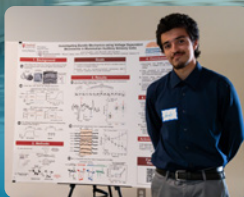


Your Dreams, Endless Possibilities

AT MISSION COLLEGE!



Mission College:

A YEAR OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND NEW POSSIBILITIES

At Mission College, we're dedicated to empowering our students and strengthening our community through accessible, high-quality education.

In the post-COVID era, Mission College has achieved remarkable milestones, including the approval of a new Bachelor of Science degree in Emergency Services Administration, being named a Champion of Higher Education for the second consecutive year, successfully having our midterm report accepted by the Accrediting Commission

for Community and Junior Colleges, and celebrating the first Rising Scholars graduation in the Elmwood Correctional Facility and Men's Main Jail.

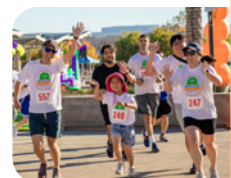
As we look to the future, we're especially excited to celebrate a major milestone—our 50th anniversary in 2025 as the Gold Standard of Academic Excellence! Our commitment to growth, innovation, and a thriving, supportive community is stronger than ever. Thank you for being part of the Mission family.

Celebrating Our Commitment to the Community

MISSION COLLEGE SHINED AS A HUB OF CONNECTION AND INSPIRATION

Thriving Community Spirit

The college's Monster Dash & Bash 5K fundraiser in October was a resounding success, with over 1,000 attendees enjoying a fantastic day filled with fitness, fun, and a strong sense of community spirit on our vibrant campus.



Sunny Days, Summer Fun

The annual Summer Concert Series in the Central Plaza transformed our campus into a delightful atmosphere, featuring live music and local food trucks that invited attendees to come together for unforgettable experiences.

A Spectacular Celebration

Mission College proudly hosted the City of Santa Clara's 4th of July Celebration in the Central Plaza, drawing tens of thousands of attendees for a spectacular family-friendly event brimming with exciting activities, delicious food, and thrilling entertainment.

Empowering Future Firefighters

NorCal Women in the Fire Service and Mission College hosted the First Alarm Girls Fire Camp in September, providing high school students with hands-on firefighting experience, skill-building, and real-life scenarios, while highlighting the role of female and non-binary firefighters and diversity in public safety careers.



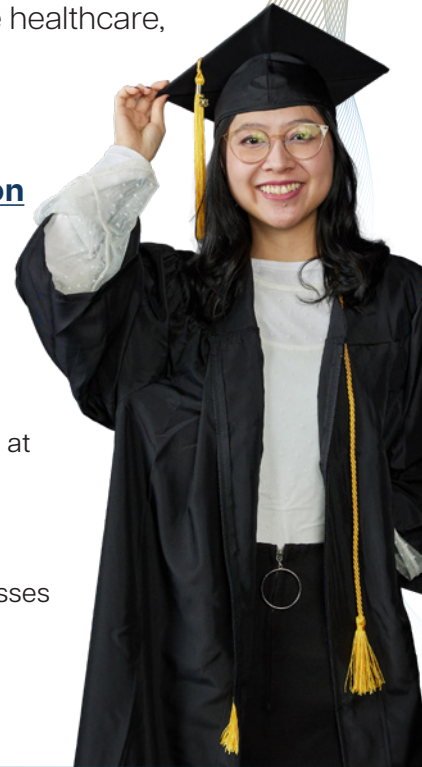
Free College. Endless Possibilities

At Mission College, we've made a monumental shift to support your journey: we've eliminated tuition costs for individuals living in the West Valley-Mission Community College District service area. Yes, if you reside within our service area, you can now attend college tuition free!

Imagine achieving your dreams with no debt. Your potential is unlimited, and we're dedicated to enriching your life every step of the way. We also provide free childcare, free healthcare, and more.

With no financial barriers, your future begins here.

