

REGION VI - NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

SSCCC Training: Voting Deadlines Overview

October 16, 2024 at 3:00 PM

SSCCC Training: Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Plans

October 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Region VI Delegate Assembly

October 25, 2024 at 12:30 PM PST

Location: **TBA!** Delegates are advised to monitor their emails for updates regarding the October Delegate Assembly.

Advocacy Academy Registration

November 22 - 24, 2024, at Sheraton Grand in Downtown Sacramento

REGION VI COLLEGES

Allan Hancock College Antelope Valley College Calbright College College of the Canyons Cuesta College
Moorpark College Oxnard College Santa Barbara City College Ventura College

LETTER FROM THE RAD

Sanjana Sudhir

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Hello Region VI, happy September!

The semester has started for many of you and I hope that you all are taking care of yourself despite the stress of classes. This past month has flown by so quickly and Region VI has accomplished so much in such little time. Student Intern Kim, LAD Pai, and I have visited half of the colleges in our region so far. I have attended two Board of Directors meetings with LAD Pai and multiple committee meetings this past month. We hosted our very first Delegate Assembly at College of the Canyons and it was such a success. I am so grateful that so many delegates took time out of their day to join Region VI either in-person or via zoom. We have over 50% of our region activated and are planning on activating the rest very soon. In the next month, we will be visiting more colleges, attending conferences, and starting our internal committee meetings. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns and I am here to help you all achieve your goals no matter what!



Sincerely,

Sanjana Sudhir
Regional Affairs Director



EXECUTIVE MESSAGES

Region VI - Executives and Student Intern

I want to say thank you to everyone that was able to meet with Region VI executive members during campus visits and introductions. Our beautiful region has so much diversity, amazing people, and great student leaders, and through these visits it was clear how much our region shines.

- Legislative Affairs Director, Tara Pai.

I am excited and deeply honored to serve as your Regional Treasurer. My goal is to ensure that our region's finances are managed with transparency and responsibility, all while supporting the SSCCC's mission of student advocacy and success. I look forward to collaborating on initiatives that will help students overcome financial barriers, especially through effective budgeting and fundraising efforts. Together, we can make higher education more accessible and equitable for all. I'm eager to work alongside each of you to make this vision a reality.

- Treasurer, Moussa Haj Ghaban.

August and September were both highly a successful months for Region VI. Observing the hard work and enthusiasm of my fellow executives has inspired me to maintain the same level of dedication in my own role. I am especially grateful to our RAD, Sanjana Sudhir, for her consistent check-ins and leadership- it's truly an honor to work alongside someone like her. With almost all our colleges already activated, thanks to our RAD and Student Intern, I am excited about the opportunities for further collaboration and building strong relationships within our region. I look forward to even more joint efforts and projects in the future!

- Communications Officer, John Cariaga.

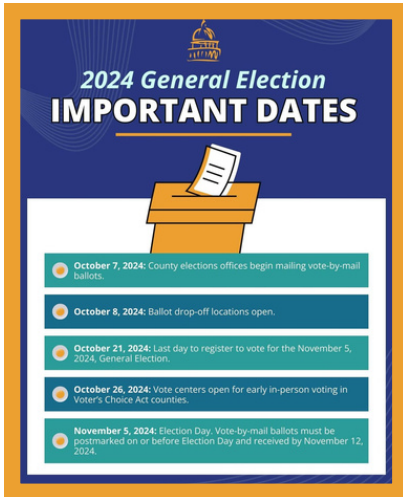
August and September has been an extremely successful months for Region VI. With 44% of our region activated, our goal of total region activation has been halfway finished in the first month! I have worked very closely with the Regional and Legislative Affairs Directors to plan college visits, and I am proud to report we have completed half of our region and plan on finishing the rest within the foreseeable future. I have also personally been attending other Regional Executive meetings and seeing how the other regions operate, taking inspiration from their successes.

- Student Intern, Harrison Kim.



