



REGION V NEWSLETTER

December 2024 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*

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:
[SSCCC Region Delegate Verification](#)



IMPORTANT DATES

Resolutions Deadline

February 14, 2025

Original resolution submission due

March in March

March 4, 2025

Sacramento, California

General Assembly

April 4-6, 2025

Los Angeles, California



LETTER FROM THE VICE CHAIR

Hello Region V,

As we wrap up the semester and head into the winter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on our shared achievements and look forward to what lies ahead. This semester, your voices shaped and strengthened our initiatives. Thank you for your participation, feedback, and collaboration.

Looking ahead to next semester, we're gearing up for exciting projects and opportunities for you to get involved! Keep a lookout for monthly delegate assemblies at varying campuses, trainings, and conferences. Hard work is important, but make sure you take this break to rest and spend time with loved ones.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Jadah Wren
Vice Chair

WHAT'S NEXT FOR REGION V

Looking ahead to next semester, Region V will kick off the year with a Delegate Assembly at College of the Sequoias in January. Stay tuned for upcoming SBA visits and regional training sessions!

Let's finish the year strong and make the Valley proud!

As 2024 comes to a close, we wish everyone a restful winter break and happy holidays.



ADVOCACY ACADEMY RECAP

NOVEMBER 22-24TH, 2024

The 2nd Annual Advocacy Academy Conference was a huge success! Held this past November in the heart of California's state capitol, Sacramento, the conference saw strong participation from Region V.

Delegates and student leaders had the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills, network with peers, and gather valuable insights to bring back to their colleges and the region.

The event began with a regional summit, where Regional Officers came together for leadership training and to prepare for the weekend ahead.



Taft ASO at Advocacy Academy



The conference offered a diverse range of workshops and heard from inspiring keynote speakers, including Dr. Daisy Gonzales, Executive Director of CSAC, and Alexander Walker-Griffin, Council Member from Hercules, CA.

During the conference, delegate assemblies were held where the region elected Isaac Mendoza from Reedley College as Treasurer. Attendees also received training on legislative visits and had the opportunity to hear the State of the Region presentation.

RAD Jerry Reyes and LAD Dejalía White hosted workshops that covered topics such as Resolution Writing, Student 9+1 Rights, and Advocacy for Marginalized Students in Higher Education.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this conference a success. We look forward to seeing you at the General Assembly!



[View Advocacy Academy Pictures](#)



REGIONAL AFFAIRS



Reedley College hosts the Region for their December Meeting

Region V held their December Delegate Assembly on December 12th at Reedley College, where they were welcomed by Dean Natalie Culver-Dockins. The agenda included internal committee appointments, a mental health wellness check, a debrief of the Advocacy Academy, and a discussion on a Regional Resolutions Taskforce. The next meeting, date TBD, will be at College of the Sequoias. Stay tuned for more!

SSCCC Board of Directors Training

The BoD held their monthly training at the Chancellor's Office this past weekend, where they focused on legislative advocacy and heard from Ellen Cesaretti-Monroy, Senior Consultant with the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The session also covered public speaking, including a fun activity to test their impromptu speaking skills. The training concluded with a reflection on their roles over the past six months. To wrap up the day, the group enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange followed by ice skating for team bonding.

