

REGION V

NEWSLETTER



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Region V Colleges

1. Bakersfield College
2. Cerro Coso College
3. Clovis College
4. College of Sequoias
5. Fresno City College
6. Madera College
7. Merced College
8. Modesto College
9. Porterville College
10. Reedley College
11. West Hills College - Coalinga
12. West Hills College - Lemoore



LETTER FROM REGION V'S RAD

Dear Region V!

First and foremost, I want to highlight those that were elected to Region V's 2023-2024 Executive Board. We have Joshua Simon as our new Regional Affairs Director (RAD), Gerardo "Jerry" Reyes as our new Legislative Affairs Director (LAD), Michael Rodriguez as our new Vice Chair, Alexis Bravo as our new Treasurer, and Jose Garcia as our new Communication Officer, all for the 2023-2024 academic term. It was an honor and pleasure to welcome these amazing student leaders into their new leadership positions! I cannot wait to see the amount of great growth that will continue to occur in Region V with these immensely qualified representatives. I lastly want to highlight that our new delegate activation count has increased to 10/12 delegates. Our region is strong and continues to properly represent the hard-working individuals, students, and community that we are constantly surrounded by in the Central Valley.

Additionally, it is the celebration month of Community Colleges all around the nation! This month, we recognize the contributions of resources, support, and educational opportunities in these institutions as we continue to break down that stigma which is often associated with Community Colleges. Specifically, the California Community Colleges system is the largest in higher education field throughout the entire United States. Therefore this educational system needs to have the right teachings, practices, and learning materials in order to match the students this system serves. However, it is up to us to make sure these standards are upheld. We as Community College students have the ability to serve on college committees to make sure our voices will be heard!

Let's continue to celebrate the wonderful opportunities that Community Colleges throughout our nation present, as it helps to share and write the stories of great people. We Community College students have the power to become something great, I truly believe it. California Community Colleges has made a major influence in my own life, and has change it forever and for the better. I am forever grateful for these institutions serving so many!

Thank you all again for your attendance at our General Assembly event and if you missed it, start getting those resolutions ready for our next one that will be happening in 2024!

Thanks a bunch,
Aaron Villarreal
Regional Affairs Director



MONTHLY FEATURES

ACTIVE COLLEGES

Region V Delegates

As of the last Delegate Assembly Region V currently has 10 out of the 12 colleges active!

1. Bakersfield College
2. Cerro Coso Community College
3. Clovis Community College
4. Fresno City College
5. Madera Community College
6. Merced College
7. Porterville College
8. Reedley College
9. West Hills College - Coalinga
10. West Hills College - Lemoore

REGIONAL OFFICER VACANCIES

- **Legislative Affairs Director**

- Direct all legislative and advocacy efforts of the Region
- Serve as a voting member on the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Board of Directors
- Serve on the Legislative Affairs Committee and one other internal committee.
- Full list of job duties can be found here: [LINK](#)
- ***Email RAD V Villareal (radv@ssccc.org) if you're interested!***



MONTHLY FEATURES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECAP

BOARD OF GOVERNORS STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT



Our very own Regional Affairs Director, Aaron Villarreal was among the select few student leaders chosen to receive the Board of Governors Student Leadership Award.

On behalf of Region V, we proudly send our congratulations to Mr. Villarreal, recognizing his commitment to student advocacy at the local, regional and state level.

REGION V ELECTED THEIR 2023-24 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS



- Regional Affairs Director - Joshua Simon (West Hills College - Lemoore)
- Legislative Affairs Director - Gerardo "Jerry" Reyes (Reedley College)
- Vice Chair - Michael Rodriguez (West Hills College - Coalinga)
- Treasurer - Alexis Bravo - (Reedley College)
- Communications Officer - Jose Garcia (West Hills College - Lemoore)



MONTHLY FEATURES

ADVOCACY DAY



Advocacy Day was held at the State Capitol on April 12th.



Region V Members with Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains

Region V Regional Affairs Director Villarreal was joined by Communications Officer Reyes and Reedley College ASG President-Elect Dejalía Borquez.

They met with staffers from the offices of Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains and Senator Melissa Hurtado and discussed AB 1541, 1543, 1275 and 789.



MONTHLY ARTICLES

COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH

"SMART STUDENTS GO TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES"



April is Community College Month, and that presents a great opportunity to get the word out about why community colleges matter, how your college is serving your community's needs today, and why public support for our colleges is more important than ever.

The primary goal of #CCMonth is to increase awareness and understanding of the value of community colleges both locally and nationally through grassroots, localized outreach. We believe that accomplishing this will advance appreciation for and reduce stigmas related to community colleges, and ultimately welcome more students through our doors.

PLEASE VISIT ACCT.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION: [LINK](#)



WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

INTERNAL REGION COMMITTEES

PLEASE REACH OUT WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Meets @ 4pm

March 9th

April 13th

May 18th

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Meets @ 6pm

March 16th

April 20th

May 18th

REGION V GOOGLE DRIVE

[Click here to find all meeting materials can be found in the Google Drive.](#)

- Executive (radregionv@ssccc.org)
- Internal Affairs Committee (vicechairregionv@ssccc.org)
- Legislative Affairs Committee (ladregionv@ssccc.org)
- Finance Committee (treasurerregionv@ssccc.org)
- Communications Committee (comsregionv@ssccc.org)
- Delegate Assembly (radregionv@ssccc.org)