# Region VI

NEWSLETTER



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#### **Region VI Colleges**

- Allan Hancock
   College
- 2. Antelope Valley
- 3. College of Canyons
- 4. Cuesta College
- 5. Moorpark College
- 6. Oxnard College
- 7. Santa Barbara City College
- 8. Taft College
- 9. Ventura College



#### Dear Region VI,

Happy New Year! Congratulations on successfully navigating through 2023. As we usher in 2024, I am thrilled to share some exciting news and initiatives that will shape the year ahead.

Firstly, let me extend congratulations to our newly elected Vice Chair, Tollefson, and Treasurer, Wingo. With a complete board in place, we are well prepared to embark on a journey filled with growth and collaboration.

Our primary goal for this year is to introduce informative and inspiring events to campuses across Region VI. These events aim to educate students on various ways to advocate not only for their respective campuses but also for the region as a whole. One such event is the upcoming Resolution Workshop at Ventura College, where students can learn effective advocacy strategies and how to turn their voice into writing that can create statewide change.

These gatherings provide a unique opportunity to connect with students and gain insights into how different communities are represented within our colleges. The diverse perspectives gathered are crucial to navigating the larger landscape of SSCCC, as well as the external resources available to support our collective efforts.

I am passionate about showcasing to students the power of their voices and empowering them to explore avenues of change that extend beyond their local communities. The experiences I've had since becoming the Regional Affairs Director for Region VI have been transformative. Prior to my involvement in student government advocacy, I was not engaged in community affairs. When a friend introduced me to the Associated Students of Ventura College, they altered the course of my life and now I am proud to be part of a group of like-minded students dedicated to building and strengthening our community. I hope to influence other students to take that first step and become a tool for students to use to support their careers and college experiences.

I invite all students to join us on this journey of empowerment, exploration, and positive change. Let's make 2024 a year of meaningful impact and growth and I look forward to meeting all the individual groups that make Region VI so unique!

Best Regards,

Marcos Garcia

Regional Affairs Director

Region VI

#### **Active Colleges**

Delegates of Region VI

- 1. Allan Hancock College → Oscar Rivera (He/Him)
- 2. Antelope Valley → Steve Benitez (He/Him)
- 3. College of Canyons → Sanjana Sudhir (She/Her)
- 4. Cuesta College → TBA!
- 5. **Moorpark College** → **Judah Robinson** (He/Him)
- 6. Oxnard College → Kaye Placio (She/Her)
- 7. **Santa Barbara City College → Bryan Wong** (He/Him)
- 8. **Taft College** → **Saul Acosta** (He/Him)
- 9. **Ventura College** → **Jesse M Martinez** (He/Him)

**Officer Introduction** 

Elena Fuentes (Santa Barbara City College)

**She/Her** (ComsRegionVI@ssccc.org)

Elena Fuentes is a student at Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) majoring in Political Science. She serves as the Student Advocate of SBCC's Associated Student Government (ASG) program and Co-President of the Honors Program. She plans on transferring to a four-year institution to pursue a fulfilling career in the field of family law. She is resolute in her mission to expand EBT access within SBCC and across other community college institutions to uplift and support students in need. Her interests lie in political advocacy and engagement, equal and basic needs access, and creating spaces to amplify student voices. Refer to her point of contact above for questions regarding Region VI's media and newsletter output!

As of the December delegate assembly, Region VI currently has 8 out of the 9 colleges active! Below are our delegates and their respective colleges. If you are interested in being an alternate delegate and attend a community college within Region VI, please contact RADRegionVI@ssccc. org to apply!



Elena Fuentes (she/her/hers)



### WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO





### **Registration open NOW!**

Exciting news, students! The SSCCC proudly presents the 28th General Assembly on **April 5, 2024 - April 7, 2024**, in Santa Clara, CA. Each year, delegates will converge to shape the direction of SSCCC through the resolution process to ultimately impact organizational priorities for the upcoming year. There will also be an opportunity for delegates to elect the **2024-25 SSCCC Board Officers**. Here are more details on the event:

#### **Event Highlights:**

Resolution Process 🖶: Your voice

shapes our future!

**Officer Elections :** Be a part of

leadership transitions.

**Networking :** Connect with student

leaders from across California.

**Workshops and Speakers :** Engaging sessions to enhance your skills.

For more information on this event and how to register, refer to the event page at

https://ssccc.org/getinvolved/events/2024-generalassembly/overview.html. Your participation is key to this event's success, and spots are filling up quick, so register promptly and mark your calendars!

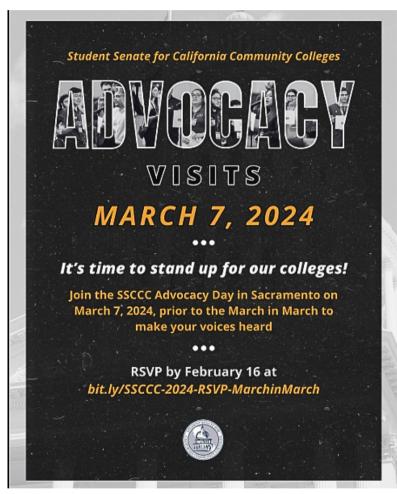


### What to look forward to

### SSCCC's Advocacy Day!











In alignment with its dedication to student engagement, the SSCCC extends an invitation to join students, faculty, and advocates from across the state on **Thursday, March 7th**, for SSCCC's annual lobby day followed by the March in March. The march will commence at the Tower Bridge at 1:30 pm and conclude at a rally on the west lawn of the State Capitol. This gathering serves as a platform for students to actively participate in lobbying the legislature on issues crucial to the statewide community.

RSVP at bit.ly/SSCCC-2024-RSVP-MarchinMarch by February 16th

### **Region VI Events and Meetings**

Below are details related to upcoming Region VI affairs.

# Region VI Delegate Assembly

• Date: Friday, January 25th

• Time: To be announced

• Location: Zoom

## Region VI Executive Meeting

For details on our most recent January meeting, check the SSCCC website under the Region VI section in the Region VI Google Drive. Stay tuned for more updates on our February internal meetings!



Region VI will be hosting a Resolution Workshop on January 19, 2024, at Ventura College, Room ASC 130, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Any and all active participation at this time is crucial, as resolutions are to be written and submitted by February 14th, 2024. For anyone interested, please contact RADRegionVI@ssccc.org for more details on travel vouchers, event refreshments, topics, etc.