Learn more and check to see if you qualify at missioncollege.edu/free-tuition



How to Apply to Mission

Step 1

- Apply for Admission at tinyurl.com/Mission-Apply to create a student account.
- F-1 international students should apply at missioncollege.edu/iis
- Noncredit students should apply at missioncollege.edu/depts/noncredit
- Dual enrollment students must receive approval from their parents/guardians and a counselor. More information is available at missioncollege.edu/hs

Step 2

Access the My Mission Portal at missioncollege.edu/portal

- Complete Orientation
- Meet with a Counselor
- Register and Pay for Classes
- Complete Financial Aid

Learn more at missioncollege.edu/apply

Mission College To Offer New Bachelor's Program

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Bachelor of Science in Emergency Services Administration, a pioneering program designed to meet the urgent workforce needs in public safety and emergency services. As California faces increasing challenges in disaster preparedness and health care, our new degree offers an affordable and accessible pathway to careers that are essential for safeguarding our communities. Graduates will emerge as leaders, equipped to tackle the complexities of public safety in the Bay Area and beyond. The Bachelor's Degree program will launch in Fall 2026. Best of all, it will be tuition free!



2024 Highlights

- In February, Mission College hosted its first-ever **TEDxMissionCollege** event, providing an exciting platform for students and employees to share their innovative ideas and inspire the community.



TEDxMISSIONCOLLEGE



ECO FAIR

- The Sustainability Committee organized impactful events for Earth Month in March, including an **Eco Fair** and e-waste recycling. The committee earned commendation from the Mayor of Santa Clara for dedication to environmental stewardship.
- The Child Development Department hosted a dynamic symposium in March for its **Child Development Apprenticeship Program**. The program emphasizes access to childcare for low-income individuals and highlighted collaboration between community organizations. Mission's program is one of only two such programs in Early Childhood Education in the Bay Area.
- Mission Early College High School**, in partnership with Mission College, received the distinguished California Exemplary Dual Enrollment Award, recognizing their commitment to transformative educational opportunities that empower students.



CHEFS RÔTISSEURS COMPETITION

- In March, the Hospitality Management Department hosted the **Pacific Northwest Provincial Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs Competition**, where four Mission College students—Vicente Gonzales-Archuleta, Sydney Ynez Healy, Gabriel Salazar, and Philip Liu—competed among a talented group of individuals, proudly showcasing the culinary excellence of the college.

- In June, the college formalized a groundbreaking **Memorandum of Agreement** with Sacramento State University. Under this agreement, students from Mission will have a guaranteed pathway to admission into the prestigious Sac State Black Honors College of California, provided they meet specific academic and commitment criteria.

- The approval of the new **Strategic Education Master Plan (2024-2027)** in June set a visionary course for the future, emphasizing innovation, student-centered initiatives, and the elimination of equity gaps to better serve our diverse community.

- Mission College proudly marched at **Silicon Valley Pride** in August, celebrating diversity, unity, and love as the parade made its way through Downtown San Jose. It was a fantastic day filled with community spirit and pride.



SILICON VALLEY PRIDE

- TRIO student **Javier Arriaga Camargo** celebrated a significant global achievement by being selected for the Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program, representing Mission College at a prestigious study abroad event in The Hague in the Netherlands this summer.
- Mission College leaders participated in the transformative **All African Diaspora Education Summit** in September in Ghana, connecting with scholars and engaging in empowering projects aimed at supporting Black/African American students.



AFRICAN EDUCATION SUMMIT IN GHANA



STEM RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

- The **Second Annual Research Symposium** in September showcased summer research conducted by 20 Mission students at leading universities and companies, demonstrating the college's unwavering commitment to fostering **STEM** talent and innovation.
- As a testament to its dedication to student success, Mission College was honored in November as a **2024 Champion for Excellence in Placement**, receiving the Black English Success Award for its exceptional efforts in supporting Black student success in transfer-level English.



- Women in the Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas received Certificates of Achievement in Communication Studies; while men in the Men's Main Jail received Certificates in Behavioral Health Work in two graduation ceremonies in December as a part of the **Rising Scholars Program**. Mission College continues to be the largest provider of education to justice-impacted students within the region.



Find a *Career you love!*

At Mission College, students experience hands-on learning with state-of-the-art equipment and tools, earning certifications that provide a competitive edge in the job market. With flexible schedules tailored to diverse lifestyles, our programs support both new career paths and skill advancement. Strong industry connections further enhance opportunities for internships and job placements, making Mission College an ideal launchpad for career success.



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Dive into the future with AI technologies and machine learning, gaining essential skills for groundbreaking fields. As AI continues to transform industries, trained professionals are needed to drive innovation and solve real-world problems. This program empowers students to lead advancements that shape our society.

