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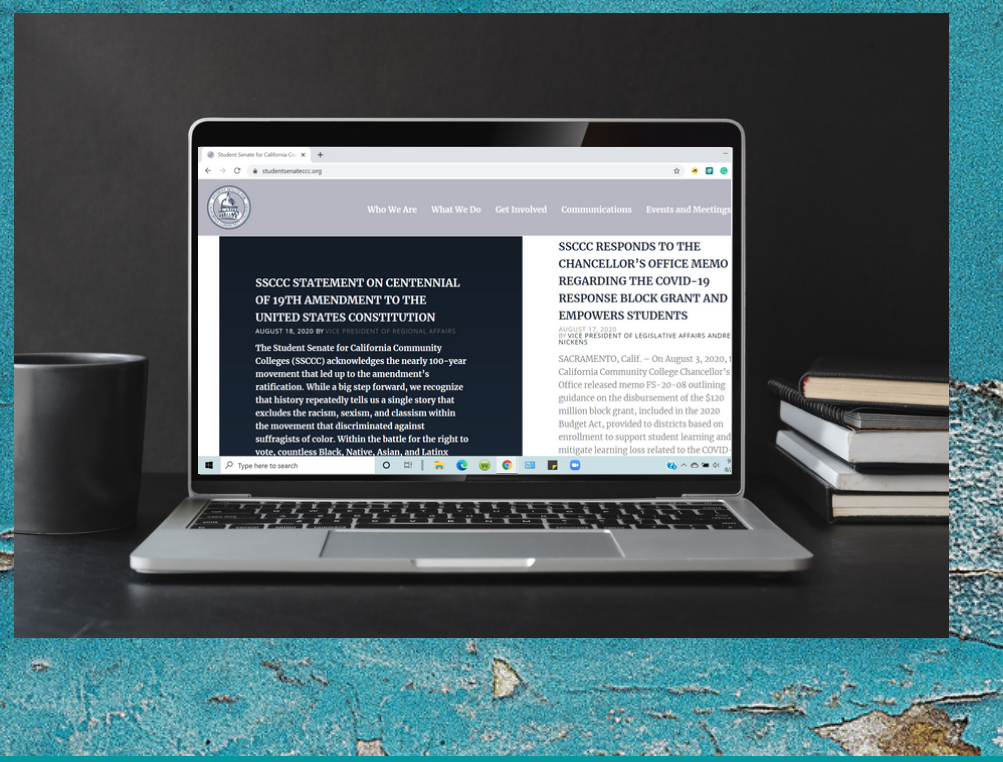
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As a former Vice Chair and new RAD for the Region, I am blessed to have this opportunity to work alongside this incredible team of Student Leaders. We will continue to best the region by upholding our duties in a timely manner.

I would encourage Region II to follow our Instagram page ([ssccc_regionii](#)) and also to sign up for the Region II Listserv to have more updates.

Below are some Board of Directors Updates

Pathways to Equity

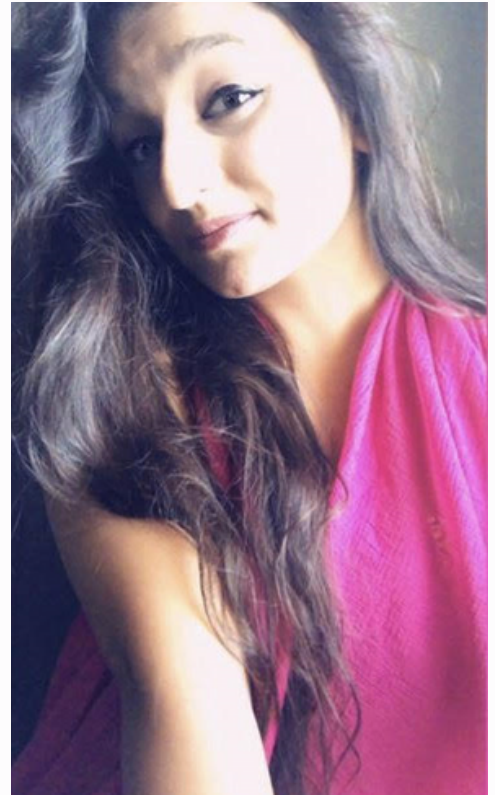
California Community Colleges Pathways to Equity is holding an event Tuesday, September 29, and Wednesday, September 30. Their goal is to bring together a diverse community of college practitioners and students to discuss the implementation of the Guided Pathways framework with an equity lens. This event will focus on how colleges are embedding strategies to break down systematic barriers. [Here](#) is the link to register and learn more about the event.

