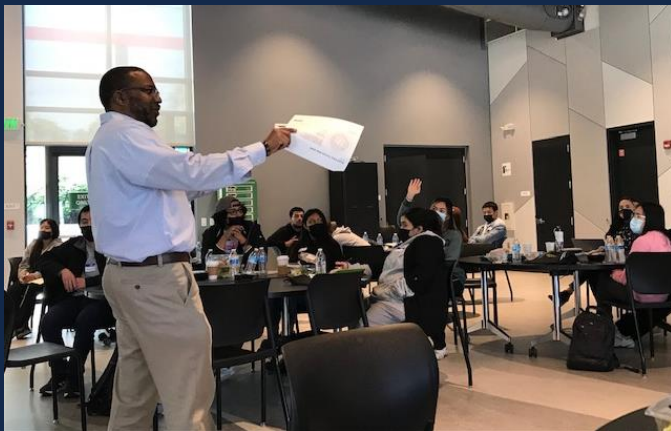


The EVC Athletic Department is pleased to announce the launch of our first women's badminton team with new coach Mitch Koethe.

Practices will begin Summer 2022 for the Spring 2023 season.

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM MAKES BIG IMPACT

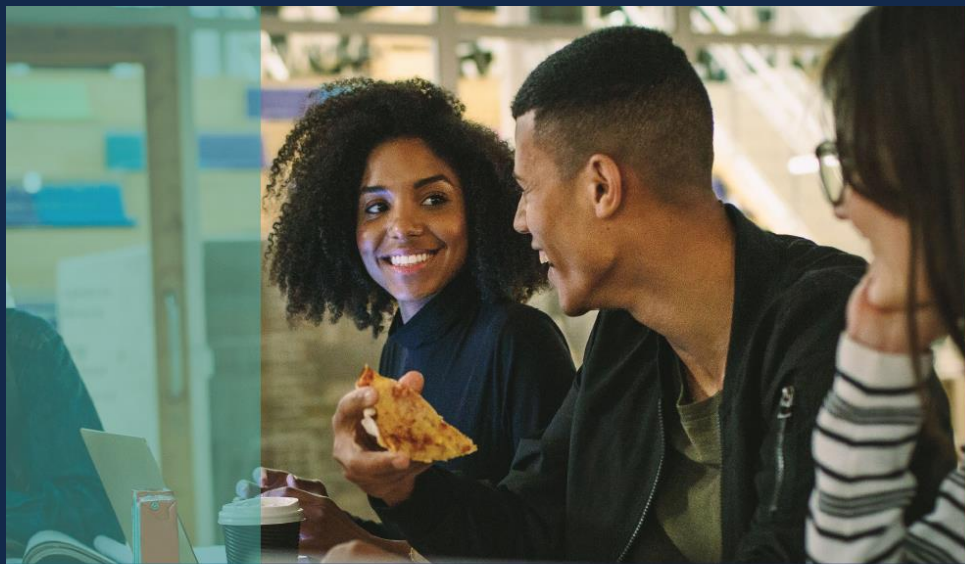
EVC partnered with Excite Credit Union, Bank of America, and Comerica Bank on April 29 to deliver a full day financial empowerment workshop to 25 first year, first generation EVC students. Fueled by a \$10,000 donation from XL Construction, all participating students will receive a \$500 scholarship along with a \$200 grocery gift card for their engagement and participation with the intention of this program helping address systemic income inequality in Silicon Valley.



EVC HIGHLIGHTED IN STATEWIDE REPORT ON FOOD INSECURITY

President Gilkerson has been honored to serve as co-chair of the statewide [CEO Affordability, Food, and Housing Access Taskforce](#) for the past couple of years. The goal is to elevate and provide system-wide recommendations to address housing and food insecurities faced daily by our students.

In April, the Taskforce published a third issue brief focused on food insecurity on college campuses. We are pleased to share that Evergreen Valley College's partnership with New Season's Market is featured as a strategy for supporting food-insecure students. We are grateful to EVC's Director of Student Life, Raniyah Johnson, her team and our community of volunteers for their passion and commitment to serving the whole student. Read the brief by clicking [here](#).



