# **Region I** N E W S L E T T E R



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# **Region I Colleges**

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- 3. College of Siskiyous
- 4. Feather River
- 5. Lassen College
- 6. Mendocino College
- 7. Shasta College





# **GETTING TO KNOW REGION I'S LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR**

# Hello Region I!

I am eager to introduce myself as the Legislative Affairs Director for Region I of SSCCC. As the current President of the Student Senate at Butte Community College and a nominee for the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges, I have a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our student body. My experiences have honed my skills in leadership, advocacy, and policy understanding, preparing me to effectively represent and voice the needs of our diverse student community.

My military background as an intelligence specialist has imbued me with a unique perspective and skill set, particularly in strategic thinking and resilience. These attributes are essential in navigating the complexities of legislative processes and advocating for impactful change. I am committed to leveraging these experiences to bridge the gap between student voices and policymaking, ensuring our collective needs and aspirations are central in shaping the educational landscape in California.

I am passionate about driving positive change and am dedicated to representing our interests with vigor and empathy. My candidacy is not just about a position but about amplifying our voice and ensuring that our concerns and ideas lead to tangible improvements in our educational system. I am ready to advocate for us all, and together, we can forge a path towards a more empowered and dynamic student community.

> Thanks a bunch, *Cole Milantano* Legislative Affairs Director



# **MONTHLY FEATURES**

# **ACTIVE COLLEGES**

### Delegates of Region I

As of the last Delegate Assembly Region I currently has 3 out of the 7 colleges active! Listed are the names of the delegates and their respective college.

- 1. Butte Issac Zink
- 2. Feather River Evi De Bois
- 3. Mendocino Dylan Fraser-Gilbert
- 4. Lassen Vacant
- 5. College of the Redwoods Vacant
- 6. College of the Siskiyous Vacant
- 7. Shasta Vacant

# **REGION I EXECUTIVE BOARD**

#### Lisa Baker

Regional Affairs Director she/her/hers radregioni@ssccc.org

#### Cole Militano

Legislative Affairs Director, Incoming he/him/his

# Lawrence Ortiz

Treasurer, Incoming he/him/his

**Vacant** Vice Chair

Vacant Communications Officer "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically."

MLK

# Student Senate for California Community Colleges Responds to Governor's 2024 - 25 Budget Proposal

#### Stephanie Goldman - January 10th, 2024

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC), representing California's 1.9 million community college students, appreciates Governor Newsom's efforts to preserve community college funding and his dedication to workforce education in the 2024 - 25 budget proposal. Nevertheless, we are strong proponents of college affordability and will continue to push for the full and timely implementation of Cal Grant reform.

"We acknowledge the challenging task of crafting a balanced budget in a deficit year and are grateful for the proposed slight funding increase for the Student-Centered Funding Formula. We also applaud the Governor's commitment to preserving a pathway for state funding for affordable student housing. The Student Senate looks forward to working with the Governor and Legislature on basic needs and funding in the coming months." Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen, President

"While the Student Senate appreciates much of the Governor's proposal, we will continue to advocate for the full implementation of Cal Grant Reform. Last year, over 97,000 students transferred and 187,000 earned degrees. If we want to continue growing those numbers, the state needs to support our students by providing Cal Grant 2 to community college students." Chanelle Win, Vice President of Legislative Affairs

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation, composed of 73 districts and 116 colleges serving 1.9 million students per year. The Student Senate for California Community Colleges' mission is to enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students by pursuing policies that will improve student access and success while engaging and empowering local student leaders and honoring equity and diversity.





# WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO



The Student Senate for California Community Colleges is pleased to announce the 28th General Assembly on April 5 - April 7, 2024, in Santa Clara, CA. During the General Assembly, delegates come together to provide the Board of Directors, through the <u>resolution process</u>, with priorities that guide the organization for the upcoming year. Delegates will also have the opportunity to elect the 2024 - 25 SSCCC Board Officers during the General Assembly and to network with other student leaders.

## **Hotel Information:**

#### Santa Clara Marriott, 2700 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

The deadline to book reservations at the group rate is on March 14, 2024. However, the SSCCC room block for the General Assembly will typically sell out prior to this date so reserve your rooms as soon as possible.

## **Registration Dates**

Early Registration ends on February 9, 2024

Early Student Registration - \$400 Early Advisors - \$425 General Attendee - \$450

# **RESOLVE TO GET INVOLVED!**

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead* 

## **Open Region I Roles and their Basic Responsibilities**

### Delegates

Needed: Lassen College, Shasta College, College of the Redwoods, College of the Siskyous

> \*Represent at monthly Delegate Assemblies

\*Vote at General Assembly 4/5-4/7

#### Communications Officer

\*Monthly Newsletter & Comms Collaboration

\*Weekly engagement on social media

## Vice Chair

\*Backup Regional Affairs Director \*Take minutes \*Manage delegate stipends

#### Congratulations to our newly elected officers, Cole and Lawrence!

# Future Region I Committees & Their Point of Contact

- Executive Committee (radregioni@ssccc.org active)
- Internal Affairs Committee (vicechairregioni@ssccc.org pending)
- Legislative Affairs Committee (ladregioni@ssccc.org incoming)
- Finance Committee (treasurerregioni@ssccc.org incoming)
- Communications Committee (comsregioni@ssccc.org pending)
- Delegate Assembly (radregioni@ssccc.org pending)

