



**EVERGREEN  
VALLEY COLLEGE**



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## Annual Report and Highlights

The 2024–2025 academic year at Evergreen Valley College was a period of new beginnings and possibility, community engagement, and student success. From the opening of three new campus buildings to record-setting athletic achievements, the college strengthened its academic programs, expanded student support services, and deepened its partnerships with local, state, and national organizations. Guided by a commitment to equity, innovation, and collaboration, EVC hosted hundreds of events celebrating cultural diversity, academic excellence, and community connection. This year also marked significant advancements in technology, facilities, and workforce development—positioning the college as a leader in higher education and a hub for opportunity in San José and the surrounding region.

I joined EVC in September 2024 and from the beginning, my focus was to meet employees, learn the culture of the College, but most important to connect with students through an open President's hour. The priorities that were established were 1) Everything begins and ends with students by establishing a student-first culture by improving access, engagement, and equitable outcomes for students; 2) Be fiscally responsible and ensure we promote sustainable growth through strategic planning and cost-effectiveness practices; 3) Build a culture of authentic leadership, communication and trust where everyone is heard, valued and held accountable for institutional and student success; and 4) Tell our story to the community by engaging and building relationships with K-12, industry and potential donors

As we begin the new year and commence activities for the 50th anniversary of EVC, we have much to celebrate -- past, present, and future. The 50th anniversary of Evergreen Valley College is a celebration of a) five decades of educational access and institutional growth from rural beginnings to a thriving urban learning hub; b) Cultural remembrance and healing, reflecting the campus's deep commitment to diversity, equity, and the histories of its community; and c) forward-looking embrace of future generations, strengthened by new facilities, community ties, and institutional vitality.

As we look ahead to the next fifty years, I see EVC as Silicon Valley's community talent engine—powering careers in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, healthcare, and industries we haven't yet imagined. I see a campus where hybrid and flexible learning is the norm, where basic needs and mental health support are as much a part of student success as textbooks and lectures. And I see us continuing to be a mirror of San José itself—diverse, multilingual, resilient, and innovative.

**Here's to another 50 years of EVC success.**

**Vinicio J. López, Ed.D.**  
President



## Summary of Achievements

In 2024–2025, Evergreen Valley College achieved notable milestones across academics, student life, and community outreach:

- **Major Highlights:** Opened three new campus buildings; hosted signature events including EVC Community Day, the Fall of Saigon commemoration, Tet New Year's celebration, and Black History Month performances; welcomed visits from public officials; celebrated men's soccer as the nation's top-ranked team during the season.
- **Academic Excellence:** Awarded over 1,100 degrees, expanded dual enrollment with local schools, secured more than \$7M in external funding, launched six new engineering certificates, and achieved outstanding nursing program retention and pass rates.
- **Student Support & Equity:** Served thousands through counseling, food giveaways, and basic needs assistance; enhanced services with new payment and queuing systems; expanded categorical programs like Umoja, TRiO, CalWORKS, and OASISS.
- **Community & Cultural Engagement:** Hosted over 400 campus events, cultural celebrations, artist exhibitions, and research symposiums, engaging thousands of community members.
- **Facilities & Technology:** Upgraded over 1,200 devices to Windows 11, improved IT infrastructure, and completed safety and maintenance enhancements.
- **Marketing & Outreach:** Reached over 1 million impressions on social media, produced 10 video success stories, and participated in major community events while expanding high school outreach.
- **Staff & Faculty Development:** Advanced a "One Team" theme for student success, provided professional development, and strengthened equity-focused initiatives.

This year's achievements underscore Evergreen Valley College's dedication to fostering student success, community partnerships, and innovative growth. As EVC looks ahead, the foundation built in 2024–2025 will continue to inspire progress and opportunity for years to come.



## By the Numbers

- 1106 degrees, 768 transfer degrees, 778 certificates
- Over 400 campus events
- Counseling saw over 8200 students this past year.
- Over 4800 counseling appointments
- Upgraded 1200 devices to Windows 11
- Produced 10 video success stories
- 1 million impressions on social media
- 57 new certified nursing assistants with a retention rate of 95 percent.
- Registered Nurses had a 98.6 percent combined NCLEX pass rate and overall program retention rate of 92 percent.
- Over 13,000 attendees at our food giveaways. Pantry visits grew to over 4100. Collectively, we gave out 521,000 pounds of food

