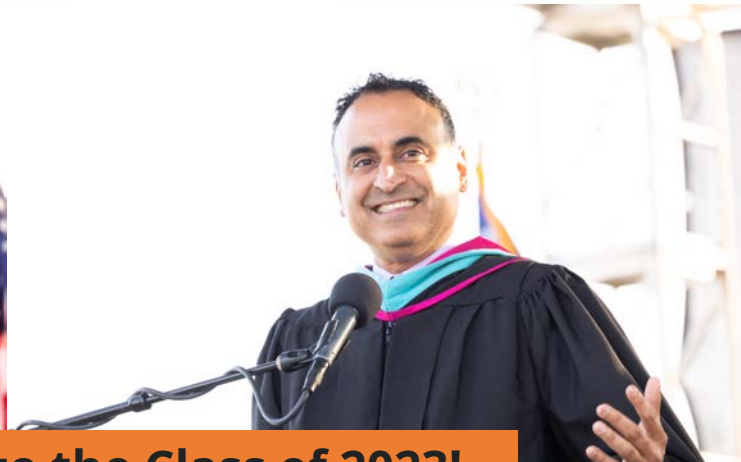
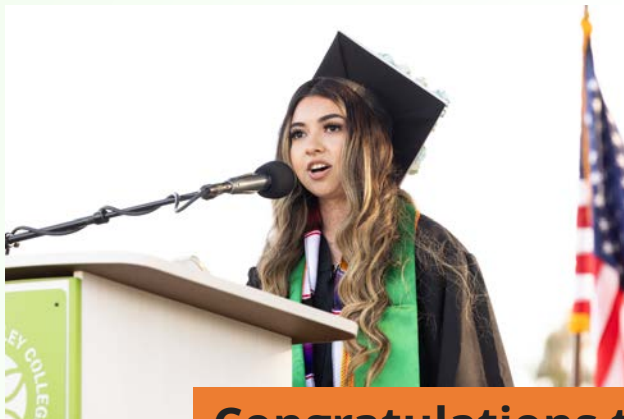


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## June 13, 2023

### 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY CELEBRATES STUDENT SUCCESS

On Thursday, May 25th, Evergreen Valley College celebrated the graduation of 1,146 students earning 1,476 degrees and certificates. The evening was a heartfelt celebration with addresses from valedictorian Yessenia Sierra Palmerin, the Honorable Assemblymember Ash Kalra, and the National Anthem sung by Jane Nguyen.



**Congratulations to the Class of 2023!**



# COMMENCEMENT 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



# A SPRING FLING CELEBRATING EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

EVC's Annual Employee Recognition and Appreciation event was a special celebration on May 10. The College honored newly tenured faculty, retirees, years of service and employees of the year! This year a new category of Basic Needs Champions was also included. Congratulations to the following honorees. Watch a [tribute video of the event here](#).

## **Employees of the Year**

**Classified:** Paulette Sadler

**Faculty:** Grace Estrada (FT) & Tejal Naik (PT)

**Administrator:** Ebonnie Berry

## **Basic Needs Champions**

**Volunteer of the Year:** David Eisenberg

**Classified:** Jorge Quezada

**Faculty:** Bhawana Mishra

**Administrator:** Kathy Tran

**Division:** Business Services



# EXCELENCIA IN EDUCATION | ENLACE CELEBRATION

On May 12, The Enlace Program celebrated its Class of 2023 Excelencia Graduates at a special ceremony filled with family, friends, and program supporters. Enlace students were recognized for their academic achievements and those earning scholarships and other awards. Each graduate had the opportunity to share their reflections and appreciation.



# A SUCCESSFUL FINISH TO THE FIRST YEAR

The First-Year Experience (FYE) Program held a recognition ceremony to commemorate the end of students' initial year enrolled at EVC. On May 16, the FYE team honored students for their program participation and academic accomplishments. Hana Ma, Program Officer from the Sobrato Foundation, joined the celebration and shared her student journey. The Sobrato Foundation's generous support helped fund the FYE Program.