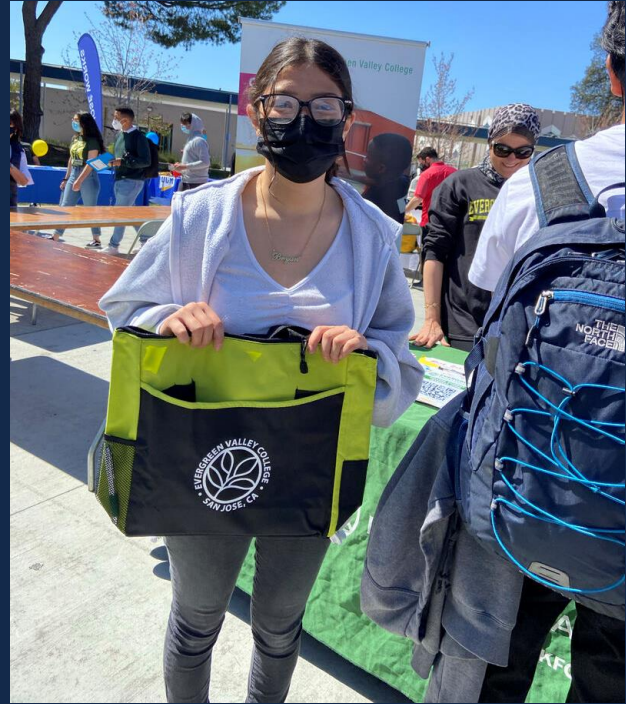
Affordability, Food, and Housing
Access Taskforce Report:
**ADDRESSING FOOD
INSECURITY IN CALIFORNIA
COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

April 2022



SAN JOSÉ /EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FAIR WEEK

The EVC Business and Workforce Division was out in force at the San José/Eastside Union High School College Fair Week from March 22-25. EVC staff, student ambassadors, and our CTE counselor were able to talk and engage with prospective and future EVC students such as the ones below at James Lick High School.



MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT GILKERSON TO PARTICIPATE AS PANELIST FOR STATE-WIDE SUMMIT

DR. TAMMEIL Y. GILKERSON
PRESIDENT, EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE
#SKILLSFORCA

CREATING INCLUSIVE CAREER PATHWAYS: SKILLS TRAINING AND HOLISTIC SUPPORTS THAT EXPAND OPPORTUNITY

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DR. SU JIN JEZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA COMPETES

DR. TAMMEIL Y. GILKERSON
PRESIDENT, EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE

MODERATOR: KARINA PAREDES-ARZOLA, STATE NETWORK MANAGER, NATIONAL SKILLS COALITION

The California EDGE Coalition and National Skills Coalition will virtually host the 3rd annual Skills for CA Summit, May 16-18. President Gilkerson will be participating as a panelist for “Creating Inclusive Career Pathways: Skills Training and Holistic Supports that Extend Opportunity” on Tuesday, May 17 from 11:25AM – 12:25PM. For more information and to register:

www.skillsforcasummit.org.

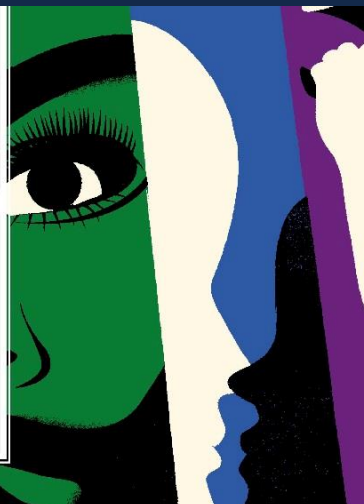
EVC ANNOUNCES NEW COURSE – INTRO TO LGBTQ STUDIES

EVC is excited to announce a new online course, Psych-27 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies, lead by John Ruys, Ph.D. This course will explore queer theory and its relationship to gay and lesbian studies, feminist theory, and intersectionality, and examine LGBTQ issues from a psychological, bio-medical, sociological, political, racial, and sexual perspective.

New Course for Fall 2022 (Reg ID# 113522)
Introduction to LGBTQ Studies (PSYCH 27)

- John Ruys, Ph.D.
- Online course that runs from 10/24-12/15
- Zero Cost Textbook Course

A broad exploration of queer theory and its relationship to gay and lesbian studies, feminist theory, and intersectionality. Emphasis on theoretical and philosophical underpinnings of queer theory, social construction and essentialism, postmodernist theory, politics, LGBT studies and queer culture. Examines LGBTQ issues from psychological, bio-medical, sociological, political, racial and sexual perspectives.





Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we gather at Evergreen Valley College on the unceded aboriginal homeland of the Tamien Nation, past, present, and future. We honor with gratitude the Tamien People who teach us that our relationship with the land is reciprocal, and we must work in unison to keep the world in balance. As educators we believe in the power of words and make this land acknowledgement as a commitment to partner and advocate for a more equitable and inclusive future.

Evergreen Valley College & Tamien Nation Mutual Commitments

***“akkuy miSimpiy”*: Enter in a good way.**

We come together out of mutual respect to build community and improve the quality of life for all living beings.

***“ursehne”*: In the process of learning.**

We come together to celebrate indigeneity through education and visibility of the colonial politics, policies, and practices that have historically reinforced acculturation and the erasure of Indigenous identities and lifeways.

***“himmentak”*: Joining together.**

We come together to meaningfully move beyond just performative statements by elevating and actively supporting the unique and shared goals between our communities.



- Developed in collaboration with the Tamien Nation February 2022
- Recommendation approved by EVC College Council March 24, 2022
- Formal adoption, April 25, 2022