Make Connections that Count.

Board Updates: October 11, 2022

EVC NAMED 2022 EQUITY CHAMPION FOR LATINX STUDENTS!

We're grateful to be honored by The Campaign for College Opportunity as a leading community college in supporting students with the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT).

Evergreen Valley College is one of 14 California community colleges named as an Equity Champion for Latinx Students, with at least 65% of Latinx associate-degree earners graduating with an ADT and performing as well or better in this metric compared to the overall student body.

We will be recognized on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, from 10:00-11:30AM at the Campaign for College Opportunity's virtual celebration.



EVC RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS ASIAN AMERICAN & NATIVE AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER-SERVING INSTITUTIONS GRANT FROM US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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We are thrilled to announce that EVC has been awarded a five-year, \$1.8M grant from the US Department of Education under the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) program.

The grant will enable us to enhance and scale up direct activities to mitigate the COVID aftermath of the anti-Asian culture climate towards AANAPI community, especially for AANAPI students studying, living, and working in Silicon Valley.

We are proud to share that we are one of only nine community colleges throughout the country that has received this prestigious award.

SOBRATO PHILANTHROPIES TO SUPPORT FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM WITH TWO-YEAR, \$250,000 GRANT



EVC just received word on Monday, October 10, that it will receive \$250,000 over two years from Sobrato Philanthropies to support its First Year Experience Program.

This program provides additional support and resources focused on EVC's first year, first-generation students.

With over 70% of EVC's students identifying as first-generation, this critical, focused funding will expand important services such as mental health support and financial literacy.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE AWARDS \$500,000 TO EVC FOR APPRENTICESHIP GRANT



Evergreen Valley College is excited to announce that it has received a three-year, \$500,000 grant from the state Chancellor's Office as part of the California Apprenticeship Initiative Grant program to support its infectious disease certification program, which trains frontline, essential service workers in the janitorial industry.

This program will provide both a credit and noncredit certification in partnership with the nonprofit, <u>Building Skills Partnership</u>.

To learn more about this program, you can watch this video, that was shared with the SJECCD Board in December <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wl8caCRQ</u> <u>ppU&t=17s</u>.

EVC ANNOUNCES FREE FALL TUITION TO OVER 3,000 STUDENTS



EVC is thrilled to announce that we are awarding free tuition to 3,180 students for this fall 2022 semester.

This award includes payment of all tuition and enrollment fees, student activity fees, parking fees, health fees, VTA fees, and any additional student representation fees, and applies to students who are CA residents and enrolled in 6 or more units this semester.

EVC TRIO TEAM PRESENTS AT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



EVC TRIO Team Left to right: Mario Flores, Monty Bott, Tina Tieu, Donna Munoz, and Juan Manriquez

The entire Evergreen Valley College TRiO and Upward Bound team presented at the Annual Central California Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) Chapter Conference in Santa Cruz on October 6.

Their session was titled, "6-Week Summer Residential Program in the Midst of COVID-19."

Among the key takeaways from their session included sharing how the EVC TRiO team was able to achieve a 100% retention and success rate for the dual enrollment course performance.

In addition, the team highlighted the important partnerships between the host institution and our pre-college TRiO programs, something that many TRiO programs lack.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT (ASG) LEADERS ATTEND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Students from EVC's Associated Student Government (ASG) attended the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Student Leadership and Professional Development Conference from September 30-October 1 at the Westin San Francisco Airport.

The theme for this year's event was "Tomorrow's Leaders Begin Today: Be the first, be courageous, be a leader."



EVC PARTNERS WITH BIBLIOTECA LATINOAMERICANA TO PRESENT HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION & FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

EVC and the San José Public Library partnered together to deliver a family-friendly Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the Biblioteca Latinoamericana. The event featured free snacks, art activities, a folklorico performance, and community painting with EVC art faculty member, Mark Gonzales.

In addition to all of the EVC volunteers that came out to help, we had seven students from our international program who volunteered and supported the event.



EVC STAFF OUT & ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



The EVC outreach team participated in Veggie Fest on September 17, a family-friendly festival that promoted healthy living and healthy eating, hosted by Assemblymember Ash Kalra.



Thanks to the advocacy of Trustee Ho, EVC participated in Day on the Bay on October 8 at the Alviso Marina County Park, hosted by County Supervisor, Otto Lee. There was a free health resource fair, flu vaccinations, multicultural performances, and more.

"MAKE CONNECTIONS THAT COUNT" NEW EMPLOYEE SEMINAR SERIES KICKS-OFF WITH A FOCUS ON WHO WE SERVE

EVC kicked off its second new employee orientation series called "Making Connections That Count" on Friday, September 30 with the initial session focused on understanding who we serve and how we are humanizing our campus community.

Topics for upcoming sessions in the series include supporting students' basic needs, mental health and wellness, aspiring UndocuAllies, and supporting LGBTQ+ students, and a culture of care and participation.







Seminar Series for New Employees



Humanizing Our Campus



Oct 14: Supporting Students' Basic Needs, Mental Health & Wellness

Nov 4: Aspiring UndocuAllies & Supporting LGBTQ+ Students

Dec 2: A Culture of Care & Participation



LATINX HERITAGE MONTH KICKS OFF IN STYLE

On September 15, we kicked off Latinx Heritage Month celebrating and learning about the history and importance of East Side San José's lowriding culture, with a presentation by EVC's very own Professor Arturo Villarreal.

In addition to having lowrider's parked in Central Green, DJ Jimmy Jam played live lowrider music, and wares and classic low rider vinyl records were for sale. And we can't forget the delicious paletas', elote's, and street tacos.











EVC CONTINUES ITS FREE FARMER'S MARKET FOR STUDENTS

EVC continues to offer a free farmer's market on campus exclusively for students. We provide this free resource every other Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM at the Central Green.











PRESIDENT GILKERSON & SJECCD CONTINGENT TRAVEL TO GHANA WITH A FOCUS ON AFRICAN-CENTERED EDUCATION

President Gilkerson joined eight colleagues from EVC and SJCC and one student for the All-African Diaspora Summit in Ghana.

Taking place at the University of Cape Coast, the summit's focus was to reclaim African sovereignty through African-centered education, pushing excellence as a mantra in everything Africa and African through the right education.

The group looks forward to presenting to the Board of Trustees at the end of October.









