

# Allan Hancock College

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Allan Hancock College Receives \$785,000 Early Childhood Education Grant from Orfalea Foundation



Children and future educators in the community will benefit greatly from a five-year \$785,000 grant awarded by the Orfalea Foundation to Allan Hancock College's early childhood studies (ECS) program and the Children's Center Lab School to provide innovative classrooms and curriculum.

"This is evidence of the impact our ECS faculty and staff have on our community," said Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. "The Orfalea Foundation continues to make it possible for Hancock, the Children's Center, and ECS to be cutting edge, innovative, and a model for the state when it comes to education."

Founded in 2000, the Orfalea Foundation has contributed to the well-being of Santa Barbara County's children by improving the quality of early childhood education. The foundation focused on three ECE initiatives: the outdoor classroom project,

healthy food and healthy habits initiative, and the accreditation support program. The grant will ensure all three initiatives will continue to be embedded in core ECS curriculum for future teachers.

"We know children need physical activity, healthy food practices, and time in nature to be healthy and happy," said Adrianna Foss, the foundation's director of early childhood education. "The foundation has always been focused on addressing the needs of the whole child, not just the academic, and really embracing the social and emotional development."

This grant will allow the college to hire an early childhood studies teacher for the next five years and update college credit classes.

A serenity garden, interactive musical expression center, and kinesthetic mud center will be added to the center's

state-of-the-art outdoor classroom. The foundation provided a \$150,000 grant in 2013 to allow the college to complete the lab and install a water wall and creek that simulate a natural setting by circulating water throughout the day.

"The grant allows us to improve experiences our children and students have every day," said Yvon Frazier, Children's Center Lab School director. "The college will also install observation cameras and a sound system in the outdoor classroom to provide our ECS students more opportunities for quality observation of children interacting in natural settings without interruption."

The Children's Center Lab School will be renamed the Orfalea Children's Center Lab School at Allan Hancock College. The name change will represent the college and foundation's partnership and shared vision for quality early childhood education and care.

"Hancock will be proud to be the only educational facility in Northern Santa Barbara County to have the Orfalea name," added Ardis Neilsen, academic dean. "The change will guarantee the foundation's legacy and practices live on for years to come to the benefit of our children and students at Hancock."

The college plans to hold the renaming ceremony in spring 2016.

## YELL Conference Promotes College Education to Latino High School Students



With rising Hollywood star Carlos Pratts as the keynote speaker, 300 high school students attended Allan Hancock College's Young Educated Latino Leaders (YELL) Conference. The goal of the conference was to encourage students to set higher-education goals by providing college and career guidance, as well as personalized stories of success.

Pratts recently starred alongside Kevin Costner in "McFarland, USA," a popular film about a high school coach who led his team to a cross country championship. The Mexican-American and Puerto Rican actor shared his life struggles with students.

Pratts encouraged students to dream big and work hard.

"I've always felt that if someone else can do something, you can as well," said Pratts. "My mom gave me the best piece of advice I have ever gotten. She said, 'Don't ever say you made it because the minute you say you made it, you have nowhere else to go.' And it has pushed me to keep trying."



"The program means an extra support system that provides services and knowledge and guides you in the right direction."

—Kenya Guerrero-Torres  
Foster Youth Student

## Allan Hancock College Awarded \$1.2 Million State Grant to Help Foster Youth Succeed in College

Current and former foster youth attending Allan Hancock College received a major boost in their effort to succeed in college. The Allan Hancock Joint Community College District was one of only 10 community college districts in the state to receive a Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support state grant.

The \$1.2 million award will enable Hancock to fully implement its pilot CARE-For You (CARE-FY) program over the next three years. The need is dire to help former foster youth integrate into community college academic life. Studies show only 43 percent of foster youth who complete high school enroll in college, and only 40 percent of those continue to the second year.

Currently, there are nearly 200 current and former foster youth enrolled at Hancock.

"Our foster youth students will receive assistance in the form of counseling, tutoring, financial aid, books, supplies, and career guidance," said Nohemy Ornelas, associate superintendent/vice-president, student services. "The college will also be able to provide referrals in the community to equip our foster youth students with as many tools as possible to succeed."

For more information, contact the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) office at (805) 922-6966 ext. 3214.

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## Community Support Allows Hancock to Help Students During Emergencies

When an emergency or crisis situation arises, students at Allan Hancock College will be able to receive temporary financial assistance thanks to the generosity of Central Coast businesses. The college has established the Student Emergency Fund to help students unable to meet immediate, essential expenses because of hardships related to an emergency situation.

