

REGION V NEWSLETTER

March 2025 Edition



ACTIVE COLLEGES & DELEGATES

Bakersfield College - Elise Miller

Cerro Coso Community College - *Garrett Wilkinson*

Clovis Community College - *Gabrielle Yeager*

Coalinga College - Kaylee Bayer

College of the Sequoias - Rheanna Gallegos

Fresno City College - David Ball

Lemoore College - Melissa Martinez

Madera Community College - Mia Aguilar

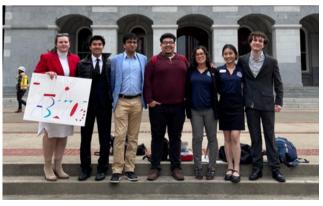
Merced College - Alexander Salazar

Porterville College - Itzel Vargas

Reedley College - Joseph Cruz

Taft College - Luz Robles

To verify a delegate, please fill this form: <u>SSCCC Region Delegate Verification</u>



IMPORTANT DATES

FAFSA/CADAA April 2, 2025

<u>General Assembly Delegate Training</u>
April 4, 2025

General Assembly
April 4-6, 2025
Los Angeles, California

LETTER FROM THE LAD

Hello Region V,

I hope everyone had a lucky St. Patrick's Day!

This month, Region V has been as busy as ever. To start off, Region V participated in the annual Advocacy Day and March in March, advocating for students on a statewide level.

RAD Reyes and I also had the opportunity to attend the ASACC Conference in Washington, D.C., and it was an amazing experience. We truly appreciate the hard work of the staff in organizing the itinerary, which allowed us to learn more about our capital and engage civically.

As a LAD, I have been working on organizing district visits to advocate on a local level. The region has also hosted multiple trainings and campus visits to strengthen connections with all the schools in the region. Region V has had consistent delegate and social media engagement, maintaining full activation and being the #1 region in social media engagement every month.

This month is Women's History Month, so I want to thank all the incredible women in history, like Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, Harriet Tubman, Susan B. Anthony, and Michelle Obama. Women like these make me proud to be a woman today and inspire me to lead just as they did, making this world stronger and kinder.

General Assembly is fast approaching, and we can't wait to see you there! It will be held in LA from April 4-6, packed with workshops, networking, fun activities, and elections, so be prepared. Please check out our resources for more information!

Sincerely, **Dejalia White**Legislative Affairs Director

REGIONAL AFFAIRS



The region had the opportunity to meet with Senators Steve Padilla, Sasha Perez, Anna Caballero, and Assemblymembers Joaquin Arambula, Alexandra Macedo, and David Alvarez, as well as their incredible staff.

A2MEND CONFERENCE



After a successful Advocacy Day, RAD Reyes and Vice Chair Wren flew to LA for the annual A2MEND Conference. The conference was filled with positive energy and excellent presentations, and they stood on business.

REGION V TAKES ON SACRAMENTO FOR ADVOCACY DAY

The region made a powerful impact in Sacramento! Regional members, alongside students from all over California, came together to advocate for important bills, including AB 409 (Brown Act), SB 98 (SAFE Act), SB 271 (Student Parents), and AB 90 (Safe Parking). They also joined in the march to the Capitol steps, which was a sight to see.



The A2mend conference was extremely inspiring. During my time at community college I haven't experienced a conference like it. To see such an underrepresented group in higher education being celebrated brought great pride."

Jadah Wren Vice Chair, Region V Clovis Community College



REGIONAL AFFAIRS



RAD Reyes, LAD White, and other SSCCC members had the incredible opportunity to attend the ASACC Conference in Washington D.C., which began with SSCCC's first-ever national pre-conference. During the event, RAD Reyes presented on Advocacy, engaging with fellow attendees on key issues. Outside of the conference, the group visited iconic D.C. landmarks such as the White House, U.S. Capitol, National Archives, and several monuments.

The BoD traveled to Region III for their March BoD weekend. Thank you to the students of College of Alameda for hosting them, as well as the other Region III SBAs who engaged with the Board. During the weekend, the Board discussed co-sponsoring <u>SB 305 (Reyes)</u> and <u>SB 323 (Pérez)</u> of the 2025 legislative session, approval of Chapter 5, and to approve additional funding requests for regions to operate.



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This month, I got the chance to testify before the California Education Committee Senate in support of SB98: The Safe Act, on behalf of an undocumented student, sharing their story and speaking up for their rights. This whole experience reminded me how important it is to make education accessible for everyone, no matter their status. Every student deserves the chance to learn, grow, and chase their dreams without fear holding them back. I am beyond grateful to have been part of this fight and to stand with those pushing for equity and justice."

SB 98 TESTIMONY



Gabrielle Yeager
Delegate, Region V
Clovis Community College



Women's History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and impact of women throughout history. It's an opportunity to recognize the incredible women who have shaped our world and continue to inspire future generations. By honoring their legacies, we acknowledge the progress made toward gender equality while also highlighting the ongoing work needed to create a more inclusive society.

The women pictured above are trailblazers who have made significant contributions to society. They have reshaped politics, culture, and history, breaking barriers in fields ranging from leadership and activism to the arts and social justice. Through their advocacy, these women have empowered marginalized communities, fought for labor rights, championed education and health, and inspired change on a global scale. Their legacies continue to inspire generations to come, shaping a more inclusive and equitable world.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APRIL 4-6, 2025 IN LOS ANGELES



OVERVIEW

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges is excited to announce the 29th General Assembly, taking place from April 4-6, 2025, at the Los Angeles Westin Airport. Delegates will set priorities for the upcoming year through the resolution process, elect the 2025-26 SSCCC Board Officers, and network with fellow student leaders. The event will also feature engaging workshops and speakers. Students, advisors, faculty, staff, and others are welcome to attend.





2025-26 SSCCC Board Officer Elections

The SSCCC is looking for passionate leaders to fill Board Officer and Regional Officer positions for the 2025-26 term! Elections will take place during the General Assembly in Los Angeles on April 4-6, 2025. Get involved and make an impact at both the State and Regional levels! Meet your candidates here!

Elections:

- April 4, 2025 Mandatory Candidate Forum
- April 5, 2025 Regional Elections take place
- April 6, 2025 State Officer Elections take place

For more information regarding SSCCC Elections, please visit this **link** and/or reach out to **elections@ssccc.org**.