



SSCCC Connect

October

Monterey Peninsula College

Important Dates

Executive Committee

November 1
10am - 11:30am
Virtual

Board of Directors

November 8 - 9
*Region IX - Westin Rancho
Mirage*

Advocacy Academy

November 22 - 24
Region II - Sacramento

Executive Committee

December 6
10am - 11:30am
Virtual

Board of Directors

December 13 - 14
Region II - Sacramento

Other region meetings and events are on our website calendar [here](#).

President's Update

October was a busy month for SSCCC's statewide leadership with board members attending meetings, events, and conferences throughout California.

SSCCC representatives participated in the Research, Planning & Professional Development (RP Group) conference in early October. We shared some of our strategic plan goals with the RP Group Board of Directors, including undergraduate research opportunities for community college students and professional development opportunities. I'm happy to report that they are eager to join us in advancing these goals.

SSCCC representatives also connected with hundreds of student leaders across the state at the California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) conference in Downtown Los Angeles. We hosted workshops and engaged in meaningful discussions about students' challenges. I look forward to seeing many of you again at Advocacy Academy!

SSCCC visited West Valley College, San Jose City College, and Monterey Peninsula College in Region IV and hosted our monthly SSCCC Board meeting in Monterey, CA. We always aim to reach out to our farthest colleges— next month, we're headed to College of the Desert in Region IX. We hope you'll join us there if you're in the area.

While the year is flying by, we still have plenty of time to make an impact. Our annual Advocacy Academy will occur on November 22 - 24 at the Sacramento Sheraton. The event will feature workshops on advocacy, legislation, policy, and professional development, with an exciting lineup of keynote speakers who can't wait to connect with you.

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Vacant Positions

If you're a student leader looking to serve at the state level, **your time is now!** Check out the [SSCCC Calendar](#) for Special Elections or join us at Advocacy Academy next month!

- **Region I**
 - Vice Chair
 - Legislative Affairs Director
- **Region II**
 - Vice Chair
 - Legislative Affairs Director
 - Treasurer
 - Communications
- **Region III**
 - Vice Chair
 - Communications
- **Region IV**
 - Regional Affairs Director
 - Legislative Affairs Director
 - Communications
- **Region V**
 - Treasurer
- **Region VI**
 - Vice Chair
- **Region VII**
 - Treasurer and Communications
- **Region VIII**
 - Vice Chair
- **Region IX**
 - Vice Chair

[Link to position descriptions.](#)

Advocacy Academy is the perfect opportunity if you're interested in running for office in one of our vacant regions (I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII)! We'll hold special elections during the conference, so don't forget to register before the deadline. More information can be found on our website at [SSCCC.org](#).

That wraps up my monthly report, but it doesn't begin to capture the incredible work our student leadership and staff are doing. I want to give a huge shoutout to everyone for their hard work and dedication.

If you plan to run for office or have any questions, please contact me at president@ssccc.org. I can't wait to see all the wonderful things you'll accomplish this year!

In solidarity,

With gratitude,
Ivan Hernandez, President

Our Time is Now

Registered to attend Advocacy Academy today!

Advocacy Academy is just around the corner—less than 30 days away! Almost 300 students have registered to join us in Sacramento, the home of our State Capitol, where California laws and policies are developed and debated. If your Student Body Association (SBA) hasn't registered yet, **now is the time!** Room blocks are filling up quickly, so don't wait—secure your spot and reserve your accommodations today!

Visit [ssccc.org](#) for more information.

ADVOCACY ACADEMY



Region Spotlight – Region VI



Regional Affairs Director
Sanjana Sudhir



Legislative Affairs Director
Tara Pai

**This could
be you!**

Vice Chair
Vacant



Treasurer
Moussa Haj Ghaban



Communications Officer
John Cariaga



Student Intern
Harrison Kim


CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE


STUDENTS VOTE PROJECT

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**2024 General Election
College Student Voter
Resource Guide**

[Click Here to
Register to Vote](#)

 Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
California Secretary of State

 STUDENTSVOTEPROJECT
CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

Are you registered to vote?

We are just days away from the 2024 elections! Be sure to register to vote and submit your ballot by November 5th, 2024. While the online registration deadline has passed, you can still register to vote in person at the nearest polling place.

Help #GetOutTheVote by voting and encouraging everyone you know to vote, too! To learn more about registering to vote, visit the California Secretary of State [website](#).

Plus, learn all about what is on the ballot by viewing the [CalMatters Voter's Guide](#). Remember, as long as you are in line at a polling place by 7:59PM on Election Day, you can vote!

SSCCC Board of Directors approves 2025 Legislative Priorities

Each year, the SSCCC Legislative Affairs Committee reviews resolutions passed during the Spring General Assembly and identifies those calling for legislative action. This year, our student leaders will advocate for basic needs, academic rights, and equity for marginalized students. Our efforts may take many forms — including collaboration, regulatory changes, legislation, and research — but our goal remains the same achieving just and equitable outcomes and conditions for all students. Our legislative priorities will be posted in a few day at this [link](#).



SSCCC Leaders Participated in Partner Conferences

The SSCCC Board of Directors members attend professional conferences across the state to ensure the student voice is represented. This month, our leaders attended three key events: the Chancellor's Office Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA) Summit in Irvine, the RP Group's Strengthening Student Success Conference in Garden Grove, and the CCCSAA-sponsored Student Leadership Conference in Los Angeles. Each conference provided our students with unique experiences. Below are some highlights from their participation:

Chris Chandler, RAD Region X - DEIA Conference

- My key takeaway was the importance of prioritizing self-care so that you can care for others. There's value in offering encouragement and support through small gestures, like acknowledging others' actions and ideas or making sure someone you're interacting with feels seen and heard.

Joia Miller, RAD Region IX - RP Conference - Strengthening Student Success

- We need to empower students who are less engaged in the CCC system, especially Black, Hispanic, and Disabled students. It would also help to change the narrative from the traditional standpoint to boost the retention of African American students.

Alexis Bravo, Vice President of Communications - CCCSAA Student Leadership Conference

- Networking opportunities proved invaluable by facilitating connections among professionals across the educational spectrum. This provided fresh perspectives and fostered the exchange of effective practices and challenges in student affairs.

This month our representatives will attend other conferences. What they learn and experience at each of these events not only provides them with leadership development but also educates our partners about student concerns. Watch for more information about what we learn at each of the events we attend.

Interested in participatory governance?

Are you passionate about driving real policy changes impacting California Community College students? Get involved by joining one of the 25 participatory governance groups at the state level. Here are a few groups currently seeking members:

ASSIST Policy Advisory Committee

- ASSIST facilitates the transfer of CCC students to CSU and UC by providing official articulation information. This committee would advise the ASSIST Board on policy issues.

LLRPAC (Library and Learning Resources Program Advisory Committee)

- The California Community College Library and Learning Resources Program in conjunction with the Chancellor's Office actively support learning and enhanced educational success among students of the California Community Colleges. At both the local and system level library and learning resources personnel work in concert with other faculty, administrators, staff, and students to expand information literacy, to assist in the delivery of instruction, to provide tutoring and learning assistance services, and to continuously strengthen quality programs in support of the teaching and learning process

Rising Scholars Advisory Committee (RSAC)

- Provide technical assistance and guidance to the community college system in order to continue the efforts of building a strong foundation for success among our currently and formerly incarcerated students.



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Let's build collective power together!

