REGION IX NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024 EDITION



Hello Region IX,

As the semester begins, the Executive Board wishes you all a successful start to the school year. Choosing to go forth on your educational journey is the first step towards success; so congratulate yourself!

This month, will serve as a quick introduction including: a message from each board member, a look into opportunities available and some tips on being a successful student!

As we begin to meet and set our goals for the school year we invite you to consider your own!

Best of luck!

IMPORTANT DATES

Region IX Board Meeting
September 24th
7:00pm - 8:00pm
via Zoom

Financial Aid Deadline

September 3rd Free Application for Federal Student Aid (<u>FAFSA</u>)

&

California Dream Act Application (<u>CADAA</u>)

Advocacy Academy

Early <u>registration</u> now open until September 22nd

Barstow College

REGION IX COLLEGES

San Bernardino Valley College

Crafton Hills College San Palo Verde College Chaffey College Mt. San Jacinto College Victor Valley College Riverside City College College College Norco College

INTRODUCTION FROM THE RAD

Joia Miller

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Hello Everyone!

My name is Joia Miller and I am serving as the Regional Affairs Director for the 2024-2025 term. I am happy to be here for the ride! I am a biology student at Mount San Jacinto College planning to transfer to a top institution as a Pre-Medicine student where I will receive a double major in biochemistry and neurobiology. I believe that all students should be able to flex their knowledge and use their voice to influence change in their communities!

In the next year, we hope to influence policy in the region. We will push for the growth of programs serving overlooked student populations such as undocumented, disabled, and non-traditional students. This year we plan on collaborating as a region to find impactful resources to benefit Region IX.

It is going to be a great year. I am proud to be serving you.

Sincerely,

Toia Miller
Regional Affairs Director



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Hello! My name is Byron Stafford, a current student at San Bernardino Valley College and your Region IX Vice Chair. I am currently serving on my third term as an ASG member, and second term as a member of the SSCCC. I am deeply passionate about people's rights and making sure that people have the essentials. I will continue to serve my community college until moving onto a four year university.

Howdy! I'm Brandon C. Cooley (He/Him/His) and currently I am a double Major in Public Health and Philosophy at San Bernardino Valley Community College. I would love to transfer to UC Merced for Public health or UC Berkley for Philosophy and either continue to a graduate degree in Public Health or Law Degree. I am a native son of Alabama but, having lived and worked in San Bernardino since 2019, I feel like a true Californian. Growing up, my Pawpaw would love to garden and make the area he lives better than how he found it. We would pick up trash on the side of the road and I always will remember him saying "Help in any way you can Brandon. Make things greater than what they are now" My goal is to help our students and communities live and thrive through clean energy initiatives, agricultural skills, and closer bonds to the world and our wonderful state.





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Hey everyone!

My name is Felipe Robles-Jimenez. I am currently the elected Student Trustee at College of the Desert. I will be receiving an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts Math & Science during the Fall semester and plan on receiving the certified nursing assistant certificate in the Spring. I have worn many hats during my college experience: soccer player, art gallery assistant, Officer of External Affairs, and now Communications Officer for Region IX!

My goal for the communications position is to be as informative as possible. There are plenty of opportunities and resources available to students and I will make sure you are aware of them!













OPPORTUNITIES

Get Involved!

Distinguished Alumni Award

The California League of Community College is receiving nominations for outstanding alumni. This award seeks to celebrate post-academic success!

Nominate here: **CCCLA**



California Medicine Scholars Program

The new Inland Empire Regional Hub for Healthcare Opportunity (RHHO) is addressing the shortage of physicians in the region. The goal is train medical students to serve their community!

Learn more here: CMSP.UCR.EDU/APPLYING





Delegate Verification

Each SBA must verify a delegate to attend the regional meetings. Ensure your college has representation in the region!

Apply here: <u>SSCCC Delegate Form</u>



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BEING A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

Tips for making the most of your college experience!



Key Points

- Manage your time
- Connect with faculty
- Use resources
- Be involved

Success is up to you You will be faced with challenges this school year, here are some tips to succeed!

- Make sure to understand class syllabus by writing down key dates and following along as the semester progresses.
- Your classwork is important; so is connecting with professors, faculty, and staff. Everyone on campus is there to help students like you succeed!
- TASC centers can provide essential tutoring hours and can help you connect with peers. Research what resources your campus has to offer and utilize them!
- Clubs on campus can help you find the right support group for your success. These extracurriculars can also create a memorable college experience!



THANK YOU FOR READING!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SSCCC Executive Committee Meeting

September 6th TBA

Contact jadams@ssccc.org for more information

Region IX Executive Board Meeting

September 24th 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Contact radregionix@ssccc.org for more information.

Region IX Communications Meeting

TBD

Contact vpc@ssccc.org for more information.

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