"Historically, students attending community colleges are forced to drop out because of a variety of insurmountable financial barriers," said Associate Superintendent/Vice President of Student Services Nohemy Ornelas. "Whether it's purchasing a textbook, paying a car repair bill or child care, this fund will help students, who are experiencing an emergency, stay in school and succeed."

Heritage Oaks Bank and Pacific Gas and Electric have already donated to the fund.

Applications are available in the office of the vice president of student services located in the Student Services building (building A) on the Santa Maria campus. For more information about the program, call (805) 922-6966 ext. 3267 or email [studentservices@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:studentservices@hancockcollege.edu).

Individuals or businesses interested in donating to the fund should contact the Allan Hancock College Foundation at (805) 925-2004.

# Hancock Opens Veteran Success Center



A one-stop shop for veterans taking college classes is now open at Allan Hancock College. Hancock staff, local officials, veterans, and students united to mark the grand opening of the Veteran Success Center, designed for current and future students who served in the military plus, their dependents.

*Our mission is to change the odds to ensure our students' success*

The goal of the facility is to help them access their education benefits, apply for college, register for classes, and access resources as they transition to the civilian world.

"This center further cements the importance of education," said Colonel Todd Schollars, commander of the 30th Mission Support Group at Vandenberg Air Force Base. "It gives veterans dedicated service to get that guidance they need to make the most out of their education."

The college estimates nearly 300 veterans attend classes at Hancock each semester.

"Our mission is to change the odds to ensure our students' success," said Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. "The center will help our student veterans succeed and find a place of camaraderie to gain and give support."

## Hancock Sells Wine Made by Students

The community can now toast to the success of Allan Hancock College's viticulture and enology program. The college has started to sell eleven varietals created on campus by Hancock students. Hancock is just the third community college in California bonded to sell wine.

"Students are now involved from vines to wines," said Alfredo Koch, coordinator of the agribusiness program. "They receive hands-on learning throughout the entire winemaking process. They do it all, from cleaning, racking the wines, picking the grapes, fermenting, labeling, marketing, and now selling."

The college's label is called Captain's Reserve, a tribute to Captain G. Allan Hancock, who owned the land where the college now stands. Varietals include a Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux blend, as well as different types of Syrah, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Torrontes. Prices range from \$15 to \$36 per bottle.

"We are incredibly proud," said Vanessa Tolan, a viticulture and enology student. "We are making high-quality wines on our campus that are priced really well."

Wines can be purchased at the on-campus winery, which is located in the college's Industrial Technology Complex. Call (805) 922-6966 ext. 3760 to make an appointment.



## Hancock Awarded \$1.1 Million Federal Grant to Help First-Generation College Students Complete Their Education



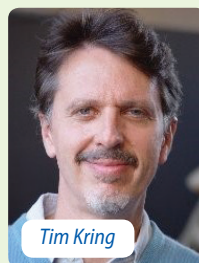
A successful program that assists Allan Hancock College students who are the first members in their families to attend college will continue for at least another five years. The U.S. Department of Education awarded a \$1.1 million federal grant to Allan Hancock College for the TRIO/Student Support Services project, known at the college as the TRIO/College Achievement Now (CAN) program. The program helps first-generation students with basic college requirements and provides them motivation to complete their postsecondary education.

"This grant has been instrumental in changing the odds for more than 300 students already served by the project," said Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. "In a community where many high school graduates are not readily accepted into our local state universities, Hancock, and the continued support provided for the CAN program, are essential for our students to succeed and reach their educational and employment goals."

The newly refunded grant will allow the TRIO/CAN program to serve 156 students each year.

"Our students develop an academic mindset and come to know they can succeed," said TRIO/CAN Director Petra Gomez. "Students support and encourage each other to persevere and work through frustrating obstacles."

## Television Series Created By Hancock Graduate Tim Kring Shines on NBC



"Heroes Reborn," a popular science fiction television drama created by Allan Hancock graduate and Santa Maria native Tim Kring

premiered on NBC last fall. Kring is the creator and executive producer of the 13-episode series that chronicles the lives of ordinary people who discover they possess extraordinary abilities. The original series, "Heroes," aired on NBC from 2006-2010.

"The show is a complete reboot of the original with the idea that the original existed," said Kring. "A lot of the methodology from that show does factor into this. But we start five years from where we left off."

The original series included 77 episodes and resulted in eight Primetime Emmy Awards nominations.

Kring, an Emmy Award nominee in 2007 for Outstanding Drama Series, also created the popular television shows "Crossing Jordan" and "Touch."