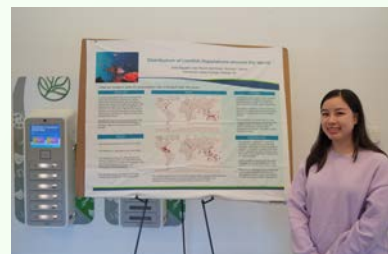
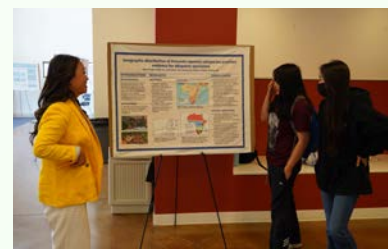
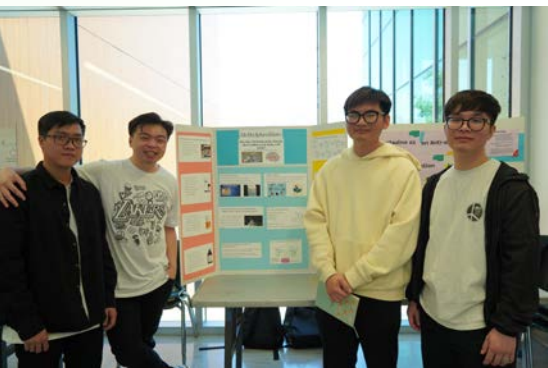
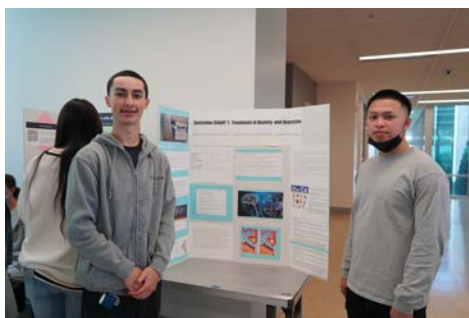
# UMOJA BLACK GRADUATION HONORS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College partnered with Adobe to host the 2023 SJECCD Black Graduation on May 16. The celebration centered on students' achievements by calling on the impact of ancestors on the individual and collective journey. Students received their UMOJA stoles for commencement.



# EVC STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE THEIR LEARNING | CHEMISTRY & BIOLOGY

Students from Dr. Preeti Srinivasan's Organic Chemistry class hosted a poster presentation of their learning about how pharmaceuticals work. Students shared how different medications work and the science of common prescriptions. Likewise, Biology 4B students showcased their original research on the distribution of wild animals with support from Professor Darcy Ernst.



# SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY AWARDS NEARLY \$70,000 TO 42 STUDENTS

On May 11, the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office hosted the annual Scholarship Ceremony, honoring the winners for the upcoming 2023-24 academic year.

EVC employees volunteered to review 172 unduplicated applications. Seventy-seven (77) scholarships were awarded to 42 students for nearly \$70,000.

Congratulations to our students and special thanks to all the volunteers!





# A GROOVIN' SPECIAL PROGRAMS GRADUATION CELEBRATION

On May 19, EVC's special academic and student services programs joined together to honor and celebrate students' accomplishments. The Motown theme even brought a special guest appearance by the Jackson 5! Students received gifts and graduation sashes to wear at commencement.



## SPRING 2023 NURSING PINNING CEREMONY



A packed house of graduates, family members, and loved ones celebrated the time-honored tradition of the nursing pinning ceremony on May 23. In a celebration coordinated by the Evergreen Nursing Student Association (ENSA), the College celebrated thirty-four graduates who completed their nursing studies.

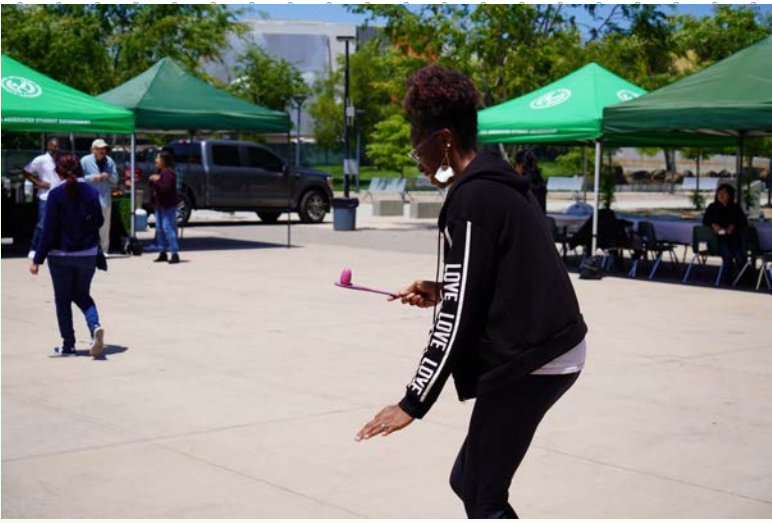
Students shared heartfelt messages with their family and friends while receiving their pins.



## CLASSIFIED APPRECIATION | BBQ, FUN & GAMES!

EVC's management team enjoyed barbecuing and making all the fixings to celebrate Classified Professional at EVC. With good food, great music, dancing, water balloons, relay races, and more, the day was a fun celebration in gratitude for the care on the commitment of the entire classified team at EVC!





# EVC STUDENTS & THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES EVERYWHERE!



From billboards in LAX and OAK airports to digital signs on Highway 880, EVC students are being featured in ads highlighting California Community Colleges.

Even the new state chancellor, Sonya Christian, posed with a sign!

We are proud to have our students showing the value and diversity in our systems colleges. #EVCImpact



For you

Following



**Kylie Campbell** @KylieCampbell90 · 9h



Look what @sonyachristian and I found at @flyLAXairport! A 20+ ft tall sign promoting the opportunity for high school students in CA to earn college credit through #DualEnrollment! Great work, @CalCommColleges! Made my day! @IcangotoCollege



Sonya Christian and 2 others