## Major Events in 2024-25

- Opening of three new campus buildings
- EVC Community Day
- Fall of Saigon event
- Tet New Year's celebration
- Local Latine artists speak (Yosimar Reyes, Ignacio Moya)
- Black History Month dancers
- SJSU Signing Day
- Fall show, Shakespeare Escapes Here
- Visits by Congressman Panetta, Mayor Mahan, Council people Candelas and Campos, Supervisor Arenas
- Hiring of a new President
- Men's Soccer No. 1 in the nation during the season. Both teams make 3C2As

- \$250,000 external funding to expand college and career pathways through concurrent enrollment with Alum Rock and Milpitas
- Secured \$5.7M with U.S. Department of Labor to scale up regional workforce pipelines in advanced manufacturing (with Foothill College).
- Built partnerships in AI, machine learning, STEM education
- Launched Adult Education teaching program
- Implemented a Dual Enrollment counseling course for 8th graders at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School
- Provided a summer academy for Math and English for 150 students
- Partnered with SOMOS Mayfair and Grail Family Services to offer noncredit ESL courses
- Offered noncredit ESL classes at five San Jose public libraries
- Designed a PSYC C100 and ENGL C1000 co-enrolled course aligning with Vision 2030.
- Launched six Engineering certificates
- Completed year three of NSF STEM Grant

- Awarded Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grant
- Astronomy / Physics received California Space Grant Consortium Award
- Received STEM Core Summer Bridge program grant
- 57 new certified nursing assistants with a retention rate of 95 percent.
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- Secured a \$1M NAH Division grant
- Over 90 percent of EVC's nursing graduates are employed locally.
- TRiO supported East Side Union High with a six-week Oceanography 010 course.



## Academics

# Student Support and Improvements

- Introducing queuing system in Student Services for Admissions and Financial Aid
- Touchnet student payment system for paying for classes.
- Implemented Drop for Non-Payment and fraud reporting.
- Provided fiscal and staff support for ASG and student clubs.
- Initiated Research Support Pilot with Library and English to help student barriers in English C1000 and in writing research papers
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- In addition: over 150 gas cards, over 100 WIFI hotspots, 400 Maxients, 100 eBooks and 15 emergency grants were provided.

## Categorical Programs and Clubs

- Navigated touch political climate for multiple programs
- Continued to address basic needs and mental health
- CalWORKs able to increase engagement with Santa Clara County to offer six students Work Study
- Provided support for undocumented students through OASISS' varied programs
- Provided Know Your Rights cards and managing ICE encounters to campus community.
- TRiO Talent Search had 785 enrolled students and expanded concurrent enrollment of eight grade students
- TRiO Upward Bound had 99 students enrolled
- TRiO continued tradition of visiting college campus up and down the West Coast.
- Umoja had its annual HBCU Tour, A2MEND conference and visits to local industry.
- 10 Umoja students graduated from the program.
- Umoja has 77 Summer Bridge students.
- 25 charted clubs



## Athletics

- No. 1 ranked men's soccer team during the season.
- Both men's and women's soccer teams reached 3C2A Playoffs
- A combined eight student-athletes transferred to four-year schools

## Student Events

- Hosted 424 campus events
- EVC Community Day with over 50 community booths, classic cars and food trucks.
- 50th Anniversary of Vietnamese Boatpeople
- Shakespeare Escapes Here (Fall show)
- Hosted second annual Family Fair for EOPS and CalWORKs students
- Hosted open house for Foster Young Lounge, a space for students to feel comfortable and safe.
- Hosted cultural events around Latinx, Filipino, Asian Heritage months, Foster Youth, the Cambodian New Year, Aspire 25th Anniversary, Fall of Saigon, Womyn and Gender Studies, Persian New Year's.
- Hosted annual artist alley and juried student exhibition as well as an annual portfolio exhibition. Also had visiting artists.

## Student Events (Cont.)

- Hosted Persian New Year's concert, monthly music ensembles and an end-of-year concert.
- Host two research symposiums in Student Services Complex
- Monthly Soul Series, Wellness Fair and flu shots.

