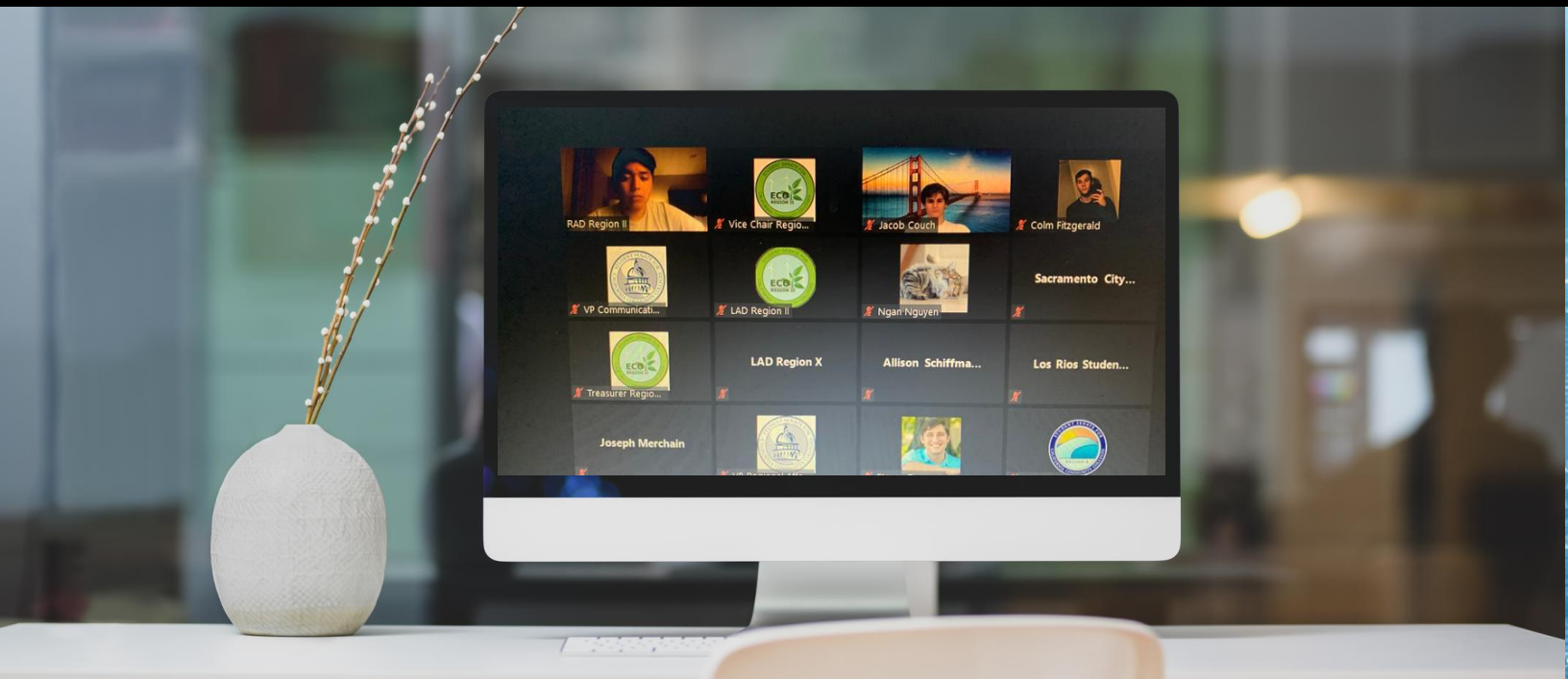




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DELEGATE SPOTLIGHT: GURTAJ GREWAL



My name is Gurtaj Grewal and I major in Communication Studies at Woodland Community College.

Fun Facts-I love running and I run with my German Shepherd when I am free in the mornings. Big fan of: Martial Arts and I enjoy watching UFC on the weekends.

My experience as a Delegate has been awesome since I went to General Assembly this year when it was online. I enjoyed it and am thankful for the opportunity to attend. I am glad I got to represent Woodland Community College at a state level, and I enjoy everything about the assembly. I'm hoping in the future that there is more GA's online since I really enjoyed it.

My leadership roles include serving multiple positions in my ASO from Senator of Student Body at Large to positions like Director of Communications and Vice President currently. In the community, I volunteer for the police department in the City of Woodland and I help with whatever is asked of me by the department.

What made me want to become a delegate is to represent my college at a big level and for it to be represented along with the other colleges in the state. I am thankful I am in this opportunity that affects students at my college, and I hope I make them proud with the work I am doing. I would like Region 2 to know that I am a hard-working young man who is helpful to others and a person that is calm and can be trusted to get the job done.