SEPTEMBER FEATURES

Voter's Registration & College Ballot Bowl



This is a crucial reminder to all those who are eligible to vote to please register to vote by October 21st. You can register by mail, online, or at a polling station prior to casting your ballot. The elections will take place November 5th, if you are eligible to vote it is so important to exercise your right to vote. Our student input is essential to make the future we want happen, and for our voice to be heard, we must exercise our right to vote. Votes can be cast at a polling location near you or through mail.

Link: [Online Voter Registration](#)

If you are a student at a community college that is part of the California University and College Ballot Bowl, please take the time to register to vote and help your college win! Currently Diablo Valley College has the lead with only 50 registered voters. Let's see if our regional colleges can make it to the top three, needing only more than 33 votes! Register to vote, and win before the November 5th deadline..



Some key propositions to look for on this upcoming ballot include: Proposition 2 which will authorize a bond to fund public school and community college facilities. This ballot measure will provide \$1.5 billion to community colleges to renovate, fix and construct facilities. Currently many California school facilities are in poor shape, which can affect our students' learning conditions, and even health and safety.

Link: [2024 California Ballot Measures: What You Need To Know](#)

Another proposition is Proposition 4 which authorizes a bond of 10 billion dollars to fund environmental and climate initiatives. These will promote safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, and protect communities and natural lands from climate risks. Currently we have rising threats like drastic climate changes and unsafe drinking water conditions, especially in low income communities. These gaps affect our most vulnerable populations, and how the future of Californians' health and environmental future looks like.

- **Legislative Affairs Director, Tara Pai.**



SEPTEMBER FEATURES

SSCCC Trainings - Webinars

Elevate Your Voice: Join Our Voter Registration Training!



The SSSCC staff invites you to participate in our voter registration trainings. These sessions are designed to empower our California community colleges to drive turnout at the ballot box. Together, we can ensure that every student's voice is heard and that we all have the opportunity to make a difference in the democratic process. Join us in taking this important step forward!

- **October 16, 2024 at 3:00 PM:** [Voting Deadlines Overview](#)
- **October 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM:** [Get Out The Vote \(GOTV\) Plans](#)

These webinars will also feature a raffle! So encourage your SBAs, friends, classmates, everyone you know to attend and gain valuable insights into important deadlines and strategies for effective voter outreach!



REGION VI AFFAIRS

Board of Directors Report and First Delegate Assembly



Board of Directors Meeting - August, 2024.



Board of Directors Meeting - September, 2024.

RAD Sudhir and LAD Pai attended two Board of Directors meetings in the past two months, which were August BOD in Sacramento and September BOD in San Diego. In August, the Board attended more training and orientation to prepare them for the upcoming months. They engaged in team-bonding activities, such as go-karting and team dinners. The Board also established that they are looking for applicants for the Board of Governors, so please apply if you are interested! During the meeting, the Board learned that the common course numbering system is to be in effect by 2027, which is very exciting and a goal of SSCCC. During September, the Board hosted training at San Diego Continuing Education, which was very enriching. The Board engaged in a team dinner with FACC and ASCCC and the meetings discussed the upcoming legislative priorities and a possible federal conference.

- **Regional Affairs Director, Sanjana Sudhir.**

Region VI's September Delegate Assembly was held at College of the Canyons. We kicked off with a friendly luncheon and moved right into business with our Delegate Orientation presented by RAD Sudhir and myself. We then moved into our special election, filling our vacant Treasurer role with College of the Canyons' Moussa Haj Ghaban. We then discussed our future meeting dates and locations, and wrapped up the day successfully on time.

- **Student Intern, Harrison Kim.**



More pictures can be found on our Instagram page: [@ssccc_regionvi](https://www.instagram.com/ssccc_regionvi)



ACTIVATED COLLEGES

Region VI

As of September Delegate Assembly, Region VI currently has 6 out of 9 colleges active!

Listed are the delegates and their respective colleges.

If you are interested in being an alternate delegate and attend a community college within Region VI, please contact RADregionVI@ssccc.org to apply!