Tim studied drama at Hancock, and attended the college from fall 1975 through spring 1977, and fall 1980 through summer 1982. Kring's father, the late Ray Kring, was a legendary track and cross country coach at Hancock from 1968 to 1990.

"I discovered my love of film at Hancock," said Kring. "My education on the Central Coast really impacted a lot of what and how I write."

## Nearly 2,000 High School Students and 100 Businesses Attend Hancock's 11th Annual Career Exploration Day



More than 1,800 high school students received a break from the books to get a glimpse of what college and a career are like during Hancock's 11th annual Career Exploration Day.

Students from the Lompoc, Lucia Mar, and Santa Maria Joint Union school districts attended the event. They

received information from more than 100 Central Coast businesses and Hancock programs.

*"I found the day really helpful. I already started thinking about possible careers and taking classes at Hancock."*

"The goal of the event is to expose high school and college students to career opportunities on the Central Coast and to make sure they know how to prepare for the careers of their choice," said Nohemy Ornelas, associate superinten-

dent/vice president student services. "It also helps those still exploring career options to talk directly with employers."

"Someone told me about the culinary program right when I got off the bus here on campus," said Mishell Miranda, a senior at Maple High School in Lompoc. "I found the day really helpful. I already started thinking about possible careers and taking classes at Hancock."

Chumash Employee Resource Center, California Highway Patrol, Select Staffing, Wells Fargo Bank, Volt, Dignity Health, Sunrise Growers, and Hardy Diagnostics were among the area businesses with booths at the event.

## Hancock Offers College Credit Classes at Five Area High Schools

Area high school students can now jump start their college education without leaving their high school campuses. Allan Hancock College has launched a Concurrent Enrollment pilot program at five area high schools. Students at Cabrillo, Santa Ynez, St. Joseph, Santa Maria, and Pioneer Valley high schools can simultaneously receive high school and college credit by registering for courses that will be taught at each school.

Research shows students who participate in concurrent enrollment programs graduate from high school and enroll in college at higher rates, are less likely to require remedial courses, and are more likely to earn college degrees.

"This is a win-win for students, parents, the college and community," said George A. Railey, Jr., associate superintendent/vice president, academic affairs. "The program will result in more students who are more likely to attend and succeed in college. It will also translate into a better educated population, which will improve the local economy and attract more businesses to the community."

The program was developed using standards established by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships. As part of the pilot program, Hancock is offering classes that satisfy general education requirements for the California State University and University of California systems, Hancock, and many private colleges.

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As part of the program, all fees, including materials, are paid by the four participating public high school districts. Students at St. Joseph High School, a private school, must pay all fees to participate.

This spring, the college is offering a history class at St. Joseph and Pioneer Valley high schools, and a political science class at Cabrillo and Santa Maria high schools. All concurrent enrollment classes run from March 7 through May 25.

"This is an incredible deal because students could potentially complete 12 units of college courses by the time they graduate high school, which is equivalent to a full semester's worth of college classes," added Railey. "The best part is it's free for most students and parents."

Instruction will take place at the participating school and each class will be taught by college-approved faculty. To be eligible, instructors met specific requirements, and completed specific training and orientation about course curriculum, assessment, procedures, and other important policies.

Interested students and their parents should first meet with their high school counselors to plan for the fall schedule and complete required documentation. For more information, contact the college's Admissions and Records office at (805) 922-6966 ext. 3248 or admissions\_help@hancockcollege.edu.

## Paul Murphy Named Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness



After nearly 20 years of service to the college in various positions, most recently the dean of academic affairs, Paul Murphy, Ph.D., has been named the new vice president of institutional effectiveness.

"I hope to add to the college's ability to focus on its mission and to serve the community," said Murphy, who earned his doctorate in economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara. "This is a time when colleges need to have a firm grasp on understanding the outcomes of students and knowledge of how we can best allocate our resources to ensure students meet their goals."

Hancock Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D., created the position to ensure the effectiveness of programs and services at the college, as well as to increase student success and institutional quality.

"Paul Murphy possesses the experience and foresight to help take our programs and services to the next level allowing the college to better support and meet the needs of the community," said Walthers.

Murphy will be responsible for designing, directing, and evaluating activities that support the district's Strategic Plan, the college's mission, accreditation, and student success initiatives. He will also develop and administer institutional research, information retrieval, and statistical analysis.

Murphy has served as the college's dean of academic affairs since 2005. He supervised several academic departments and programs, including mathematics, life and physical sciences, health sciences, as well as social and behavioral sciences. He has also served as director of the college's Department of Education HSI STEM and Articulation program, where he oversaw a \$4.3 million grant aimed at increasing transfers in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Murphy started at Hancock in 1999 as the director of the Institutional Research and Planning department.