DELEGATE SPOTLIGHT: STEVEN ZIEMANN



Hello Region II!

I hope you and yours are well and healthy! My name is Steven Ziemann and I'm currently majoring in Political Science at San Joaquin Delta College. (Go Mustangs!) A quick fun fact about me is that I played competitive soccer for about 3 years before trading in my cleats for a legal notebook to lead my high school's mock trial team. This is currently my first year as a student and, likewise, as a delegate. I'm very ecstatic to be able to represent SJDC this year in Region II and I am certain we will push for better student representation and increased equity within the CCC system at large.

As for my experience, I led my high school's mock trial team as the lead prosecution attorney, working with all my teammates to ensure we were prepared. As the Senator of Legislative Affairs for the Assoc. Students of Delta College, I am the current chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee, where we are working on passing resolutions that can better our campus and student life. My appointment as SJDC's Region II delegate is a very humbling position. Since being appointed, I have grasped just how much power I have in representing our student body and influencing the policies that are suggested by the SSSCC and hopefully implemented by the California legislature.

I am open to any and all ideas, old or new, to create a more equal playing field for all CCC students, so please feel free to reach out! I am looking forward to seeing what I and this year's Region II delegates can accomplish!

DELEGATE SPOTLIGHT: MARI JIMENEZ



Hello everybody!

My name is Mari Jimenez and I attend Lake Tahoe Community College. I am currently double-majoring in history and political science. I plan to transfer to UC Davis in the Fall of 2021 and finish my degree and hopefully become a high school history teacher.

This will be my first time as a delegate, so I'm super excited to experience this! I am very excited to see what positive changes this can bring to my campus, especially through a time like today. I've always thought advocacy is incredibly important, especially in smaller communities because if we can all stand together and support each other, we can live more easily in harmony. Today, with all the social movements we've seen in recent months, I think it's incredibly important that we stand together and show our solidarity for the progression of our society.

I'm excited to work with you all very soon!

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT: LOS RIOS SUMMER TRAINING ABRIDGMENT

From August 5th-6th, 2020, the Los Rios Community College District held the first ever student led Los Rios Summer Training Summit. According to Student Trustee Toni Schiffmaier, "the idea was to provide students an opportunity to learn necessary skills before starting their terms in September. Many students have a very short time while in student government to make a difference on their campus. This experience would allow them to hit the ground running, while collaborating with their fellow student leaders across the district."



The photo above is a screenshot of the Basic Needs Presentation/Update by American River College Clubs and Events Board President, Mark Sheppard.

Why did you choose to get involved in student government?



The photo above is a screenshot of the Mentimeter Icebreaker Activity from the first day of the Los Rios Summer Training Summit.

As an innovative way to include students in the entire process for creating the summit, the training topics were chosen by the participants ahead of time with an online poll. Then, the topics that were in the highest demand were implemented into the summit schedule. Some of the presentations included a Making Change on Your Campus workshop, COVID-19 Online Advocacy, a Basic Needs Presentation, Legislative Advocacy, Parliamentary Procedure Training, and more. Students were able to meet and interact with other students through various breakout room sessions, fun

activities, and a very popular Kahoot Workshop Trivia. Overall, the Los Rios Summer Training Summit was a very successful event, and students look forward to getting started in the upcoming term.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR LEADERS

Did You Know?

There used to be 3 regional directors, referred to as the Regional Affairs Director (RAD), Legislative Affairs Director (LAD), and System Affairs Director (SAD). This was changed to two (2) regional directors, the RAD and LAD in the year 2018-2019.

Fun Fact

“A TV series I’ve watched all the way through more than once is...”

Quote

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, and become more, you are a Leader."

~John Quincy Adams



PRESS RELEASE: SSCCC RESPONDS TO COVID-19 BLOCK GRANT

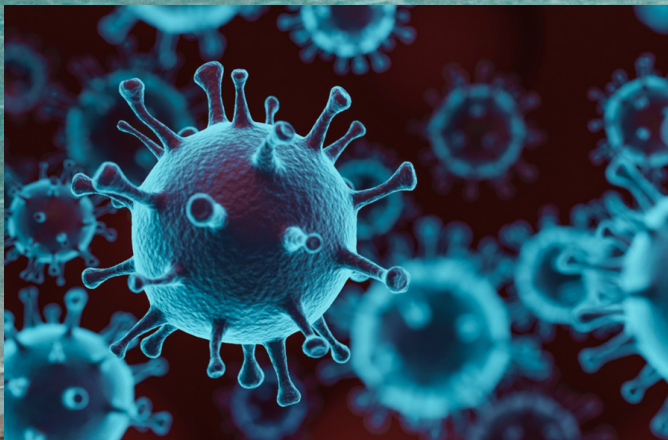
SSCCC COVID-19 Block Grant Response Press Release

On August 3, 2020, the California Community College Chancellor's Office released memo FS-20-08 outlining guidance on the disbursement of the \$120 million block grant, included in the 2020 Budget Act, provided to districts based on enrollment to support student learning and mitigate learning loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SSCCC Website Article

What is a Block Grant?

