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# Board Updates: March 14, 2023

## **EVC PARTNERS WITH SAN JOSÉ DIGITAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP TO OFFER LOW-COST AND POTENTIALLY FREE INTERNET FOR STUDENTS**



**EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE**

**AFFORDABLE INTERNET SERVICE FOR EVC STUDENTS!**

For students who qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). See if you or your family may be eligible! Students receiving the Pell Grant are eligible!

**TAKE THE SURVEY**

**\$30/month Discount or Free!**

Assistance or Questions: Visit First Stop Center in the Admissions and Records building

More info. - First Stop Center  
408-780-0420

Evergreen Valley College is the first official campus to collaborate with the San José Digital Inclusion Partnership to offer low-cost and potentially free internet for qualifying students and their families through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

Students with a household income of \$53,000 or less for a family of 4 can see if they are eligible to participate.



# FIRST SOUTH ASIAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION A SMASHING SUCCESS

On March 8, EVC hosted a South Asian Cultural Celebration inside of Gullo II. The event showcased the festival of colors, traditional Indian dances, cultural attire, musical instruments, henna art, and delicious Indian food.

EVC staff, faculty, and students participated in the cultural attire display/ fashion show.

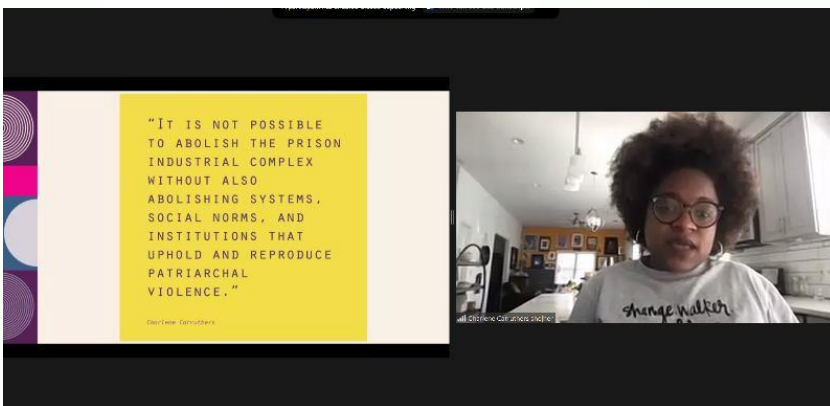




# BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCLUDES WITH TWO IMPACTFUL EVENTS

We were proud to host the final two events as part of Black History Month. On February 27, we explored identity through food and welcomed Chef Nelson German to campus. Chef Nelson German is a former Top Chef Contestant who is the chef/owner of Sobre Mesa in Oakland. Chef Nelson discussed his own experience as a Dominican growing up in NYC who traced his roots to West African in the conversation moderated by DC Chillin.

EVC's closing event for Black History Month was titled, "Telling Our Story Through Radical Advocacy," featuring a discussion with author and activist Charlene Carruthers on February 28. This event centered on Black intellectual and grassroots organizing traditions, including the Haitian Revolution, the US civil rights movement, and LGBTQ rights and feminist movements.





# LUNAR NEW YEAR ENTERTAINS AND CONNECTS EVC STUDENTS

EVC's annual Lunar New Year Celebration took place inside of Gullo II on February 23. Attendees enjoyed a lion dance performance, live music, dance performances, calligraphy art, singing, and free food.

The event was sponsored by: ASPIRE, EVC Associated Student Government, and the Office of Student Life.

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## GRAD FAIR HELPS GET STUDENTS READY FOR GRADUATION

Soon-to-be EVC graduates attended the Grad Fair on February 16 inside of Gullo II. This event provided information our students need to prepare for graduation day.

Herff Jones was on hand to answer questions about ordering cap, and other graduation items. In addition, one of our counselors was present to speak to students about the grad petition process and to check their eligibility. We also provided gifts for graduating students, a 360 photobooth, and free food.





## EVC IN THE COMMUNITY: MEXICA NEW YEAR, VIETNAMESE AMERICAN ORGANIZATION, & BLACK FAMILY DAY

The EVC outreach team has been very busy. March 10-12, they were on hand at the 25th Annual Mexica New Year event at Emma Prusch Park hosted by Calpulli Tonahlehqueh.

On February 25, EVC's Umoja/AFFIRM program was in Downtown San José connecting with the community during Black Family Day.