Registering for Professional Development Week

I'm excited to announce that the Student Senate for California Community colleges is holding its first week-long Professional Development and leadership training. The event will take place from September 24 through October 2, 2020. [Here](#) is the link If you would like to learn more information about what will take place each day. [Here](#) is the link to register for this free exciting event!

Institution success for people of color task force action plan

During delegates passed the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Anti-racism Plan of Action, found [here](#). The Institution Success for People of Color task students inputs into consideration to create an action plan that would break down systematic barriers on campus.



New State Executive Officers Messages

Benjamin Blevins (He/Him/His) **Vice President of Regional Affairs**

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"Happy Fall Region III! Thank you so much for participating in the process and organization of student government. As we go through these uncertain and trying times it is important to remember that decisions are still being made and students' voices need be represented. I am very excited to have been elected as your Vice President of Regional Affairs, it is with this position I can go forward and advocate more fervently for the students in all Regions from I - X. Region II has an extreme reach across the state of California and in order to maintain the voice of students at the local level and at the statewide level we're going to need all the help we can get. COVID-19 has turned our education system on its head and has caused the largest change in the U.S. education system since it was created. I know that this year won't be easy but together I know that we can maintain the presence of students in and out of the room. Please know that like all of the executives I have an open-door policy and I am fully accessible to all students regardless of title. I have hope for this year and I intend to work with Director Patel in order to achieve the goals and execute the strategies needed to most effectively advocate for the students of California's community college system. Thank you so much and I look forward to working with all of you! Have a great fall semester!"



Brianna Ross (She/Her/Hers) **Vice President of Communications**

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"I am excited to take on the role of VPC not only because of my passion for graphic design, but also for my deep appreciation for the mission of the SSCCC. It was not until January that I found out about Student Senate through the RAD of Region VIII where I attend Irvine Valley College. My SBA President had a class conflict with the Delegate Assembly time in the spring semester, so he appointed me as the new delegate. By the time the regional officer elections occurred, I had become very involved with the region and was nominated for LAD. After successfully being elected as LAD, I was elected president of my SBA. My interest in state and local policy became greater and actually made me reconsider my major—I made the switch from chemical engineering to environmental policy. Later in my career, I hope to complete the circle by taking my advocacy efforts back to the California community college system."

Delegate Spotlight



Hello Friends!

My name is Sahibpreet Singh Otal and I am an Engineering Student at Sierra College. A fun fact about me is that when I was in high school, I would ask help from everyone for what Major I should take but not so many advised me to take Engineering as my Major. In the end, I took Engineering and I am happy with what I am currently taking because no matter what major I take I will always get support from my friends and family.

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I have worked with multiple clubs as an officer keeping track of budget and organizing events to help enrich the College experience of all Students including me. This is why I joined the Associated Students of Sierra College (ASSC) to learn and help others.

Once I heard about the SSCCC, I was excited and curious about how the Students work at the State Level gathering all ideas and concerns to create a better future.

Being a Delegate is the first step in seeing the bigger picture of how things work in a State Level. This doesn't mean that the Local Regions or Colleges are not as important. All aspects and entities from big to small are all important. I would like the Region and Fellow Students to know that I am willing to work and plan for events and opportunities that we all can learn and have fun.



District spotlight: Sierra Joint Community College District

This year, the **Associated Students of Sierra College (ASSC)** put together a set of goals that address campus life in a distance setting. Those goals centered around keeping students engaged virtually. The ASSC, along with the **Sierra College Student Engagement Centers (SECs)**, have prioritized offering consistent online programming for students to regularly participate in, develop a sense of community, and safely socialize with others. To supplement these events, the **ASSC Campus Life** opened a public **Discord server!**