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Baking and Pastry Arts

Master the art of creating breads, pastries, and confections while preparing for rewarding careers in restaurants, bakeries, and catering. Graduates bring joy and creativity to our communities, elevating local businesses and celebrations with expertly crafted treats. This program cultivates skilled artisans who enrich the culinary industry with innovation and tradition.

missioncollege.edu/hm

Cisco CCNA, Cybersecurity & Cloud Computing

Gain certifications in networking, cybersecurity, and cloud computing to pursue a career in IT infrastructure, security, or cloud services. These skills are crucial as businesses prioritize digital security and data management in an increasingly online world. Graduates are equipped to protect and manage vital digital infrastructure.

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Digital Music Production

Create, mix, and produce music using the latest digital tools, ideal for aspiring producers and sound engineers. In a world where digital music enriches culture, this program trains professionals who bring creativity and technical skills to the entertainment industry. Graduates contribute to a dynamic field that resonates across communities.

missioncollege.edu/depts/music

User Experience (UX) & Interface Design

Learn to design seamless, user-friendly interfaces for apps and websites, building a standout portfolio for careers in tech. UX and Interface Design are vital for creating accessible digital experiences that improve daily life and enhance user satisfaction across industries. Skilled designers help shape a more intuitive and efficient digital world.

missioncollege.edu/depts/graphic-design



Mechatronics

Through a \$120,000 Mechatronics California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI) Planning Grant, Mission College secured Department of Labor (DOL) and Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) approval for a registered Hardware Technician Apprenticeship Program, with Applied Materials of Santa Clara as the sponsoring organization. In its first year, the program enrolled three employees from Applied Materials in the one-year Mechatronics Certificate program, setting a strong foundation for industry-driven training.

With a \$947,000 CAI Implementation Grant, Mission is expanding its

reach by partnering with the SEMI Foundation, NIIT (a national apprenticeship intermediary), 66Training, and Network Kinecton, two California-based intermediaries in apprenticeship. The college is also collaborating with Santa Clara County Workforce Development Boards, work2future, and NOVA Works, to bring in community members who otherwise wouldn't enroll at Mission or work in advanced manufacturing.

These collaborations aim to expand the college's support of semiconductor and related industries, using the Mechatronics

Certificate Program as a foundation. As of 2025, Applied Materials has enrolled three more employees, and two additional manufacturers are developing DOL- and DAS-registered apprenticeship programs based on Mission College's Mechatronics Certificate Program.

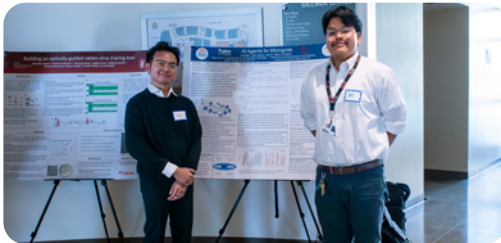
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Equity, Inclusion, and Community

Empowerment Initiatives at Mission College

Mission College is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all students. Recent initiatives highlight the college's dedication to equity, basic needs support, and community empowerment. These programs and events aim to uplift diverse student populations, promote academic success, and enhance the overall educational experience.



Equity Workshops for Inclusive Teaching and a Caring Campus

Mission College is pleased to offer Faculty Learning opportunities including an Equity Community of Praxis for all faculty at Mission College. This semester long program allows faculty to work with a talented group of facilitators to enhance their courses through an equity and completion lens. As a Caring Campus, equity is deeply embedded throughout all aspects of our college. The Mission College Classified Equity Certification Program prepares Classified Professionals at Mission College to support student success by incorporating equity-minded leadership and trauma-informed practices into their everyday work. This semester-long program was intentionally designed by and for Mission College professionals, and is the only program of its kind in the state of California. These training programs provide an educational environment where every student feels valued and supported, positioning Mission College as a leader in equity-focused education. Together, the college cultivates a culture of inclusion and belonging that enhances the learning experience for all.

Mission Market Grand Opening

In October, Mission College proudly opened the Mission Market, a vital new resource designed to expand support for students' basic needs. The market offers fresh food, essential items, and emergency aid, demonstrating the college's unwavering commitment to helping students thrive academically and personally. This initiative ensures that all students have access to the resources they need to succeed.



RISE Program: A Celebration of STEM Diversity

The RISE Program is dedicated to helping underrepresented students excel in STEM fields. This initiative connects students with mentorship, internships, and academic support, fostering a new generation of diverse leaders in science, technology, engineering, and math. By investing in students' futures, Mission College strengthens the pipeline of talent in these critical areas.