Finally, we partnered with the Vietnamese American Organization (VAO) on February 16 and 24 to present to their members about Evergreen Valley College.





## TRIO STUDENTS GET A GLIMPSE OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

On February 22 and 23, 72 of EVC's TRiO Upward Bound and TRiO Talent Search students participated in a winter college tour, which introduced the students to three local, 4-year institutions: UC Berkeley, Stanford, and Cal State East Bay.

The tours provided the student participants with exposure and experiences with postsecondary institutions.





# EVC'S FIRST WOMEN'S BADMINTON TEAM IS IN FULL SWING

Evergreen Valley College's first ever women's badminton team, led by coach Mitch Kothe, is in action this month. All of the following games are at 3:00 PM.

March 14 at San Francisco

March 16 at De Anza

March 21 at Skyline

**March 23 vs Mission College at EVC**

[Check out the full schedule here](#)

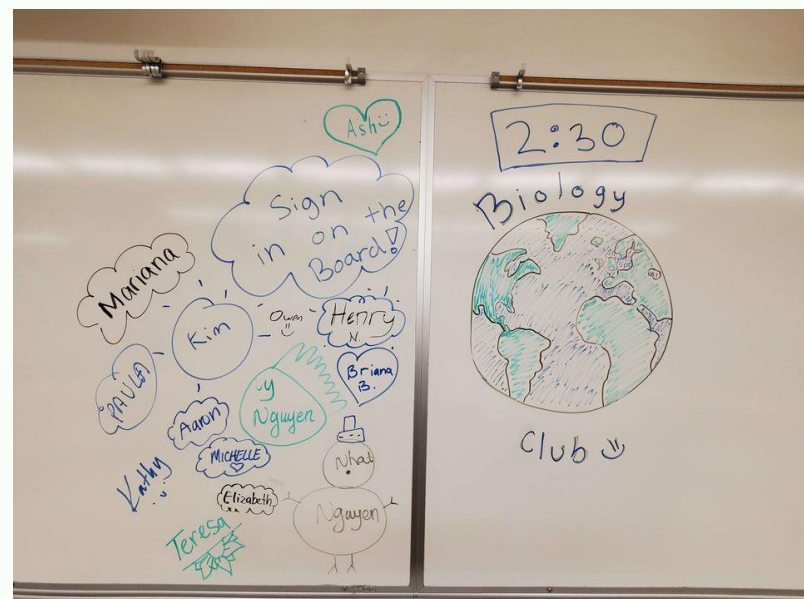
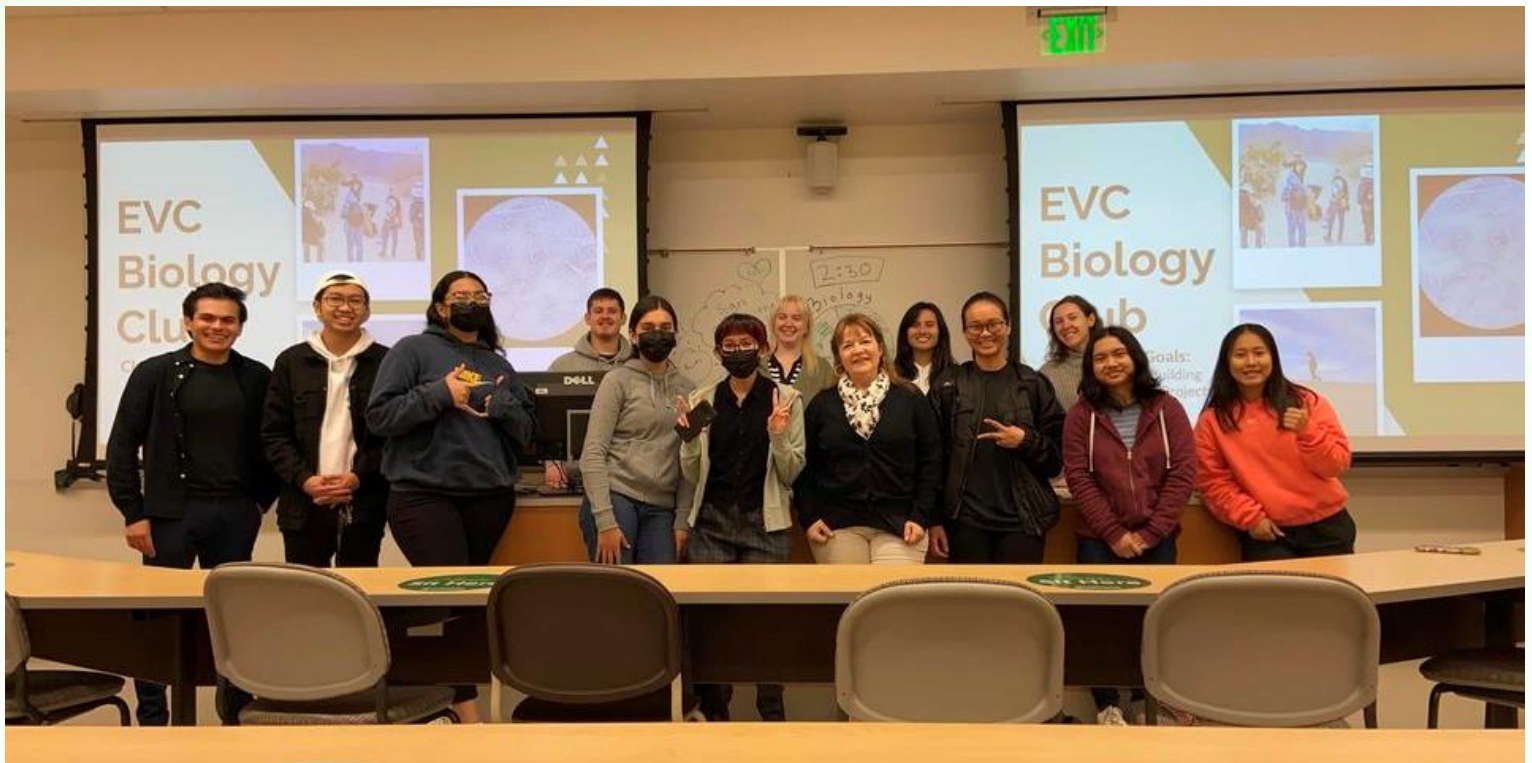