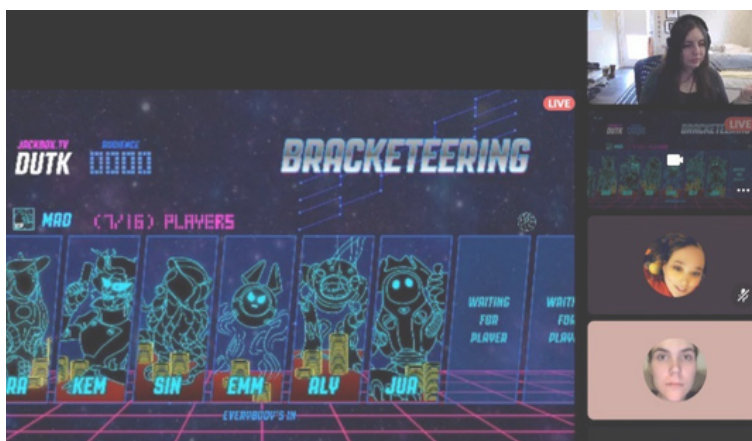


The **SECs** continue to offer online events hosted on Zoom, where community members are given space to learn about and explore different topics. SEC events **often prepare and engage participants in active discussion via breakout rooms**, and provides for the development of connections with relevant subject matter in relation to the **Cross Cultural, Pride, and Women and Gender centers**. Recent SEC events included learning about California **Indigenous fishing and hunting practices with local Indigenous speakers** and celebrating the International Day of Chocolate by learning about the **history of chocolate, its significance in Aztec culture, and viewing a Brazilian truffle recipe**.

In **addition** to a multitude of virtual events, **Sierra College continues to assist its students in other aspects as well**. The **Sierra College Food Pantry prepares weekly grocery bags for socially distant distribution**. The Sierra College Foundation has also raised funds to **support students during this time of need, and offers laptops and hotspots for students so they can successfully access and complete their coursework**. It is incredible to see many individuals and departments of the college mobilize to offer continued support virtually. While the needs of students have increased given the circumstances, **faculty, staff, and student leaders persist in their charge to strengthen our campus community, behind the screens**.

*Written by
Trustee Tajinder
Bahia*

The server is **home to multiple channels**, which students can explore to stay an active member of their campus community. These channels include **club channels, a Chill Zone channel, and a channel for weekly events**. The club channels allow students to **learn more about different campus clubs active this semester**. The Chill Zone channel offers an online space to study and listen to “chill” music, with the aim to replicate a cafe or library vibe. There are also weekly events such as **game night, movie night, karaoke night, trivia night, and much more**. The server is moderated by the **Sierra College Student Ambassadors**, with events often co-hosted by ASSC Student Senate board members.





*Written by
Chair Lauren
Sanders*

First of all, Thank You for allowing The Black Caucus California Community Colleges be the Spotlight Caucus of the Month. We are highly honored that you chose us, so Thank You once again. The Black Caucus of California Community Colleges (BC3C) is 21 years old and founded by Mrs. Juanita Price. We want to Thank her for creating this great organization where we can assist various students in making change and accomplishing their own goals and dreams. BC3C provides a professional, organizational leadership development and training to students of African descent enrolled in California Community Colleges and serve as a state representative of California Community Colleges Black Student Union clubs and organizations.

I, Lauren Sanders, current President have helped to strengthen our team and fostered relationships with SSSCC, students, organizations and possible donors. We strive to empower Students to excel academically, professionally and personally. Many of our past members have furthered their educational degrees by attaining Bachelor's and even Master's degrees.

Some of our goals:

-We strive to strengthen communities, develop leaders and increase graduation rates of individuals of African descent in California and across the nation.

Some of our great accomplishments include:

- *Many successful Conferences and Elected Board members over the years
- *Harambee Newspaper published in 2004 & 2008 and looking to restart soon
- *SSCCC Tobacco Resolution that passed April 2020
- *BC3C Board supported SB793-Banning Flavored Tobacco Products to protect our kids
- *New website launching Sept 1st 2020



Getting to Know Your Leaders

We asked some of the region and statewide executives about their favorite TV show. Here are some of their answers:

Regional Executives:

**Archer
Scandal
Supernatural
The Flash
Mind Hunters**

Statewide Executives:

**Knightfall
Game of Thrones
Community
West Wing**

Quote of the Month:

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

-Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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***



Meeting Dates

Delegate Assembly Meetings at 5:00 PM on

- ***October 16th 2020***
- ***November 20th 2020***
- ***December 18th 2020***
- ***January 15th 2021***
- ***February 19th 2021***
- ***March 19th 2021***
- ***April 16th 2021***
- ***May 21st 2021***
- ***June 18th 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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