He has also been a fixture in the Hancock classroom teaching mathematics and economics classes since 2000.

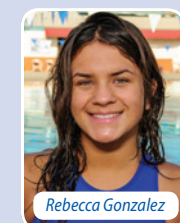
## FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



### FOOTBALL

The 2015 season included the first on-campus football games since the college moved to the Santa Maria campus in 1954. Seven Bulldogs received All-Conference honors. Malik Williams, Kevon Perry, Elijah Holt, and DaMarion King were named to the First Team, while Jose Morales, Rafael Arellano, and Ishmael Knight were Second Team picks. Holt, an Arroyo Grande High School graduate, led the state by averaging 26.4 yards per punt return. Morales, a sophomore kicker and Lompoc High School graduate, finished as the program's all-time leader with 27 career field goals.

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

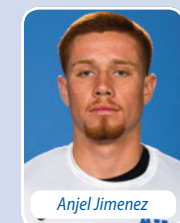


Rebecca Gonzalez

The Bulldogs made waves with the first season of women's water polo in school history. Hancock finished 3-8

overall and came in sixth in the Western State Conference standings under first-year head coach Ben Britten. Rebecca Gonzalez, a Nipomo High School graduate, led the team with 21 goals and was named to the All-Conference First Team. Bianca McNeil and goalie Kinsley Edman were Second Team selections.

### MEN'S SOCCER

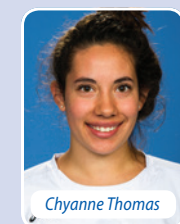


Anjel Jimenez

The team enjoyed a three-win improvement in 2015 compared to last year. Five Bulldogs scored All-Conference

honors. Freshman Anjel Jimenez was a First Team selection, Adrian Diaz and Francisco Ayala were Second Team picks, while Mike Arevalo and Bernardo Rubio received honorable mention.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



Chyanne Thomas

Four women's volleyball players earned All-Conference honors. Freshman outside hitter Chyanne Thomas, a Lompoc

Native was a First Team selection. Middle blocker Taylor Nevitt, a Nipomo High School graduate, was a Second Team selection. She led the Bulldogs with 177 kills. Sophomores Brittany Bolusan and setter Rebecca Davis, both Lompoc High School graduates, received honorable mention.

For more, go to [athletics.hancockcollege.edu](http://athletics.hancockcollege.edu)

# Message from the President



## Greetings and Happy 2016!

It is with great pleasure that I share with you this annual report that includes a snapshot of our progress in 2014-15.

Over the past two years I have sharpened our focus so we can do more than celebrate the success of those who overcome long odds to achieve their educational goals – we want to be a catalyst for changing the odds!

For the college, the past school year brought great accomplishment and success: new programs include a Veteran Success Center, counseling targeted specifically to career development, and a new concurrent enrollment program in our local high schools. We are working more closely than ever with our local schools, even reaching down to the elementary levels to create a college-going culture.

You know that Allan Hancock students can start here and go anywhere. This has never been truer than it is today – thanks to our tremendous faculty and staff that put student success first. As great as our faculty and staff are, we couldn't do it without the help of our friends and neighbors. Last year, your generosity supported students through our foundation, and we were able to award a record \$537,000 in scholarships.

You know that career and technical education is at the core of our mission. Through your generosity in supporting the college's bond program, we have invested more than \$150 million in new facilities to ensure our students are ready to work when they complete their program. In addition, our industry partners have invested significant funds to support programs that lead to well-paying jobs in health sciences, machining, law enforcement, public safety, and agriculture.

You also know that we excel in transferring students to four-year institutions. In fact, our impressive streak continues: in 2015, Hancock students enjoyed the state's highest acceptance rate to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo for the 14th straight year.

We are redefining student success. We know that students succeed when they are connected, directed, engaged, focused, nurtured, and valued. This focus begins in the classroom, but spreads across campus through our athletic programs, writing labs, math tutoring programs, student government club activities, and program support.

Our success is measured one student at a time, one credential at a time, one achievement at a time. We are grateful for the support of our community – not just in words, but in real action.

As we look to a future where almost all jobs with good wages will require some form of higher education, I can assure you that Allan Hancock College is more equipped than ever to change the odds for northern Santa Barbara County.

