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IS A
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BOARD & COMMUNITY REPORT



August 29, 2023

UNLEASHING THE EVC EXPERIENCE FALL 2023 SEMESTER IN FULL SWING

On Monday, August 28, the campus was buzzing with the start of the fall semester. Students were all over campus attending their classes, getting student ID cards, and enjoying the Welcome BBQ event in Central Green put on by the Office of Student Life.

Students enjoyed karaoke, games, free giveaways, and delicious food. Special thanks to Ingrid Rottman and the volunteers at the campus welcome tables providing directions, answering questions, and giving away water and snacks.

With nearly 9000 students, student headcount is nearly at pre-pandemic fall 2020 levels.



WELCOME BBQ FUN!



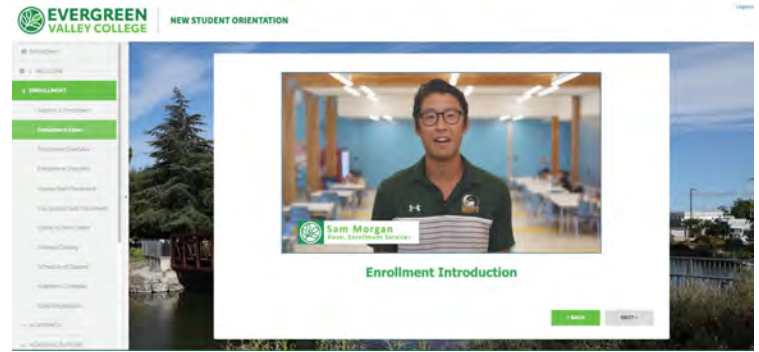
OUR STUDENTS GOT TALENT!



EVC LAUNCHES NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION ONLINE

Last year, EVC began working on a new online student orientation to help new students start on the right path. After several months of edits and revisions, the College just launched a new orientation with English, Spanish, and Vietnamese modules. The orientation provides students with information on:

- Transfer and degree requirements
- Career education programs
- Student services
- Academic Expectations and Requirements
- Campus Resources & Advice



With its video content, written materials, and embedded quiz questions, a lot of effort and time was invested in this project. It was indeed a college-wide collaboration! Students can get more information about the online orientation by visiting the [new student orientation page](#) on the College website.

Special thanks to Ebonnie Berry, Ayan Dalmar, Hanh Deng, Laura Garcia, Sarah Garcia, Victor Garza, Tammeil Gikerson, Judith Girardi, Martha Hardin, Garry Johnson, Raniyah Johnson, John Kaufmann, Angelina Loyola, Sam Morgan, Shashi Naidu, Lisa Pang, Rosa Pereida, Tram Pham, Matais Pouncil, Manuel Rosas, Joshua Russell, Huong Tyler, Howard Willis, and Brandon Yanari for their support and participation.

NEW PODS INSTALLED AROUND CAMPUS FOR BREASTFEEDING PARENTS



EVC has been working to provide more targeted and intentional support for student-parents. New Mamava pods were installed around campus, and new furniture will provide support for students and children to access spaces.

On September 11, EVC will host a parenting students meet-and-greet luncheon as part of Diversity Welcome Weeks events.

TRIO UPWARD BOUND BRINGS EXPOSURE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Over five weeks, from June 12 to July 13, TRIO Upward Bound hosted 21 students in a residential program, including completing Theatre 40-Introduction to Film. Students were exposed to presentations about EVC, outdoor team-building activities, and college tours each Friday, including Santa Clara University, UC Santa Cruz, SF State, and a 1-week stay at UC Berkeley.



