

REGION IX NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024 EDITION



THIS MONTH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello Region IX,
Fall 2024 is in full effect: classes are moving along, student body associations are getting together and delegates are meeting! Now is the time to set yourself up for success before midterms!

In this issue you will find: a wonderful address from our RAD Joia Miller informing you on AB 2458, an update on the fires affecting our community, our first campus highlight including College of the Desert and ASCOD President Kaden Olson, updates on the Presidential Election, the usual opportunity list to be involved with the SSCCC and a look at what is going on around the Region! As always we encourage involvement, reach out to us and let us know what change is for you!

IMPORTANT DATES

Region IX Board Meeting
October 24th via Zoom

Fire Relief Scholarship
Applications open
September 18th

Undocumented Student Address
October 18th at Woodland Hills College

Advocacy Academy
Registration open until
October 20th

Delegate Assembly
October 20th 11:00am
via Zoom

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 of the Desert Moreno Valley College Copper Mountain College Norco College

MESSAGE FROM THE RAD

Joia Miller

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

1121 L Street, 600
Sacramento, CA 95814
<http://www.studentsenateccc.org>



Hello Region IX!

It has been a long month for us with school starting and advocating beginning to take place. To start on a positive note, we have been advocating for student parent resource issues via AB2458 and have successfully reached Governor Newsom's desk for approval! We are working diligently to ensure that we are advocating for all issues affecting our region and strive to leave a mark!

The elections are beginning to take place and I want to encourage all our constituents to head to your nearest community college and register to vote! Your voice is critical in this matter, and if we want to see change we must ROCK THE VOTE! Encourage your peers, colleagues, and family members to do the same.

At this time, it is necessary to address the devastating wildfires that are currently setting our region ablaze. Although there were no fatalities, 12 civilians and firefighters have been injured, and 25 structures have been destroyed. Classes have been cancelled and institutions are closed completely. We want to thank all local authorities handling this situation and hope everyone stays safe during this time.

The SSCCC, courtesy of director Julie Adams is offering a need-based scholarship to community college students affected by these wildfires. The application is now available via the SSCCC website and I highly encourage all affected to apply.

Thank you for your continued participation, and please continue to reach out and use our region executives as a resource. We are here for you!

Sincerely,

Joia Miller

Regional Affairs Director



SOCAL WILDFIRES

and dark clouds over our community



David McNew/Getty Images

Our community is currently battling three separate fires raging through Orange County, Los Angeles, San Bernardino & Big Bear. The Bridge, Line and Airport fire begun during California's heat wave and there are currently 8,000 personnel keeping our community safe. (Jaimie Ding, Walter Berry, and Olga R. Rodriguez Associated Press) [THE SENTINEL](#)

Affect on Community Colleges

- Norco college was affected by air quality prompting the call for everyone to stay indoors. This resulted in classes primarily outdoor to be closed but luckily the campus remained open.
- San Bernardino Valley College & Crafton College were closed September 9th impacted by the Line Fire. Both colleges were closed until September 16th as authorities worked hard to keep the community safe.
- Crafton Hills College delegate Katrina Barringer informed our delegates during our first delegate assembly that Fire Academy staff from her college were called to help efforts. Their student senate is currently reaching out to local fire departments seeking to aid/thank all authorities for their efforts.
- Copper Mountain College representative Mariam Hussein spoke of the K-12 system being closed due to the air quality and fires locally. Childcare became an issue for individuals that were required to work during these times.

If you are in an affected area, the SSCCC has established a need based scholarship to assist you!

Disaster Relief Scholarship

Thank you Julie Adams & the SSCCC for your aid to the region!



COLLEGE OF THE DESERT

Serving the Coachella Valley



Students

College of the Desert is a regionally and nationally recognized Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) with a student population that reflects the service area demographics. In 2023, Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine and The Campaign for College Opportunity recognized COD as a champion of equity for underrepresented student populations.

Vision

College of the Desert will provide a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice while continually improving community access to relevant training, certificates, degree programs, services, and transfer opportunities.



COLLEGE
of the
DESERT

Mission

College of the Desert is an inclusive, student-centered community college providing high-quality degree, certificate, and transfer programs that are accessible, affordable, and responsive to the diverse needs of students and our community. By preparing workforce professionals and leaders, the College enhances the local economy, closes persistent equity gaps, and improves the quality of life in the Coachella Valley and surrounding communities.



KADEN OLSON

ASCOD President on being a Roadrunner



Hello Region IX,

My name is Kaden Olson. I am a Math and Physics major for transfer, and I am currently in my second year at College of the Desert. I decided to join student government as a way to get involved and meet new students, faculty and staff. This is a way for me to gain and learn new experiences which is extremely valuable to me. I do not think I possess any unique trait and I find myself to be like many of my student peers. I believe that the difference between myself and other students is my willingness to be involved. My goals as a student leader involve making the most amount of change in the least amount of time possible. It could be as simple as helping a student understand an available resource or helping advocate change at a higher level. To be more well rounded as an individual I make use of all the resources my campus has to offer. I go from club meetings and activities to professor office hours for a difficult class, I believe every student has access to these opportunities to succeed if they are willing. To be a Roadrunner means to constantly be running and jumping to achieve the best you can!



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Who will lead the US

Be prepared to vote on November 5th!

As the election process continues please remember it is up to us to ROCK THE VOTE! If you saw the debate between current Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald J. Trump you know there are going to be some controversial talking points! Be part of the conversation and be informed! On October 1st the Vice President elects JD Vance and Tim Waltz will continue their campaigns! The stage is set at Lafayette College, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Voter Registration

2024 Secretary of State

**Ballot
Bowl
Competition**



Ballot Bowl!

The SSCCC is rallying all 116 colleges to register for the upcoming election in a friendly competition amongst the higher education system. SSCCC staff will host information sessions October 16th 3:00pm and October 23rd 11:00am providing information on voting deadlines and strategies. Let's show the state Region IX is ready to influence the change!

RSVP HERE



OPPORTUNITIES

Get Involved!

Student Intern needed!

Region IX is looking for a student intern! Reach out to SSCCC Director of Outreach and Communications Jessica Bahena-Rance at [@jbahena@ssccc.org](mailto:jbahena@ssccc.org). Position is open until filled

Apply here: [Region IX Intern Application](#)



Delegate Activation

In order to fairly represent the needs of all our students we must ensure each college in the region has a delegate involved! We only have 50% of our region activated.

Contact RAD Joia Miller to receive activation forms
-radregionix@ssccc.org



Region IX

Fire Relief Scholarship

Students and families affected by the wildfires in the Region are urged to apply for this emergency relief fund. Access to the form can be found on the SSCCC instagram account.

Apply here: [Fire Relief Doc](#)



ACROSS THE REGION

Club Rush!



THANK YOU FOR READING

SSCCC Executive Committee Meeting

October 11th

10:00am - 12:30pm

Contact jadams@ssccc.org
for more information

Region IX Executive Board Meeting

October 24th

7:00 - 8:00pm

Contact
radregionix@ssccc.org for
information

Region IX Delegate Assembly

October 20th

11:00am

Via zoom

Watch out for
info on our
Regional
Summit!

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

FELIPE ROBLES

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

comsregionix@ssccc.org

JOIA MILLER

REGIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

radregionix@ssccc.org

FOLLOW US ON IG!



@SSCCC_REGIONIX



@SSCCC_OFFICIAL