With Bulldog Pride,

**Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.**  
Superintendent/President

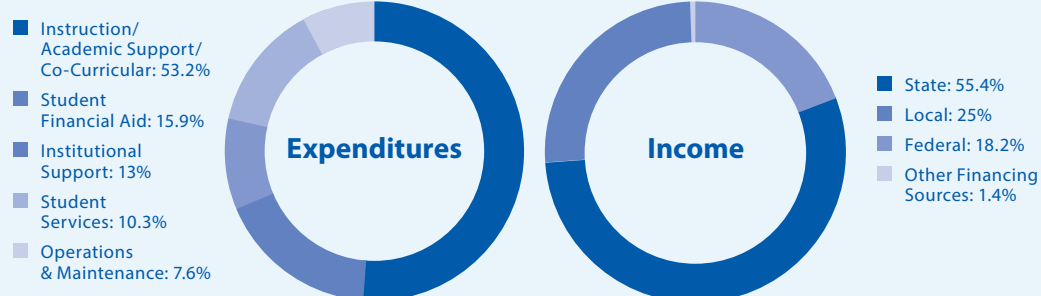
## Board of Trustees

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# Report to the

## 2014-2015 DISTRICT EXPENDITURES:

# \$76,462,550



Through payroll, purchasing, and other expenditures, AHC infused more than \$202 million into the local economy in 2014-2015.

## 2014-2015 STUDENT ENROLLMENT:

# 26,856

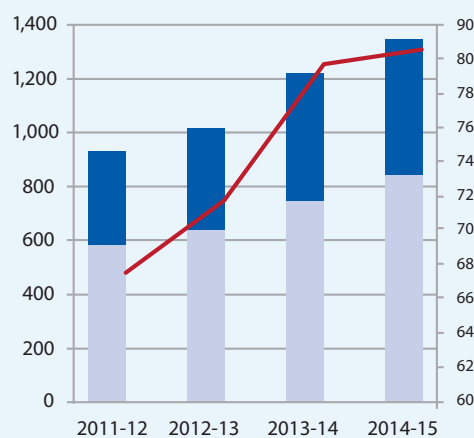
Noncredit: 5,661  
Credit: 21,195

The college hosted the first-ever home football game on campus. A standing-room-only crowd of more than 1,600 people came to witness history.

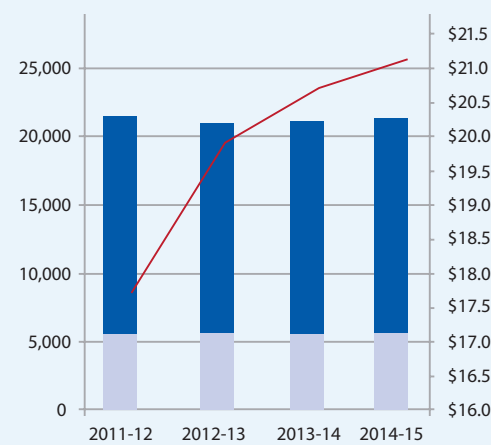
The Lompoc Valley and Solvang centers were certified as instructional sites by the Student & Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), a division of the Department of Homeland Security. This allows international students to take classes in our agriculture program.

The college hired Paul Murphy as its new vice president of institutional effectiveness.

Earned Degrees:	Earned Certificates:	Subject Areas:
2011-2012: 931	2011-2012: 580	2011-2012: 67
2012-2013: 1,016	2012-2013: 637	2012-2013: 71
2013-2014: 1,221	2013-2014: 744	2013-2014: 79
2014-2015: 1,345	2014-2015: 816	2014-2015: 82



Credit Enrollment:	Non Credit Enrollment:	Financial Aid Awarded (millions):
2011-2012: 21,519	2011-2012: 5,524	2011-2012: 17.7
2012-2013: 21,003	2012-2013: 5,614	2012-2013: 19.9
2013-2014: 21,065	2013-2014: 5,530	2013-2014: 20.7
2014-2015: 21,195	2014-2015: 5,661	2014-2015: 21.2



The college hosted the inaugural President's Leadership Academy. The first class included 30 members (vice presidents, administrators, faculty, and staff) who completed a three-day leadership workshop.

The first Friday of the month brought the community to campus for the 1st Friday Artisan Market. The event has been successful enough that the city and local radio stations would like to expand it in 2016.

Opened the Veteran Success Center with staffing provided through the college's student equity program.

Hired the first full-time noncredit English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher in the history of the college through the Advance, Innovate, Motivate (AIM) grant.

Launched a Concurrent Enrollment pilot program at five area high schools.

Awarded 9,519 students the Board of Governor Fee Waivers (BOG), totaling \$6.7 million.

Hired full-time basic skills coordinator through the AIM grant.