WEEK ONE

TRIO UPWARD BOUND
SUMMER RESIDENTIAL 2023

Students are enrolled in:
Introduction To Film

Program includes:
Guest Speakers
Study Café-Hw Hours
Field Trips
Outdoor Activities
& more

@ Evergreen Valley College



WEEK TWO

TRIO UPWARD BOUND
SUMMER RESIDENTIAL 2023

Student Leadership Opportunities
Presentation: EVC Auto Dept.
Presentation: EVC OASISS
Outdoor Activities
Santa Clara University Campus Tour

@ Evergreen Valley College



WEEK THREE

TRIO UPWARD BOUND
SUMMER RESIDENTIAL 2023

Presentation: EVC Nursing Dept.
Creating Art
Outdoor Activities

@ Evergreen Valley College



WEEK FOUR

TRIO UPWARD BOUND
SUMMER RESIDENTIAL 2023

Presentation: EVC EOPS
Team Building
Outdoor Activities
UC Santa Cruz Campus Tour
Santa Cruz Boardwalk

@ Evergreen Valley College



WEEK FIVE

TRIO UPWARD BOUND
SUMMER RESIDENTIAL 2023

Last Week of Class
Preparation: Move-In to UC Berkeley
Team Building
Outdoor Activities | Hiking

EVC HOSTS EVENING ON THE GREEN FOR COMMUNITY

On Friday, July 28, Evergreen Valley College hosted a campus open house titled "Evening on the Green," inviting families and community members to visit the campus and learn more about what the College offers.

Nearly 30 campus departments and community organizations came out to table amidst an incredible San Jose Lowrider car display. There were great games, great music, and a live ticket stop with Chuy Gomez from 102.1 Jams for the upcoming Hip Hop Made the Bay concert at the SAP Center in November, sponsored by EVC. Guests were also treated to various food trucks and one-stop registration in Gullo II.





2022-2023 CLASSIFIED SENATE LEADERSHIP READY TO SERVE

President: Vicki Brewster
Vice President: Josephine Aguirre
Secretary: Bryana Perez
Treasurer: Jose Denton
Senator Academic Affairs: Kim Steele
Senator Admin Services: Vacant
Senator Student Affairs: Anali Dimas
Senator At-Large: McTate Stroman



THE FYE PROGRAM WELCOMES 150+ NEW STUDENTS



On Wednesday, August 16, the First-Year Experience (FYE) Team held EVC's annual welcome day event for incoming freshmen. The event was a huge success with over 150 students attending.

Students received important information on Financial Aid, Counseling, Student Life & Basic Needs, Biology Scholars Program, CTE offerings and engaged with about 20 programs/departments who participated in the resource fair, along with a campus tour. Check out this [short video](#) of the event.







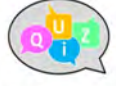


Special shout out to the FYE Team, led by Sarai Minjares, who continues to collaborate to keep FYE going.

- Ebonnie Berry
- Annette Ruiz-Esparza
- Iriana Zavala Camacho
- Brandon Yanari
- McTate Stroman

EXPANDING ACCESS TO OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)



Cohort 1 2022-2023	 EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE BIO Majors 4A+4B Lab Manual Ernst, Chen, Foltz & Gruel Evergreen Valley College	 Introduction to Ecology Biology Sara Kappus Evergreen Valley College	 ENGLISH 1A Integrated Reading and Writing Humanities Banerjee S., Eckford, E., Goodwin N., Hahn, R., Vo., Evergreen Valley College	 Listening and Speaking for Beginning English Language Learners Humanities Antonini, Lawson, Nguyen-Jardin, Pham & Reddy Evergreen Valley College	 Herstory: A History of Women Artists (Gustlin) Humanities Deborah Gustlin & Zoe Gustlin Evergreen Valley College	 Information Systems for Business 2e Workforce Pham & Desai-Naik Evergreen Valley College	 Information Systems for Business 2e + Test bank Workforce Pham & Desai-Naik Evergreen Valley College
\$18,000 150 students *120 book	\$10,879 80 students/yr. x 135.99	\$130,000 1000 students * 130 book	\$9000 150 students *\$60 homework	\$8600 100 students *\$86 book	\$20,125 175 students * \$115 book	\$7000 175 students * \$40 homework	

In 2022, President Gilkerson launched a faculty community of practice focused on curating, developing, and publishing Open Educational Resources (OER) into a library all can access. As part of the College's focused work on racial equity, faculty could propose small, medium, or large-scale projects by creating texts and curating existing OER or ancillaries for their discipline.

Last week, seven projects were published on the LibreText platform, providing students and other educators access to texts and materials that include more personalized and relevant content. At the project's core was the belief that everyone should have access to high-quality educational materials without regard to circumstances. These projects equal approximately \$203,604 in total savings to students across the courses.

