

Student Services Newsletter

November 2023



Upcoming “Special” Days this Fall and Next Spring



- **November 22, 2023:** No evening hours that Wednesday (the day before Thanksgiving). Plan not to schedule appointments after 12:00 pm. Drop-ins are okay.
- **December 18 - 21, 2023:** no evening hours on Wednesday, Dec. 20th
- Winter Holiday Break: 12/22/23 - 1/1/24
- **January 2 - 5, 2024:** no evening hours on Wednesday, January 3rd
- Resume evening hours on Wednesday, January 10th
- **March 25 - 29, 2024:** no evening hours on Wednesday, March 27th (Spring Break)
- **Extended in-person Fridays (8:30 am to 4:00 pm):**
 - Jan. 12,
 - Jan. 19,
 - Jan. 26,
 - Feb. 2, [still pending discussion due to all campus in-service]
 - Feb. 9,
 - March 1 (deadline for Spring Financial Aid Appeals),
 - March 22 (last day to withdraw from classes/college),
 - May 17 (Commencement)
- One date for future discussion is Friday, April 19, 2024. It was requested that this be another extended in-person Friday, but a decision was not made at this meeting.



Priority Registration for Spring 2024 Began November 1st

NEW! Students with Dependent Children under 18

Student-parents attending Santa Barbara City College are now eligible to receive priority registration beginning Spring 2024. A student parent is a student with a child under 18 years of age who will receive more than half of their support from that student. A new question was included in the

CCCApply application as of July 1st, 2023. If students applied to the college before July 1, 2023, and would like to be considered for priority registration, please have them complete [this form](#). Please allow 1 hour for processing.

Upcoming Events!

November is Native/Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month

- Native/Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month honored with a [resolution](#) by the Board of Trustees
- Chumash Sign unveiling at the West Campus Bluffs on Saturday, November 18th from 11 am – 1 pm.

Family Engagement Night

Date/time TBD in April 2024

This event is in partnership with the Probation Department, Social Services, Santa Barbara Health & Wellness, Public Health, and Behavioral Health. Students within these agencies will be invited to the tabling event. The Probation Department will be paying for the food, the tabling, and all of the supplies that will be needed. Managers can reach out to Angelica Contreras for questions or if your program would like to help/participate.

Special Events that Happened in October!

McKinley Trick or Treaters!



On Halloween, SBCC welcomed 63 kindergarteners from McKinley School, accompanied by teachers and parents, as they went trick or treating on campus. The

children were absolutely adorable in their costumes, and were as polite as could be. They definitely got their “10,000 steps” in, as they walked all over East Campus. By the end of the hour+ “tour,” the children’s candy containers were bulging over, they were so full. A huge thanks to all of the departments, offices, staff and faculty who participated this year’s event.

- Athletics
- Campus Store
- CESJ (Dream, Rising Scholars, Umoja, BNC)
- Office of Student Life
- International Students/Study Abroad
- Veterans Support
- Admissions & Records
- Academic Counseling Center
- Welcome Center
- University Transfer Center
- Cashier’s Office
- Student Health Center
- DSPS
- Dean, Student Affairs Office
- Dual Enrollment
- Career Center
- Financial Aid
- EOPS
- Dean, Health Services
- Information Booth
- President’s Office
- Vice President Academic Affairs Office
- Office of Communications
- Title IX Office
- Academic Senate Office



SBCC College Transfer Fair





The SBCC College Transfer Fair, held on the West Campus lawn on a bright sunny 1st of November, was a rousing success, with 650 attendees, and 78 representatives from 70 different institutions. In addition, there were 20 Student Services centers/departments, along with six academic departments represented. Around 30 volunteers assisted from the main campus, as well as the Schott and Wake campuses. A fun and informative time was had by all of the attendees, staff, and faculty, as depicted in the photos above. Attendees got to meet one-on-one with admission representatives, in addition to enjoying free food, a photo booth, music, and winning SBCC swag for participating in Transfer games. Many thanks to the University Transfer Center for putting this on!

Here is the link to KEYT's coverage of the event, reported by Mina Wahab: <https://youtu.be/SA2FL0znPiQ?si=GlirwbM7DKky4Jqy>

TAP Program Bay Area Campus Trip **By JennyErika Barco**



On October 26th, the Transfer Achievement Program (TAP) embarked on a journey to the Bay Area, accompanied by 30 TAP students along with Dr. JennyErika Barco and TAP Counselor Sarah Bernal Obispo. Our mission was to explore various campuses, including CSU East Bay, San Francisco State University, UC Berkeley, and Stanford. Throughout these visits, our students had the invaluable opportunity to participate in campus tours thoughtfully organized in collaboration with support programs such as CSU East Bay-G.A.N.A.S, San Francisco State Univ-SSSP, and SBCC/TAP Alumni.