A block grant (U.S.) refers to a grant-in-aid of a specific amount from the federal government of the United States of America to individual states and local governments to help support several programs whose goal is to create change on broad topics, such as law enforcement, social services, public health, and community development.



SSCCC PRESS RELEASE: CENTENNIAL OF 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

SSCCC : Centennial of 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution Press Release

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) acknowledges the nearly 100-year movement that led up to the amendment's ratification. While a big step forward, we recognize that history repeatedly tells us a single story that excludes the racism, sexism, and classism within the movement that discriminated against suffragists of color. Within the battle for the right to vote, countless Black, Native, Asian, and Latinx suffragists were ostracized by those they worked alongside in a movement themed around equality.

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DEBRIEF OF SSCCC TOWNHALL MEETING BY INDERPAL DHALIWAL

SSCCC TOWN HALL MEETING



On August 4th Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) held a Town Hall Webinar. The Town Hall was advocating to have a discussion regarding the social climate of colored students in California community colleges. Stephen Kodur, SSCCC President, started off the webinar by setting ground rules. He explained the urgency of the webinar and why it is needed to benefit black and students of color. Students were asked to share microaggressions they faced while they were on campus. While everyone was asked to respect, understand, and suspend judgement, students shared their stories. Many people believe that the vestiges of discrimination have disappeared, however students share their first-hand experiences of microaggressions they faced on campus. The room sat in silence as each student expressed their interactions of racial injustice. Each story reflects the issues that POC students face, and how their trauma has defined their lives. Explaining the harmful penalties of racial injustice to psychological mental health, SSCCC wants to fight microaggressions that POC students face daily. Members of SSCCC and students brought the idea of training faculty, administration, and leadership to help break away from an unjust racist conjunction. Understanding sincerity in each student's voice, leadership felt humility after each student that shared and stood up for something greater.

As this was mostly a discussion and a chance to bring life to new perspectives, SSCCC will be holding another Town Hall on August 21st, 2020 from 12pm-2pm (information on next page) for action to be implemented. If you missed the last Town Hall here is a provided link with the entire Town Hall of August 4th, 2020 was recorded, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz-Pl1rexog>. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Region II Legislative Affairs Director Jasmine Prasad at ladregionii@studentsenateccc.org.

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AUGUST 21ST TOWN HALL MEETING

SSCCC TOWN HALL MEETING



Action Plan Report Out!

This is the second town hall held by the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) as we begin our work to aggressively break down institutional racism. The first town hall was held on August 4, 2020, and is archived on our [YouTube Channel](#). During that town hall, students shared their experiences and feelings about the racial climate in the CCC System. In this town hall, we will share a proposed plan of action based on what we heard from the students during the first town hall.

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 21, 2020**

12:00PM - 2:00PM

Register here!

<https://qr.go.page.link/x1gQY>



UPCOMING EVENT: SSCCC SPECIAL DELAGATE ASSEMBLY



The SSCCC will hold a special meeting on September 4, 2020, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

During this meeting, the Delegate Assembly will elect the Vice President of Regional Affairs, Adopt an action plan to aggressively break down institutional racism, and hear updates and announcements from the SSCCC.

You can find registration for the event and information about the candidates on the SSCCC website.

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MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meetings at 4:00 pm on

- *September 4, 2020*
- *October 2, 2020*
- *November 6, 2020*
- *December 4, 2020*
- *January 1, 2021*
- *February 5, 2021*
- *March 5, 2021*
- *April 2, 2021*
- *May 7, 2021*
- *June 4, 2021*



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Becoming an active Region II College:

To be considered an active college within Region II, your college must:

- **Appoint and/or Elect a student delegate by an Advisor and/or Student President.**
- **Complete delegate verification form.**
- **The delegate must attend monthly Regional Delegate meetings.**
- **For more information on reactivating college contact RAD Salas at radregionii@studentsenateccc.org**

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BY SIGNING UP TO LISTSERV TO GET UPDATES

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