New APIDA Learning Community Launched

The launch of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Learning Community at Mission College aims to support and uplift the APIDA communities. This transformative transfer-support cohort is grounded in the Filipino concept of Kapwa, fostering connection with oneself and spiritual connectedness with others. The program invites students of all backgrounds to explore their unique identities, build community, and engage with Asian American studies.



ABOUT



Established in 1975, Mission College is a part of the West Valley-Mission Community College District. We serve the communities of Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Santa Clara, Saratoga, Sunnyvale, and San Jose.

Mission College proudly embraces our responsibility as an economic, cultural, and civic leader. By offering a world-class education at an affordable price, we ensure that students, no matter their background, find success on our campus. Through degree completion, university transfer, certificate attainment or specialized job training, Mission College students are thriving in their careers.

We take pride in being Silicon Valley's community college and we encourage you to join us in spreading academic excellence throughout the region.

(FALL 2024)

6,942

STUDENTS ENROLLED
(CREDIT + NONCREDIT)

MORE THAN

75%

OF STUDENTS RECEIVE
FINANCIAL AID

MORE THAN

69%

OF STUDENTS ARE
UNDER 30 YEARS OLD

54%

OF STUDENTS ARE
FEMALE

5,930

STUDENTS OF COLOR

521

EMPLOYEES

TOP EDUCATIONAL GOALS

36%
ASSOCIATE DEGREE &
TRANSFER TO 4-YEAR
COLLEGE

13%
UNDECIDED
ON GOAL

8%
TRANSFER TO 4-YEAR
COLLEGE WITHOUT
ASSOCIATE DEGREE

9%
ASSOCIATE
DEGREE

5%
EDUCATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

4%
VOCATIONAL
CERTIFICATE

TOP ASSOCIATE DEGREES



Liberal Arts:
Natural Sciences
and Math



Liberal Arts:
Social and Behavioral
Sciences



Liberal Arts:
Arts and
Humanities

TOP ASSOCIATE DEGREES FOR TRANSFER



Psychology



Economics



Sociology

TOP CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT



Transfer
Studies



Coach Operator
Apprentice



Associate
Teacher



Accounting



Computer Info
Systems

Celebrating 50 years of Mission College – The Gold Standard in Academic Excellence



Events

- Golden Threads: Associated Student Government (ASG) Alumni Reception
- Inspiring Golden Pathways: 25 Years of MESA Excellence
- Gilded Legacies: Alumni Art Exhibition
- Golden Jubilee End of Year Celebration
- Golden Notes: A Summer Concert Celebration
- Golden Nights, Brilliant Stars: 50th Anniversary Gala
- Ghouls in Gold: 5k Dash & Bash
- Golden Impressions: Employee Art Exhibition
- Golden Gourmet: Alumni Chef Showcase
- Golden Milestones: A Walk Through Mission College's Legacy

Date

- Thursday, March 6, 2025
- Friday, March 14, 2025
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- Thursday, May 15, 2025
- Wednesday, June 4, 2025
- Saturday, September 6, 2025
- Saturday, October 11, 2025
- Tuesday, October 28, 2025
- Thursday, November 6, 2025
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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President's MESSAGE

Greetings! I am Dr. Seher Awan, the proud president of Mission College. In our rapidly changing world, evolving is essential, and Mission College is dedicated to helping you build skills and shape your future. Your choice to invest in yourself by selecting Mission College is significant, and we are here to support your personal and professional aspirations.

We prioritize you—your needs, mental health, and authenticity. Our resources are designed to help you thrive academically and personally. I encourage you to engage with our vibrant community, and I am here for you every step of the way. Together, let's embark on this journey, and I look forward to celebrating your success on campus!



Dr. Seher Awan
President, Mission College
Instagram: @missionscprez



Make a Difference at Mission:

Join the Mission College President's Circle, our prestigious philanthropic group dedicated to transforming the lives of students and the community. Comprised of community leaders, local businesses, and alumni, this powerful network directly supports Mission College's vital initiatives. By making an annual donation of \$1,000 or more, you demonstrate your commitment to our students and their futures. Your contributions are fully tax-deductible and empower dreams while creating a lasting impact in our region. Become a change agent today!

Help our students cross the Commencement stage at missioncollege.edu/donate



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