The college's Prop 39 allocation helped upgrade welding lab equipment.

All students enrolled in the medical and dental assistant programs had a 100 percent retention rate.

The billing and coding program enrolled 21 students. Twenty students completed the program, for a retention rate of 95 percent.

English faculty participated in the statewide Reading Apprenticeship program.

Eight new projects were funded, totaling \$4.9 million, of which three were federal grants.

Held successful High School Welding Competition with 10 schools and 90 students participating with nearly \$10,000 in prizes.

Launched new online scholarship program and awarded over \$537,000 in scholarships.

Media Services installed/upgraded 11 Smart classrooms at Santa Maria and Lompoc Valley Center campuses.

The Basic Skills Initiative funded 40 projects to improve the success of remedial students.

Processed 13,050 financial aid applications (FAFSA).

Human Resources staff completed 65 recruitments and, from those, completed 50 hires, including 12 faculty (seven tenure-track faculty and two temporary full-time non-tenure track faculty), and three vice president positions.

Human Resources staff conducted new employee orientations for approximately 260 new hires.

AHC developed "Bridges to Success" program to collaborate with our local high schools.

Started the first SkillsUSA club and had two students win the regional competition in Paso Robles (Machine Technology and Auto Technology).

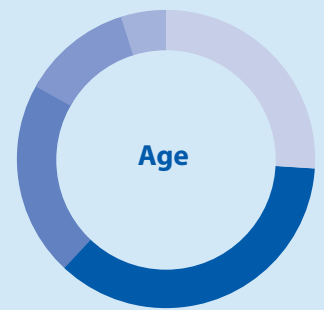
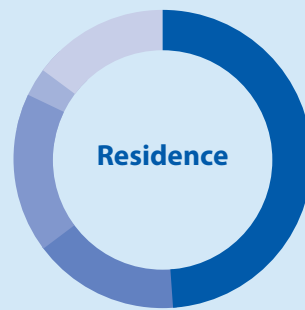
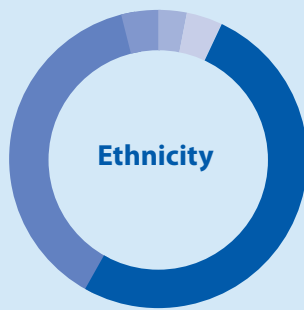
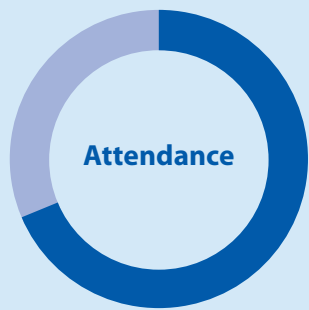
Named Michael Black the new associate superintendent/vice president of Finance and Administration.

Established the Allan Hancock College Viticulture and Enology Foundation with successful determination from the IRS of exemption from federal income tax.

# Community

ANNUAL REPORT  
2014-2015

## CREDIT STUDENT PROFILE



In the fall of 2014, the college refunded outstanding debt with both Moody's and Standard and Poor's reaffirming the college's credit rating. The refunding will save our neighbors \$5.978 million.

Worked with the AHC Bookstore staff to implement a pilot program for textbook rental deposits with the goal of minimizing outstanding receivables.

Created a Microsoft 365 account to allow students to download all Office products for free to personal devices.

The Fine Arts Complex Final Project Proposal was submitted by the district to the California State Chancellor's Office for funding consideration.

Purchased four more automated external defibrillators. Every campus police vehicle is now equipped.

Implemented the Student Veteran Emergency Loan Program with initial funding of \$8,000 for student veterans.

Received a \$2.4 million U.S. Department of Education Title V grant to increase student success in credit and noncredit courses.

Hosted the first visit to campus by the chancellor of California Community Colleges.

The college's 30-second "I Choose" commercial was named the top "Television Commercial" in California and received third place in the West Coast.

Redesigned the Community Education website to be more useable by the target population.

Certified 275 veterans for their educational benefits under the G.I. Bill.

The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) program served 700 students for the 2014-2015 academic year.

In 2014-2015, EOPS program provided \$77,800 in cash grants awarded to students, \$50,866.09 in book vouchers to 454 students, for a total of \$128,666.09.

Moved fall registration to May to ensure that students registered prior to leaving for the summer.

Cal-SOAP served 10 schools and 655 high school students.

EOPS started a pilot program for foster youth and former foster youth called CARE-For You.

Eighty Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) students and their families were treated to a complete turkey dinner for the Thanksgiving holiday.