## BIOLOGY CLUB WELCOMES SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

EVC's Biology Club expanded this semester and is providing more opportunities for our future scientists to meet with industry scientists and learn about the various career tracks their degree will lead them to.

The club recently welcomed guest speaker, Monika, from the City of San José. Monika showed the importance of sustainable living and localized climate action, as well as information about entry level jobs and biology careers. Next up for the club is meeting with SJSU's Biology Student Association and taking a tour of the biology research lab facilities.





## EVC NURSING ALUM WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Fabian Ortiz, a Pediatric ICU Nurse at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, was one of two recipients of the prestigious Daisy Award.

The DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Award is an international recognition that honors and celebrates the skillful, compassionate care nurses provide every day. EVC nursing faculty and President of the EVC Academic Senate, Garry Johnson, refers to this award as the "Oscars for Nurses." One of the things so special about this recognition is that the nominations come from families and focuses on the kindness exhibited by these nurses.

Congratulations, Fabian!





## EVC TEAM VISITS LOCKHEED MARTIN TO EXPLORE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



President Gilkerson, Dean Robbie Kunkel, Dean Antoinette Herrera, and Director Josh Russell visited Lockheed Martin as part of a continued effort to explore partnership opportunities between the two organizations.

The EVC team was hosted by Mark Calassa, Vice President and Deputy General Manager at Lockheed Martin and Strategic & Missile Defense Systems, and Jessy Borges, Lockheed Martin Space Government Relations.

The team toured the Additive Design and Manufacturing Center and the Solar Array Facility (pictured left).

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## EVC ALUM PUBLISHES BOOK ON HAPPINESS

Dai Le, a 2018 EVC graduate in Math and Computer Science, recently published a book called "Little Learn, More Love."

The book is about a kid that wants to spread love around. Dai said, "this book is a guide to help you reconnect with the power of love and its ability to transform our lives and the world we live in."

After Le graduated from EVC, he transferred to San José State University, getting his bachelor's in computer software engineering, graduating in 2021. He now works as a Software Engineer for Walmart Global Tech.









## FULL MOON RISING

EVC's Astronomy department Instructional Laboratory Technician, Rick Francisco, snapped this incredible photo last week of a full moon rising above the hills behind EVC. Pretty breathtaking.

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*Moon Rising at EVC*

*March 7, 2023*

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