The primary objective of these campus tours was to highlight the significance of engaging with support programs and available resources, fostering a profound sense of community and belonging among our students. In addition to the tours, current students shared their transfer experiences, emphasizing how their involvement in these programs has played a pivotal role in advancing their academic goals, providing constant motivation, and instilling the determination needed to succeed.

At the UC Berkeley campus SBCC/TAP Alumni, Melissa Soria, who now thrives at UCB met up with our group. She graciously shared her insights into the transition process, recounting her personal journey and highlighting the various avenues at UCB that connected her to the campus and the vital resources that contributed to building a supportive community. Fun fact: Melissa had previously participated in a similar trip with TAP in 2019, creating connections that proved invaluable during her transition to UC Berkeley.

At Stanford, our group spent a full day with an esteemed alumnus, Ezekiel Contreras Forrest, whose presence inspired and motivated our students. He offered a unique glimpse into the daily life of a Stanford student, sharing his own transition experiences and the richness of the campus environment. The evening concluded with a memorable experience as our group attended a thrilling football game featuring Stanford against Washington State. Though Stanford did not win, our students enjoyed the overall experience.

In summary, this trip was a transformative experience for our students, offering a profound insight into university life and the boundless possibilities that become attainable when students actively engage with resources and support programs.

CERT Training



Academic Affairs' Executive Assistant Holly Higgins and Student Affairs' Administrative Assistant Becky Saffold were the latest SBCC "graduates" of the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) held on the West Campus for 8 consecutive Fridays. The training is usually held once a year at SBCC and various other locations throughout the county. CERT helps prepare volunteers with "basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations."

Holly and Becky were on the "Search and Rescue" team during the final drill, and were relieved when all 20 or so of the mannequins were successfully "rescued" out of the building.

Kudos!



CASFAA Honoree Luncheon Panelists from Left to Right: Maureen McRae Goldberg, Paul Phillips, Dr. Pat Hurley, Yvonne Sandoval-Gutierrez

Congratulations to Maureen McRae Goldberg, who was honored with three other panelists at the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in October!

Ciel Senechal, College Ave Student Loans, wrote about the recipients who were honored, "As this year's conference was being planned, we wanted to marry the idea of addressing today's current challenges with the wisdom and leadership of the past. We decided to invite former (and current) leaders to the stage for a panel discussion to share their stories, experiences, and give us a little advice and encouragement as we face the future. The panel consisted of Paul Phillips (retired, former Director at CSU San Marcos), Dr. Pat Hurley (retired, former Dean of Financial Aid at

Glendale Community College), Maureen McRae Goldberg (former Executive Director of Occidental College, current Director at Santa Barbara [City] College), and Yvonne Gutierrez-Sandoval (current Dean of Enrollment Services & Senior Director, Financial Aid at Long Beach City College)."

About Maureen, she wrote, "Maureen McRae Goldberg's career in financial aid began

as an undergraduate student at the University of Redlands. Coming from a single-parent household in San Diego, Goldberg considered withdrawing when she could not find a work-study job. When she sought help from the director of financial aid, he offered her a position to work in his office. Maureen has served in various leadership roles at public and private institutions for over 40 years, including over 18 years at Occidental College as the Executive Director of Financial Aid. She was the CASFAA president in 1995, she has testified before state and federal entities, written position papers on financial aid, chaired task forces, and was also the CASFAA newsletter editor for many years. Maureen holds CASFAA's highest honor, that of Lifetime Membership, and has also been a member of NASFAA and the College Board. Maureen shared how important it is to know our worth. We are the experts in financial aid. No one knows financial aid better than we do. And we have a chance to change someone's life – to help them achieve an education to better their life circumstances – and we should remember this as we work with our administration and talk to our students and families.”

Welcome!

Miguel Cruz - Basic Needs Coordinator, Credit Campus



Miguel is a Santa Barbara native who was born to immigrant parents whose first language was Spanish. Miguel began his journey at SBCC as a student and was a student worker in EOPS and in the CESJ & Food Pantry. He later went on to graduate from CSU Channel Islands with a BA in Psychology. Prior to his new role as the Main Campus Basic Needs Coordinator, Miguel served as substance abuse counselor for people on parole and was later as discharge planner at SB County jail. Most recently, Miguel worked as an International Student Advisor at SBCC and was the recipient of the 2023 TAP Exemplary Visionary Award. Miguel brings a knowledge of local agencies and resources, as well as having the clinical and creative experiences to create healing

spaces for students. In his free time he loves to play guitar, read, write, and hang out with his two children.

