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11. West Valley College
Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is beginning this academic year strong. I am excited and honored to represent Region IV by providing effective student representation at the state level through participatory governance.

Our region has provided students representation through legislative advocacy and resolution creations. The heart of our region is our monthly Delegate Assemblies. We will all work together with the notion of creating a successful and equitable academic environment for our students in Region IV. Our executive board welcomes and supports the diverse community that our student’s encompass, ranging from an array of ages, backgrounds, and cultures.

As RAD my #1 priority is to ensure that all eleven college’s create an environment that allows students to advocate for their needs effectively and passionately.

During the year, you’ll discover an array of events. I humbly implore you to get involved and participate, and delve into all the SSCCC and Region IV has to offer. If you have any questions or comments, please don’t hesitate to email me. All emails are welcome. I hope everyone’s remaining safe and thriving!

Thanks a bunch,
Robert Andrade
Regional Affairs Director
Active Colleges

Delegates of Region IV

As of the last delegate assembly Region IV currently has 8 out of the 11 colleges active! Listed are the names of the delegates and their respective college.

1. Cabrillo College  Fiona Murphy (She/Her)
2. De Anza College  Mohammad Khan (He/Him)
3. Evergreen Valley College  Arshmeet Kaur (She/Her)
4. Gavilan College  Mikhaila-Joi Tamondong (She/Her)
5. Hartnell College  David Orta (He/Him)
6. Mission College  Amber LaFranboise (She/Her)
7. Ohlone College  Jessica Jatiram (She/Her)
8. West Valley College  Kalle Gluttig (He/Him)

Officer Introduction

Vice Chair Daniel Orta (Hartnell College)
He/Him (vicechairregioniv@ssccc.org)

Daniel is majoring in computer science and studying entertainment technology. He is an activist for STEM accessibility through Science Voices, NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars, and many other programs. He is passionate about providing opportunities to learn more about engineering, aeronautics, and aerospace for people interested in those fields. In addition he has lobbied for student and professional funding. Last but not least he is an avid video gamers, plays football, supportive friend, and enjoys theater!

Check out the August 2022 Monthly Newsletter to meet RAD Andrade and LAD Vakshlyak
ssccc.org/who-we-are/regions/region-iv.html

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

James Baldwin
Hispanic Heritage Month

Region IV Supports our Hispanic-identifying students
By Vice Chair Daniel Orta

As Hispanic heritage month begins to kick off this month, it becomes a time for celebration, reflection, and a look into the future. As a Mexican-American Hispanic, I well up with a mix of great pride and sadness when I think about all the success and setbacks my culture has experienced as a whole.

It is important to remember that discrimination is far from over, but it is also critical to remember the strides of those that came before us. The civil rights movements of the 1900s paved a way for better living and working conditions, better wages, increased access to education, and they sought protection from harassment and prejudice.

Check out some more information:

**25+ Hispanic Activists**
List of Famous Latino Activists
(ranker.com)

This article highlights many Hispanic social justice activist through time. Check it out to learn more about one you already know and ones you may not already know about!

**Hispanic-American Medal of Honor Recipients**
(army.mil)

In commemoration of HHM and the 9/11 terrorist attack, this is a fine opportunity to recognize the Hispanics who were awarded the Medal of Honor for their service since the Civil War.

**Res. 640 Latino Students in STEM Fields**
(congress.gov)

On May 18, 2022, the U.S. Senate unanimously supported Senate Resolution 640. This resolution expanded access in STEM fields for Latino students. This marks a proud day for Hispanics where all U.S. Senators.

LINK to full article!
International Peace Day

Highlighting September 21
By Legislative Affairs Director Jerry Vakshlyak

This year’s theme is: “End Racism: Build Peace”. The theme highlights global issues that strike especially close to home with America. America’s systemic racism impacts the daily lives of millions of Americans. Just some of the things that systemic racism impacts today are: medicine, criminal justice, health, employment, and more. To combat systemic racism we must advocate for anti-racist policy and the revision of America to the true melting pot of diversity it should be.

LINK to full article!
Suicide Prevention Week

September 4th-10th, 2022
By Legislative Affairs Director Vakshlyak

Mental health is of serious concern for college students. The stress of classes combined with financial struggles, social isolation from the pandemic, and the many institutional barriers we may face leads to an ever growing demand for mental health counseling.

Nationally suicide is the 12th largest cause of death for Americans. We must continue to ensure that help is widely accessible. Thankfully, the bill AB 2122 was recently signed by the Governor Newsom. This bill seeks to help address the issue by requiring all CSUs and CCs (request all UCs) to print the phone number of the campus, city, or county mental health hotline number on their student ID cards.

Until that bill is actually implemented, we must continue to ensure students are aware of mental health options. It is of utmost importance to ensure students feel supported and understand their options for help.

Here are Mental Health Resources:

AB 2122: Mental Health Hotlines on Student ID card

This bill was written by the GENup Collegiate team and Authored by Asm. Steven Choi. It will mandate that school ID cards have local mental health resources on the back. This will increase mental health accessibility!

This bill was heavily supported by the SSCCC and helps spread #MentalHealthAwareness.

National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
Available 24/7 988

Out of the Darkness Event
Oakland Walk
October 15th, 2022
Hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

VOTER REGISTRATION
BALLOT BOWL COMPETITION

Competition with us to win the most registered students to vote for this year’s 2022 Ballot Bowl!

Register to vote now, click the link in our bio or visit RegisterToVote.ca.gov/?t=s.
#SSCCC #2022BallotBowl
#SecretaryOfState
#CaliforniaCommunityColleges

For any questions, please email Region IV LAD: LADregioniv@ssccc.org.

LINK to for more information!

REGIONAL OFFICER VACANCY
REGION IV WILL BE HOLDING A SPECIAL ELECTION

TREASURER
The Treasurer shall:
- Create financial budget for the region for the next year
- Submit monthly treasurer report to RAD
- Serve as a member of the statewide SSCCC Regional Finance and Fundraising Committee.
- Provide a quarterly budget update to the delegate assemblies
- Chair regional finance committee meetings

COMMS OFFICER
The Comms Officer shall:
- Attend monthly Comms Committee
- Chair the regional Comms Committee
- Collaborate with RADs to discuss social media and outreach efforts
- Disseminate content on social media platforms for the region
- Produce a monthly regional newsletter
This committee works on creating and disseminating the monthly Region Newsletter.

Chair Comms Officer
RADRegionIV@ssccc.org

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
Chair LAD Jerry Vakshlyak
Prepare for legislative visits to legislators in the Region.
LADregionIV@ssccc.org

FINANCE Chair Treasurer
Works on creating an annual budget for the region along with planning fundraising events.
RADRegionIV@ssccc.org

Regional Events:
Region IV Executive Board Meeting
First Sunday of Every Month @ 3:00 P.M.
Location: Zoom
Meeting ID: 915 420 4984

Region IV Delegate Assembly
TBD Check the ssccc.org Event Calendar
Location: Zoom
Meeting ID: 915 420 4984

Statewide Events:
Professional Development and Leadership Event
September 30th-October 1st, 2022
Location: hybrid
In person: The Westin San Francisco Airport

SSCCC October Board of Directors Training
October 14th, 2022
Location: hybrid
In person: Region X San Diego

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