TRIO-College Achievement Now! (TRIO-CAN), along with several departments, staff, and faculty, piloted a food pantry which provided 60 bags of food to AHC students and their families.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded a \$1.1 million grant to Hancock to continue serving, supporting, and guiding first-generation college students for an additional five years.

In 2014-2015, California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) tutored or provided financial aid information to 6,278 students and 1,541 parents.

Board approved a two-year pilot program to permit the waiver of nonresident tuition for College Now! students.

Upgraded analog radios to a new digital radio system for campus police that allows communication at all college locations.

The college now has 28 active grant-funded projects totaling \$12,845,098.

Created the Admissions and Counseling Work Group to ensure open communication and dialogue for improvements that will assist students.

Hosted grand openings at the Public Safety Training Complex and the Industrial Technology Complex.

Awarded and disbursed \$14 million in grant, loans, and scholarships in direct aid to students.

Beginning in March 2015, Human Resources staff began holding office hours at the Lompoc Valley Center in order to better serve LVC staff.

PCPA produced two world premieres. "The San Patricios," by Jose Cruz Gonzales and music by Daniel Valdez, and the 2014 holiday show "Christmas is Here Again," which incorporated multi-screen projections, a first for PCPA.

2014-2015 was the 14th straight year Hancock students owned the highest transfer acceptance rate to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Created new AB 86 website ([www.northcountyab86.org](http://www.northcountyab86.org)) for the Northern Santa Barbara County Adult Education Consortium Project.

Launched the new Student Online Orientation website.

STEM staff (Ashley Brackett, Siboney Guardado, and Emily Smith) presented at the 2014 California STEM Symposium. The college's presence was valuable at the conference, because several other STEM grant recipients attended the workshop to learn from our successes.

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Center had 8,268 visits, and of those, 481 were unduplicated students, for a total of 11,162.5 hours – a 42 percent increase in visits and 29 percent increase in hours from last year. Putting it into perspective: If you think about the number of hours and consider a full-time work of 2,080 hours per year, 11,163/2,080=5.37 years.

Counseling had 610 visits, of which 454 of those were from unduplicated students, for an increase of 53 percent from last year.

STEM Career Day 2015: Increase of 138 percent participation from local industries, non-profit, and universities. More than 200 AHC students attended.

STEM Week of Discovery (WOD) attendance increased by 47 percent – 30 students in 2014, compared to 44 students in 2015.

Friday Night Science 2015 increased in attendance to 2,000 visitors – the biggest crowd ever!

Student Services launched the Student Emergency Fund to support students in times of need.

On behalf of Allan Hancock College, the Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) made a donation to the ALS Association in the amount of \$1,019.64 from donations by students and staff during the Ice Bucket Challenge.

Established scholarship funds to support students, specifically in memory of Karisa Bennett.

## Family Starts Memorial Scholarship Endowment to Honor Late Fire Chief Ron Bennett



Ron Bennett loved his life as a rescuer and first responder. The family of the late chief of the Orcutt Fire Department has ensured his passion and love for helping others will live on for years

to come. The family has established the Fire Chief Ron Bennett Memorial Scholarship that will be awarded to a student enrolled in Hancock's Fire Academy.

Bennett, a 23-year veteran of the Orcutt Fire Department, passed away unexpectedly in 2007 at the age of 39. A former emergency medical technician, Bennett also volunteered at a summer camp for burn victims and trained young fire cadets.

Doug Dickson, the interim director of fire, safety and emergency medical services, worked with Bennett for several years. He said the scholarship was a fitting way to honor a great man.

"Ron had a huge heart, loved and was dedicated to his job. He made a difference in the community," said Dickson. "There is no greater way to continue his legacy than by offering a scholarship to a student in the fire academy who epitomizes everything we loved and respected about Ron."

The scholarship endowment is one of several honors bestowed upon Bennett after his death, including the dedication of the Orcutt Fire Department, and the addition of his name on the Firefighters Memorial in Sacramento.

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Become a **Scholarship Donor.**

Scholarship donors invest in the people and in the future of our community. **They change lives!**

- A named scholarship award can start at \$500. We invite individuals, businesses, and organizations to participate. The annual scholarship banquet to honor donors and announce recipients will be Thursday, May 26, 2016.

- If you have an interest in creating an annual scholarship, please call the foundation at (805) 925-2004.

# Hancock Salutes CoastHills Credit Union For Continued Support of Students



Allan Hancock College publicly honored CoastHills Credit Union as a major supporter and friend of the college. Associate Superintendent/Vice President of Academic Affairs George A. Railey, Ed.D., recognized CoastHills on behalf of the AHC Foundation during the annual Santa Maria Valley Industry Education Council Luncheon.