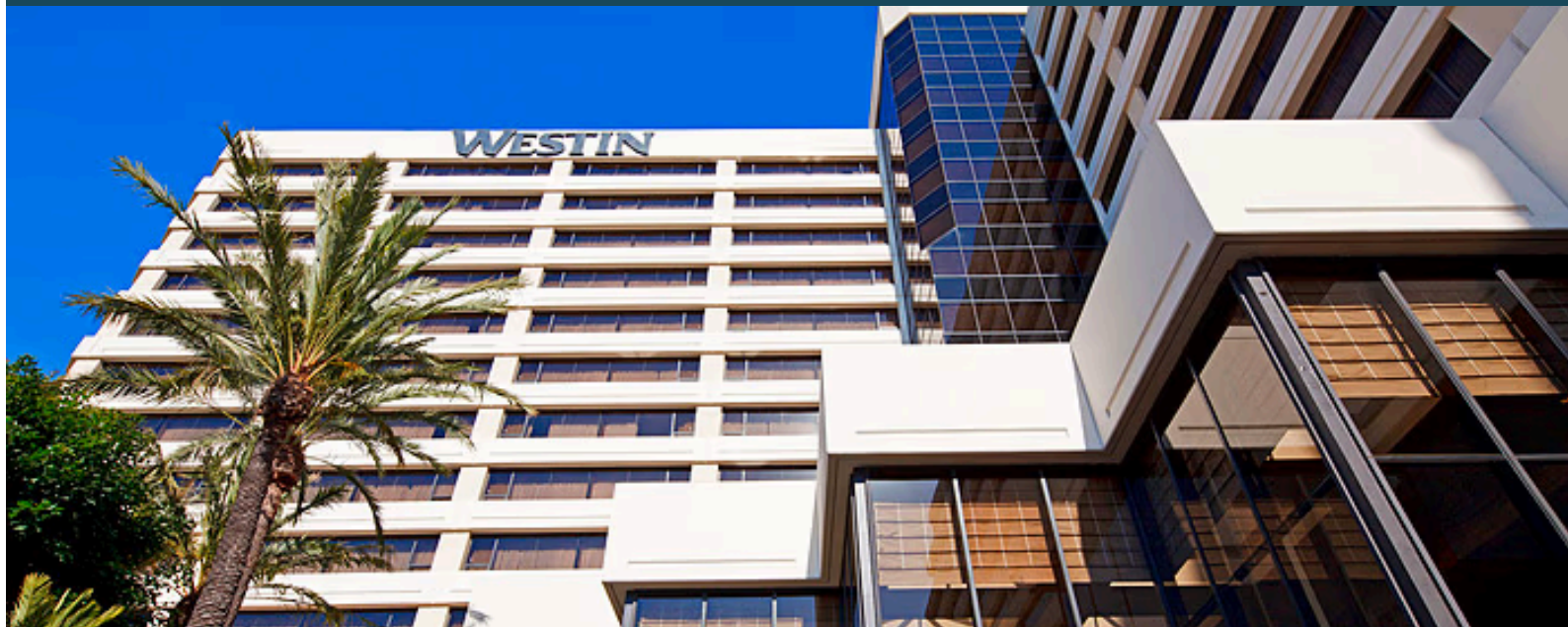


SSCCC Board of Directors Meeting

The BoD weekend concluded with their monthly meeting, where they approved the Student Parent and Veteran Caucuses and swore in new board members—welcome to the SSSCC team! The board received updates from system partners and met with the UCSA President, who shared their goals for 2024-25. An informational presentation on AB 705 and AB 1705 was also given, and feedback was collected from delegates and student body associations.

OPPORTUNITIES

GET INVOLVED!



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Get ready for the 29th General Assembly, happening April 4–6, 2025, at the Los Angeles Westin Airport! This is your chance to shape the future of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges by setting priorities for the year ahead through the resolution process. Plus, delegates will elect the 2025–26 SSSCC Board Officers and network with student leaders from across the state. Don't miss out on this exciting event!



Got Resolutions?

Resolutions timeline:

- February 14, 2025 - Original resolution submission due
- February 21, 2025 - First resolution package disseminated
- March 7, 2025 - Amendments to resolutions due
- March 14, 2025 - Amended resolution package disseminated

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END OF THE YEAR MESSAGE



The past six months in this role have truly been incredible. Being part of the SSCCC has been an amazing experience, but this year has been the best one yet. I've had the privilege of meeting so many inspiring student leaders across the Valley and the state, and the best part of this job has been watching all of you grow. I remember being in your shoes—whether as a delegate, a president, or just starting out as a student leader—and seeing your growth, even from a distance, has been so fulfilling.

My time in this role will come to an end in June, but my goal is to leave Region V in an even better place than when I first joined. I'm confident the next group of student leaders will rise to the challenge and continue pushing this region forward. Let's finish this together and make the Valley proud!

**In Service,
Jerry Reyes
Regional Affairs Director**

*Happy
Holidays*