## Business/Admissions

- Implemented third party payment systems
- Expanded petty cash for student field trips.
- Provided 1-on-1 Concur technical support to staff
- Created Maxient report on fraud and data breach
- Created waitlist caps of 25 students

## Facilities/CTTS

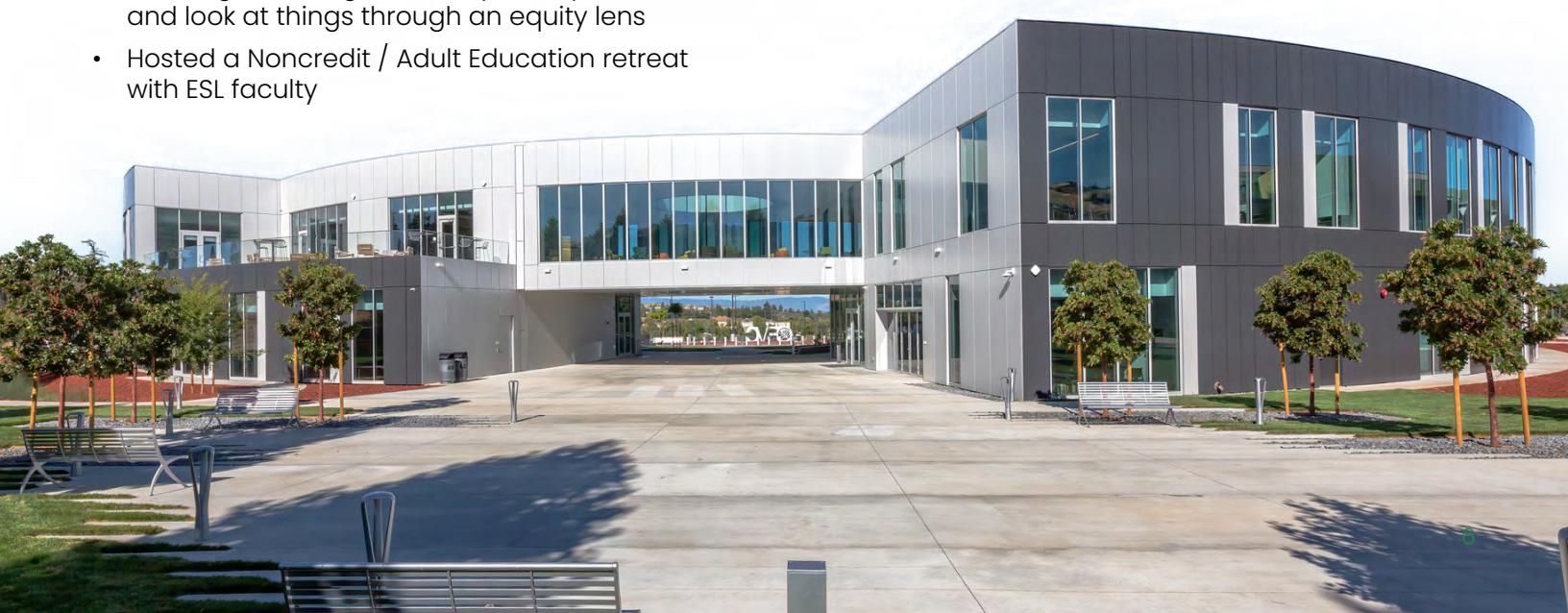
- Opening of three new campus buildings
- Upgraded core servers to enhance security.
- Refreshed end-of-life campus computers
- Upgraded 1200 devices to Windows 11
- Scrubbed and waxed floors in MS3 and Sequoia's first floor.

## Staff and Faculty

- Created theme of "One Team," to collaborate on student engagement, retention and success.
- Grounds completed a safety and pesticide training course.
- As part of Excelencia, held two-hour monthly meetings with English faculty to help reconnect and look at things through an equity lens
- Hosted a Noncredit / Adult Education retreat with ESL faculty

## Marketing, Website and Outreach

- Hosted combined CAPS Day and Community Day with over 50 community booths
- Created staff directory for entire college
- Refreshed content on website
- Built 50th anniversary webpage
- Produced 10 video success stories
- 1 million impressions on social media
- Brought forth branded content for Counselors and Outreach at [evc.edu/outreachHQ](http://evc.edu/outreachHQ)
- Served over 1000 students at Eastside Union College Fair
- Hosted over 100 career workshops and 100 early admission workshops
- Participated in major San Jose events such as Christmas in the Park, Vive Calle SJ, Teen Week at the Tech, Silicon Valley Pride, Eastridge Mall Tet Festival, Mexican Independence Day
- High School and Community Partner Day had over 100 high school counselors.
- CAPS day in April registered over 100 seniors.
- Reached out to over 4000 students over phone about Drop for Non-Payment
- \$300,000 grant from Sobrato Foundation for FYE.
- 149 of 160 FYE students were retained from Fall 2024 to Spring 2025





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