"CoastHills Credit Union's support is significant and helps the college change the odds to help our students succeed," said Railey.

Since 1996, CoastHills has provided nearly \$150,000 to the Allan Hancock College Foundation or directly to programs. CoastHills has contributed to various capital campaigns, such as to the college's 80th anniversary celebration, and to athletics department events.

CoastHills hosted a major fundraiser in September to benefit the college's agribusiness program through the AHC Viticulture and Enology Foundation. The event raised \$55,000 to allow students to reap the rewards of CoastHills' donation for years to come. The money came from the CoastHills Community Foundation's ninth annual Rancho Vino fundraiser that included the sale of a special release pinot noir by Presqu'île called Generous Harvest.

"The ag industry truly is the backbone of our economy here on the Central Coast, and supporting its future through this

partnership between Allan Hancock College, Presqu'île, and CoastHills turned out to be the perfect pairing for Rancho Vino," said CoastHills President/CEO Jeff York.

The donation came at the ideal time. The number of agribusiness or viticulture and enology majors at Hancock has jumped 15 percent in the last year.

As if the fundraiser was not enough, CoastHills created the CoastHills Gold Standard Scholarship, which will be awarded in May 2016 to two Hancock students who have excelled despite life's challenges.

"Community support from businesses like CoastHills is what helps our students succeed and the college fulfill its mission," said Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.

The generosity of CoastHills Credit Union ensures it is always another great day at Hancock.

## OUR FISCAL STRENGTH

AHC Foundation Financial Assets/Obligations as of July 31, 2015

### Scholarship Endowments

**\$6,334,138**

- ▶ General scholarships
- ▶ Program area scholarships
- ▶ Continuing & transfer scholarships



**All Other Funds (Restricted & Unrestricted)**  
**\$2,269,032**

- ▶ Departmental funds
- ▶ General operations
- ▶ Capital improvements

**Non-Scholarship Endowments**  
**\$14,423,921**

**FOOTNOTE:** The above Financial Assets/Obligations graph represents the un-audited fiscal period ending July 31, 2015. Complete audited financial statements and tax documents for the most recent reporting period are available from the Foundation Office upon request.

# From the Foundation President



Dear Friends of Allan Hancock Foundation,

It has been a pleasure serving as the foundation board president for the last two years and having the opportunity to lead an excellent board of directors and represent the college within our community. My term will expire February 11, 2016, and Valerie Moya of Heritage Oaks Bank will be the new foundation board president. We will also be welcoming a few new board members in February: Jim Fields of Lompoc, Sam Orozco of Santa Maria, Mario Juarez of Santa Maria, and Lee Cox of Santa Maria. Please help me welcome all of our new board members and new foundation president.

On behalf of the board, I want to thank you for your generosity supporting the college and its programs such as: Scholarships, President's Circle, Veteran Success Center, Student Emergency Fund, and Foster Care Program.

What we accomplish here at the foundation is only possible because of your support and generosity. The foundation is grateful for your partnerships and teamwork. Thank you for your spirit of giving.

Wishing you a wonderful 2016!

Terry Dworaczyk, Ed.D., President,  
Allan Hancock College Foundation

## Scholarship Opportunities Available via Online Application



Allan Hancock College students can now apply ONLINE for hundreds of scholarships offered by the AHC Foundation. Last year, the foundation broke records by awarding more than \$537,000 in scholarships to 363 students with awards ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

Students can visit [www.hancockcollege.edu/scholarships](http://www.hancockcollege.edu/scholarships) to complete the online scholarship application and view scholarships available this year. The winners, whether they continue to take classes at Hancock or transfer to a four-year university, will receive their scholarship funds beginning in mid-August.

The deadline to apply is February 2, 2016.

Students are encouraged to attend a Scholarship Workshop either at the Santa Maria campus or at the Lompoc Valley Center. Dates and times may be viewed on the foundation's website, [www.hancockcollege.edu/ahc\\_foundation](http://www.hancockcollege.edu/ahc_foundation).

"We are so grateful to our community donors who have built the scholarship program with their amazing generosity," said Scholarship Program Coordinator Toni McCracken. "The foundation is able to reward hundreds of students for their hard work thanks to the tremendous community support."

Questions may be directed to [scholarships@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:scholarships@hancockcollege.edu) or by calling the Financial Aid office at (805) 922-6966, ext. 3200, or toll-free at 1-866-DIAL AHC (342-5242), ext. 3200.

## How can we help?

Please contact us to learn more about giving to Allan Hancock College.

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