Juan Quesada - Basic Needs Coordinator, Noncredit Campus



Hello, I'm Juan Quesada, and I'm truly passionate about education and community service. My academic journey includes a Bachelor's in Sociology from UCSB and a Master's in Public Administration from CSUN, providing me with a strong foundation for making a meaningful impact. Back in 2017, I started my journey at SBCC as a Teacher's Assistant. Over time, my role evolved, and I became an Assessment Specialist, where I played a key role in coordinating ESL and GED testing. My journey also led me to manage after-school programs with IVYP (now LEAP), where I had the privilege of deeply engaging with and supporting our community. As a LEAP Board Member, I actively contribute to shaping the organization's mission and impact. My unwavering commitment is to foster inclusive learning

environments where individuals from diverse backgrounds not only thrive but also harness their full potential. I am genuinely thrilled about the opportunities that lie ahead and am eagerly anticipating the chance to apply my knowledge to make a positive and lasting impact. Thank you for the warm welcome; I'm enthusiastic about embarking on this journey together.

Noel Gomez - Rising Scholars Coordinator

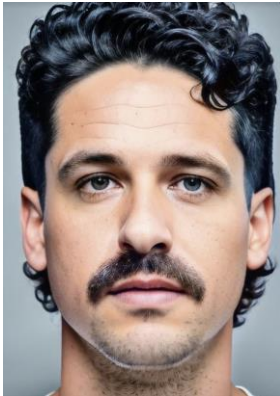


Noel Gomez was born to immigrant Mexican parents and raised in Boyle Heights, a neighborhood east of Downtown Los Angeles. After high school, Noel moved to Santa Barbara to study at the University of California, Santa Barbara where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Chicana and Chicano Studies and a minor in Art History. After witnessing first-hand the transformative power of education, Noel relocated to Cambridge, MA to pursue and complete his Master's degree in Education from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. For the last 16 years, Noel has worked in EOPS and has served as a mentor, advisor, and adjunct faculty at

Santa Barbara City College. In 2008, he met a former SBCC EOPS student, Martin Leyva, and helped design and implement the Transitions Program- one of the first student-centered support programs for formerly incarcerated and system-impacted

students in a California community college. The Transitions Program was recognized by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Dr. John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Award honoring college programs or faculty who demonstrate a profound commitment to supporting student goals and needs. In 2015, Noel collaborated with the Jail Programs Unit at the Santa Barbara County Jail to begin offering SBCC credit courses to incarcerated women and men. The Stanford Law School, Stanford Criminal Justice Center, and the Opportunity Institute named the SBCC jail education program an "Innovator in the Field" for building a successful partnership between a Sheriff's Department and a community college. To expand the program, Noel has worked closely with the SBCC Foundation and college staff to write and secure grants from the Fund for Santa Barbara, The Opportunity Institute, Bower Foundation, and more recently, the 2019 and 2022 CCCCO Reentry and Rising Scholars Grants.

Marc Narrie, DSPS Counselor



I was born and raised in Culver City, California, where I developed a deep love for sports, the beach, outdoors and mathematics. Throughout my upbringing, I balanced my passion for sports with my academic prowess. College sports have always held a special place in my heart, particularly as a huge supporter of the Oregon Ducks and San Diego State Aztecs. Spending time at the beach and hiking in nature are two of my favorite pastimes, which makes my upcoming move to Santa Barbara even more exciting. My educational journey led me to the University of Oregon, where I pursued a degree in Business Administration with a focus on Marketing. Post-graduation, I ventured into the advertising world, initially working in account management at a creative agency. While it was an exciting start, I experienced burnout within the first two years, prompting me to reevaluate my career path. It became clear to me that my calling is to work in a field where I could make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, particularly students with disabilities. This realization led me to the decision to return to school with the goal of becoming a therapist or counselor with a specialization on disabilities. My experiences in a college setting at SDSU cemented my passion for this path. I am deeply committed to championing the rights and interests of marginalized individuals who may not have the means or platform to be heard. My dedication to this cause has led me to work at various organizations, including the Department of Rehab, San Diego State's Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS), and Santa Monica's DSPS. I am now immensely excited and honored to join the dedicated staff at Santa Barbara City College, where I can continue to advocate for and support students with disabilities.