

November 2022



SSCCC Connect

Diablo Valley College

Mark Your Calendars!

December 2, 2022
SSCCC Executive Committee
(Virtual)

December 9 - 10, 2022
SSCCC Board of Directors
Training and Meeting,
Riverside, CA (and online)

January 6, 2023
SSCCC Executive Committee
(Virtual)

January 13 - 14, 2023
SSCCC Board of Directors
Training and Meeting, San Jose,
CA (and online)

February 3, 2023 - Executive
Committee (Virtual)

February 10 - 11, 2023 - Board
of Directors Training and
Meeting, TBD

[Online Calendar](#)

President's Update

What a Time for Action!

During October, the SSCCC facilitated an Advocacy Academy at this year's CCCSSA Conference in San Diego. We also held a Higher Education Coalition Strategic Planning convening in conjunction with UC and CSU student associations to develop a joint advocacy plan for the next two-to-three years. Watch for a report from this event soon.

Continuing our college tours from last year, the SSCCC joined the interim Chancellor Gonzales and her staff during their listening tour to visit Santa Ana, Santiago Canyon, and Allan Hancock Colleges. During the tour, we visited with student leaders, CEO's, faculty, and administrators to hear about innovative academic programs focused on student success, as well as their recruitment and retention strategies to combat the decline in enrollment due to the pandemic.

This was also an opportunity for SSCCC to engage with student leaders to learn about their wins and challenges, as well as to hear individual student stories.

In the past five months, the SSCCC Board of Directors have been active in listening to the student voices on our campuses. We have visited or held trainings at a number of colleges including LA Southwest, Sacramento City,...
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Anti-Racism A Student Plan of Action



Chapter 3 - Native American Students

In recognition of Native American Heritage month in November, the SSSCC would like to acknowledge the work that we are doing for Native American students. The SSSCC has focused its 3rd chapter of its *Anti-Racism: A Student Plan of Action* on Native American students and their unique experiences and challenges

In addition, the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism, and Accessibility (DEIAA) Committee has approved a task force to collect the testimonies of Native American students, which will inform our work. These efforts to collect testimonies are led by the SSSCC's Tribal Liaison Rosita Patterson and DEIAA Chair, Vice President Marco Martinez.

Past chapters of the Action Plan have focused on African American and Asian American and Pacific Islander students. These past plans are available on the SSSCC website at [this link](#). If you are a Native American student and are interested in participating in our work or providing testimony, please contact **VP Martinez at vp@ssccc.org**.

Palomar, San Diego City, MiraCosta, and Diablo Valley Colleges. In addition, we have provided training at other colleges. Our presence on college campuses around the state allows our Board members to learn about student concerns at the campus level.

Lastly, we want to announce our General Assembly will be March 31 - April 2, 2023 in Long Beach. We hope to see you there! More information can be found in this newsletter.

Thanksgiving is often seen as a time to gather with loved ones and give thanks, but for many Thanksgiving is a day of mourning. This day can serve as a reminder of the genocide and oppression Indigenous people have experienced



throughout history. We encourage you to learn more about the true history of Thanksgiving and acknowledge the common misrepresentations of this day. Understanding the true origin of Thanksgiving is important to dismantling the harmful false narrative of this day and honoring Indigenous people past, present, and future.

Following Thanksgiving on November 26 is Native American Heritage Day (H.J.Res.40 - Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009), a day in which we celebrate the contributions, achievements, and cultures of Indigenous people.

Some ways you can participate include:

- Learn more about the tribes in your community using this interactive map
- Check out current news involving Indigenous communities
- Listen to a podcast featuring Indigenous voices
- Read a book written by an Indigenous author
- Attend a Native American Heritage Day celebration in your community



Campus Tour

While we're only five months into our term, the SSCCC has been very busy engaging our students and our colleges. Below is just a brief summary of our college visits during this first term.

The SSCCC Board of Directors held four of its trainings at the following campuses: Diablo Valley, LA Southwest, Palomar, and Sacramento City Colleges. During these visits, the SSCCC provided training on topics such as meeting management, Brown Act and parli-pro, 9 + 1 Student Rights, conflict resolution, civic engagement, and strategic planning. So far, the SSCCC Board has visited Region II, Region III, Region VII, and Region X. We'll be visiting the other regions in the next term.

Before the training at Palomar College, SSCCC Leadership also visited with students from MiraCosta and San Diego City Colleges.

Community Organizer Kodur also provided training and presentations both in person and virtually for many colleges including American River, Canada, Clovis, Coastline, Contra Costa, Crafton Hills, LA Southwest, LA Valley, Mt. San Jacinto, Porterville, San Diego City, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara City, Shasta, and West Hills College Coalinga. These trainings covered a variety of topics such as an intro to the SSCCC, Brown Act, parli-pro, 9+1 Student Rights, and meeting management. If you're interested in receiving training, please complete this form.

Finally, the SSCCC Leadership traveled with Chancellor Gonzales to three colleges during the Chancellor's Office Listening Tour. These colleges include - Santa Ana, Rancho Santiago, and Allan Hancock Colleges.



Employee News

New Associate Director

The SSCCC hired Stephanie Goldman as our Associate Director. Stephanie comes to the SSCCC with prior experience as the Associate Director of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) where she focused her efforts on significant bill and budget advocacy for the past five years.

As Associate Director, Stephanie will be responsible for working with the Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Legislative Affairs Committee to develop the SSCCC policy agenda and political strategies. She will serve as the primary advisor to the Vice President of Legislative Affairs to lead advocacy, engagement, and policy development in support of SSCCC's mission, bylaws, and strategic plan.





TOOLKITS

What is a toolkit? An advocacy toolkit is a compilation of resources student leaders can use to advocate for a specific issue at their college. Every year at our Spring General Assembly, Resolutions are passed by the 116 delegates from each California Community College that guide our advocacy for the following year. This Fall, the SSCCC has been steadily at work to create over 10 different toolkits for our fellow students to use to enact change! These toolkits should be available by the beginning of January for dissemination, the full list is as follows:

- Equal Student Accessibility for Broadband Access and Internet Services ([S22.01.03](#))
- Elimination of Proctorio and Proctoring Systems ([S22.01.04](#))
- Fighting Student Food Insecurity ([S22.04.06](#))
- LGBTQ+ Training for All SBA's ([S22.04.08](#))
- Pronoun Inclusivity Programs ([S22.04.11](#))
- Sustainability Resolution ([S22.04.12](#))
- Syllabi Resolution ([S22.04.13](#))
- Student Rights and Engagement ([S22.04.14](#))
- Advocacy for Campus Wellness Centers ([S22.04.16](#))

We at the SSCCC, look forward to the release of these toolkits, so that our student leaders can take on the fight for a more equitable California Community College system.

Past year toolkits can be found on the SSCCC website at this [link](#).

For more information, please contact **VPRA Jessica Dominguez**, at vpra@ssccc.org.

Employee News

Congratulations!
The SSCCC would like to congratulate our own Executive Assistant Rosita Olalde on her recent nuptials. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Patterson much happiness as they begin their new journey together as husband and wife.