First Region VI Delegate Assembly - September, 2024.

TBA!

Allan Hancock College

**Renelyn Wilson (She/Her)
Antelope Valley College**

**Claudia Naciff (She/Her)
Calbright College**

**Amna Fadel (She/Her)
College of the Canyons**

**Lucia Landeros (She/Her)
Cuesta College**

TBA!

Moorpark College

**Rigoberto Osorio (He/Him)
Oxnard College**

TBA!

Santa Barbara City College

**Jesse Martinez (He/Him)
Ventura College**



CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Antelope Valley College



This Month's Spotlight is...

Antelope Valley College

AVC is a unique campus and the special parts of it can be summed up to its multiple places to study or other sit-down areas that are nature centered. The campus environment is very inviting with its numerous resources and friendly students. The faculty is the most supportive of all students with helping find the correct classes and making sure they succeed in those classes.

I personally chose AVC because of its numerous programs for students and accessible campus for classwork. Also, of the great campus that you can spend all on getting work done or even hanging out with your friends!

- Region VI Delegate, Renelyn Wilson.



ADVOCACY ACADEMY

November 22 - 24, 2024

ADVOCACY ACADEMY



Become a stronger student leader! Register to attend Advocacy Academy today!

The SSCCC is hosting its second annual Advocacy Academy from November 22 to 24, 2024, at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Sacramento. This event will equip students with the skills to become agents of change on campus and within their communities. Whether your focus is political advocacy, community organizing, policy reform, or connecting with fellow students, the workshops at Advocacy Academy will give you the tools for developing essential skills like negotiation, effective communication, and networking. Don't wait to secure your spot!

Early registration is now open until September 22nd, at [this link](#). After this date, the registration costs will increase.

Hotel registration is also now open at [this link](#). Rooms sell out quickly, so reserve your room today!



SSCCC-SPONSORED BILLS UPDATES

What you need to know

Recently, AB 2033 Reyes, an SSSCC sponsored bill, has passed the senate floor. This will allow our students to use EBT at atleast one location on their CCC campus.

Some other sponsored and cosponsored bills that have made it onto our governor's desk are: AB 1855, allows students more accessibility for student body associations at community colleges with Brown Act, and AB 1885 which allows for students in DSPS to better qualify for the Student Success completion grant.



During the September Board of Directors meeting, some highlights include in depth discussion of AB 1705 with our system partner, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges. This included important discussions of how we can equitably implement the changes on campus, and what our future looks like in terms of policy for equitable placement for students.

Another important discussion to highlight was reviewing the Legislative Priorities formulated during the Legislative Affairs Committee, with all our LADs from the regions. Some concerns were having an extensive list of priorities for SSSCC, but the board ultimately decided to keep the extended list and continue to compose a draft which will be reviewed once more. A couple highlights from the current draft include: Expansion of California College Promise Program to three years, Undocumented students' right to obtain on-campus employment, Undergraduate research opportunities available to every California Community College student. Once a finalized list has been made it will be made public for students to review and better get an understanding of what this year's Legislative and policy work will look like.

- Legislative Affairs Director, Tara Pai.



RESOURCES

Get Involved!

SSCCC Mailing-list.

Receive information about leadership and advocacy opportunities, legislation that impacts California Community College students, events, and more! Join our mailing list below.

Subscribe here: [SSCCC Mailing-list](#)



SSCCC Documents

Get engaged with the SSCCC Board of Directors throughout 2024-25 academic year! Meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes are available for your review!

Click here to visit: [SSCCC Documents](#)



Region VI Google Drive

Stay up-to-date with the Region VI Executive Committee activities!

Click here: [Region VI Google Drive](#)



Region VI Special Election

Are you a community college student from Region VI? Join the Region VI Executive Board and make an impact at the state level by applying for our vacant Vice Chair position. For more information, please contact the Regional Affairs Director of Region VI via email.

Inquire about the position to: RADregionvi@ssccc.org



THANK YOU FOR READING!

EXECUTIVE TEAM SPOTLIGHT



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