Just as crucial as publishing these resources, faculty members demonstrated their commitment to learning as they curated, created, and learned a new platform. Introduction to Ecology is a groundbreaking text historically inaccessible to community college students. Listening and Speaking for Beginning English Language Learners is also cutting edge, with videos and voice recordings painstakingly done by faculty. Each of the texts centers on humanizing and reflecting our students.

Congratulations to Darcy Ernst, May Chen, Katie Foltz, Bridget Gruel (Bio); Sara Kappus (Ecology); Sravani Banerjee, Elizabeth Eckford, Nicholas Goodwin, Robin Hahn, Binh Vo (Integrated Reading & Writing); Deborah Gustlin (Art); Maria Antonini de Pino, Erika Lawson, Huong Pham, Rebecca Reddy, Kelly Nguyen-Jardin (ESL); Ly-Huong Pham, Tejal Naik (BIS)

All the text can be found on the [EVC Open Textbook Commons](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON THE TAMIEN NATION



Evergreen Valley College and the Tamien Nation worked closely together for over a year to adopt a land acknowledgment and mutual commitments.

One of the three mutual commitments is **“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.*

As part of our shared commitments, EVC just produced two videos in partnership with Tamien Nation Chair Quirina Geary. The first video details the process and vision for the College's land acknowledgment. The second video focuses on the Tamien Nation, the indigenous tribe of the Santa Clara Valley. Chair Geary shares a brief history, beliefs, and values of the tribe. She also details the tribe's current efforts to protect their ancestral lands and tribal cultural resources.

"We never take without giving back."

[Click here](#) to watch the videos and read EVC's Land Acknowledgement and Mutual Commitments.



GROWTH MATTERS: EVC FALL 2023 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

As buildings rise and times change, how do we keep thriving? This was the question at the center of EVC's Fall 2023 Professional Development Days on August 24 & 25.

Masterfully planned by the College's Professional Development Committee and led by the committee chair, Dr. Jennifer Kurishima, the community was treated to days focused on student learning outcomes, division meetings, and workshops focused on topics ranging from poetry, program review, pickleball, transfer guarantee reviews, and other cool topics.



MAKING CONNECTIONS



ENJOYING COMMUNITY



2023 Welcome WEEK

August 28-September 1, 2023

WELCOME BBQ **28** **MONDAY**

JOIN US IN CENTRAL GREEN FROM 10:00AM-1:00PM FOR GAMES, KARAOKE, A 360 PHOTOBOOTH, AND A FREE BBQ

CAMPUS MIXER **29** **TUESDAY**

JOIN US IN CENTRAL GREEN FROM 10:00AM-1:00PM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EVC'S DEPARTMENTS, SPECIAL PROGRAMS, AND RESOURCES. THERE WILL BE GAMES, MUSIC, AND FREE FOOD!

GAMING DAY **30** **WEDNESDAY**

JOIN US IN CENTRAL GREEN FROM 10:00AM-1:00PM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GUIDED PATHWAYS- STARTING WITH ARTS & MEDIA. PLAY GAMES IN THE GAMING TRUCK, JOIN THE PAINT PARTY, LISTEN TO DJ AND KARAOKE, MEET FACULTY, AND ENJOY FREE BBQ!

PALETAS AND PUPPIES **31** **THURSDAY**

SCHOOL CAN BE STRESSFUL, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE! JOIN US INSIDE OF GULLO II FROM 10:00AM-1:00PM FOR A DJ, PALETAS, AND PUPPIES! LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES ON CAMPUS AND TIPS TO MANAGE STRESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION **1** **FRIDAY**

THE FREE SECOND HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION TAKES PLACE THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 9:30AM-11:00AM. JOIN US INSIDE OF PARKING LOT 1 FOR FREE GROCERIES AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BASIC NEEDS RESOURCES AT EVC.

Unleash the EVC Experience

More Information Email:
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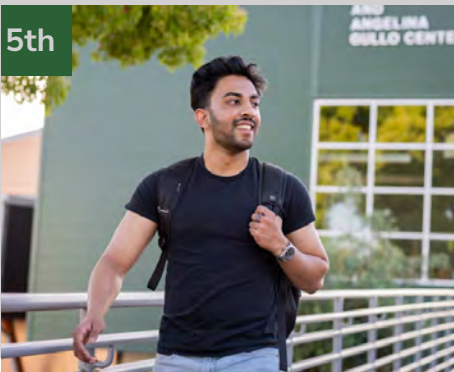
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EVC Diversity Welcome Weeks

Join us September 5-7, 2023

Welcome to EVC's 2023 Diversity Welcome Week! This week is meant to ensure that students feel included, recognized, and celebrated by honoring the different identities and experiences present on our campus.

These Meet and Greet Lunches introduce students to other EVC students and employees that similarly identify as them. Our hope is that by building a genuine and valuable connection with others early on, students will have a sense of community here at EVC that can serve as a vital resource to student success.



5th

South Asian
Students & Employees
Meet and Greet Lunch



6th

Black Students & Employees
Meet and Greet Lunch



7th

Muslim Students &
Employees
Meet and Greet Lunch

Time and Location



Location: Mishra Room (1st floor of Library Building)
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Sign Up Today!



or visit: <http://bit.ly/EVC2023Mixers>

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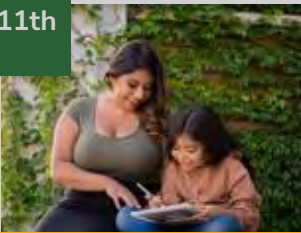
Join us September 11-14, 2023

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11th



Parenting Students
Meet and Greet
Lunch

*for parents with children 17
and below

12th



LGBTQ+ Students &
Employees
Meet and Greet
Lunch

13th



Filipino/Cambodian/
Pacific Islander
Students &
Employees
Meet and Greet
Lunch

14th



Veteran Students
& Employees
Meet and Greet
Lunch

Hosted in the Veterans Center

Time and Location

Location: Mishra Room (1st floor of Library Building) except for the September 14th Event
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm



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2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sept. 8, Friday

Kickoff Event

Location: Montgomery Hill Observatory

7:00pm-8:00pm:

Featuring Observatory Founders Jeffrey Kirkbride and Georgiana Rudge. Keynote Speakers Gustavo Flores (Anthropology) and Rachel Lazo (Art) on Art, Astronomy, and Culture. M.C: John Kaufmann (Theatre Arts). Free boba drinks and light refreshments.

8:00pm-10:30pm:

Stargazing and telescope viewings

Sept. 22, Friday

Shoot the Moon

Location: Montgomery Hill Observatory

7:30pm-8:00pm:

Astrophotography Workshop led by Rick Francisco (Astronomy). Bring your smartphones, cameras, and/or tripods. This workshop is limited to 40 participants. Please sign up at: <https://www.meetup.com/starry-evergreen-at-the-montgomery-hill-observatory/>

8:00pm-10:00pm:

Hands-on lunar imaging

Sept. 29, Friday

Opening Reception for *Celestial Bodies*

Location: EVC Art Gallery in the Art Department Building

5:00pm-7:00pm:

Celestial Bodies, curated by Sylvia Min (Art), examines the intersection between art and science. Experience the art, meet the artists, and enjoy a free food truck dinner. Harvest Moon telescope viewing provided by the Astronomy Department.

Oct. 13, Friday

Open Mic Night Closing Event

Location: Montgomery Hill Observatory

6:30pm-8:00pm:

Celebrate the Montgomery Hill Observatory's 20th Anniversary at our Open Mic Night with spoken word poetry and music. M.C: McTate Stroman II (Health & Wellness Services). Free refreshments and dessert.

8:00pm-10:30pm:

Stargazing and telescope viewings

Hosted by the Art and Astronomy Departments with support from the Anthropology and Theatre Arts Departments, Associated Student Government, EVC Campus Administration, Student Health & Wellness Services, and Student Outreach & Recruitment.

Events at the Montgomery Hill Observatory may be canceled due to weather conditions. Evergreen Valley College strives to make our events accessible. If you have questions about the observatory or need accommodations, please contact Rick Francisco at ricardo.francisco@evc.edu. If you would like to perform during the Open Mic Night, please contact McTate Stroman II at mctate.stroman@evc.edu.



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