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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

Dear Community,

As we step into a new year, Northern Santa Barbara County is filled with invigorating prospects for fresh starts and possibilities. Allan Hancock College continues to lead the way in building exceptional opportunities that provide access to higher education. We believe everyone belongs at Hancock, and every day we change the odds by breaking down barriers.

How do we break barriers? By bringing a baccalaureate degree to Allan Hancock College. The Central Coast has long been a higher education desert with scarce access to bachelor's degrees nearby. The time is now to make a change. This month, the college will apply to offer a Bachelor of Science in applied professional studies.



See page 2 to learn how this effort will meet local employers' needs within the business industry and qualify students for well-paying local jobs.

We break barriers by creating state-of-the-art facilities that inspire creativity and ingenuity. The college's Fine Arts Complex opened in the spring of 2023, providing a central location for our talented fine arts students and faculty to collaborate under one roof. Not to be outdone, our creatives in PCPA moved into a brand-new stagecraft facility this past fall. Take a look at these facilities – and other bond construction projects – on page 7.

The Lompoc Valley Center (LVC) is celebrating 25 years of breaking barriers to accessible higher education in the Lompoc Valley. The LVC opened in April 1999, and the college is in a celebratory mood! We have exciting plans – from a time capsule burial, a leadership forum, a family-friendly day of fun, and more – and we invite you to take part as we honor the LVC's ongoing commitment to changing the odds. A look at the center's 25th anniversary plans is on page 5.

We break barriers through creating a culture of belonging. Inclusivity is a core element of the Allan Hancock College mission. How do we demonstrate this? Through: student clubs that foster diversity, equity, and inclusion (page 13); encouraging students to share their stories of hope and perseverance (page 11); recognizing and rewarding student excellence with

scholarships (page 17); and through our exceptional athletic programs that create Bulldog families for our student athletes and their coaches (page 19).

Here at Hancock, you belong.

I am extremely proud of the students, faculty, staff, and programs featured in this publication. Through the many pathways Hancock offers that encourage the pursuit of educational, career, and personal goals, we are all breaking barriers and changing the odds for our community.

With Bulldog pride,

A blue ink signature of Kevin G. Walthers.

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

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UnitED Central Coast

The Effort to Bring a Bachelor's Degree to AHC



Allan Hancock College and Cuesta College have joined forces to embark on an ambitious campaign to reshape the Central Coast's educational landscape.

Our mission? To bridge the local workforce gap by offering four-year degrees under the California Community Colleges Baccalaureate Degree Program. These efforts are poised to change the game for students and the region's economic prospects.

The launch of the UnitED Central Coast campaign on October 5, 2023, brought together the leaders of both colleges and a diverse array of stakeholders, including students and representatives from the business, education, and nonprofit sectors. The message was clear: it's time for a brighter and more dynamic future.

Hancock aims to introduce a Bachelor of Science in applied professional studies that will support a variety of industries, including childcare, agriculture, professional service firms, and non-profit organizations such as the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club. Cuesta's proposal centers on a Bachelor of Science in education, targeting students seeking careers in teaching, education, and related roles.

During a joint information session, the colleges unveiled their strategic plans to introduce the four-year degree programs. The ripple effect on the vibrant economies of Northern Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County promises to be transformative.

It's time for a brighter and more dynamic future.

The baccalaureate degrees will equip the Central Coast workforce with the skills needed to thrive in the region's flourishing industries.

The absence of affordable and accessible state universities on the Central Coast is a pressing issue. Local students must often choose between juggling family responsibilities or moving more than 100 miles from home to pursue a bachelor's degree. Expanding the capacity to provide four-year degrees here at home is a policy priority at the local and state levels. The City of Santa Maria identified this as a top goal during its planning processes prior to the pandemic. REACH, the

region's primary economic development convener, included expanding access to baccalaureate degrees as a top goal in its Vision 2030 plan, noting that the lack of local access to bachelor's degrees is a "significant barrier for socio-economically disadvantaged communities." The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office identified equitable baccalaureate attainment in its Vision 2030 plan.

The community response has been tremendous. Dozens of letters of support were collected from Central Coast business owners, educators, and elected officials – all agreeing that the vision fits our community and the time to act is now.

What's next?

Both colleges plan to submit applications to the state in 2024; Hancock's submission is slated for January. The approval process may extend into late 2024. The college hopes to launch the baccalaureate degree in fall 2025.

For more information, visit www.hancockcollege.edu/unitedcc



Hancock Graduates Shine

Allan Hancock College's 102nd commencement ceremony was a resounding celebration of success as thousands of students embarked on their next adventure. The festivities took place on the college's athletics field at the Santa Maria campus on a sunny Friday, May 26, where more than 600 beaming graduates took center stage.

This year was nothing short of remarkable, with 1,236 students earning 1,971 associate degrees and 1,309 certificates of achievement spanning an

impressive 101 different fields of study. Nearly 40 percent of the Class of 2023 earned a fee-free first year as a Bulldog with the Hancock Promise.

Additionally, Hancock's graduating class earned an estimated 1,040 degrees for transfer, making up more than 50 percent of all awarded degrees. In addition, the college maintained its streak of having the highest acceptance rate to Cal Poly, SLO, in 2023. Sixty-one percent of Hancock applicants were accepted to become Mustangs.





Fidencio Flores is a third-generation winemaker and a proud graduate of Hancock's viticulture and enology program. Photo Courtesy of Esfuerzo Wine.

Santa Ynez's Winemaking Legacy

Hancock Alum Fidencio Flores' Path to Success

For vintner Fidencio Flores, the art and business of winemaking is literally in his blood.

Flores, of Santa Ynez, is a third-generation winemaker and the owner and operator of Esfuerzo Wines. Fidencio's great-grandfather, Salvador Zepeda, was the first to cultivate grapes for the Firestone family in 1974. His son and Fidencio's grandfather, Armando Zepeda, planted the first vines in Buttonwood Vineyards in 1983.

"I grew up immersed in wine growing and the wine business," said Flores. "It really grew on me, and I knew that's what I wanted to do."

Flores' success in winemaking wasn't just due to his family's long history and deep knowledge of the industry. He also honed his talent and skills in Allan Hancock College's viticulture and enology program. Flores took Hancock classes during his summertime breaks from Chico State University.

"I wanted to keep learning and keep my knowledge sharp, so I came to Hancock's winemaking program," Flores said. "I was amazed at the quality of the program and education I was getting. All of my instructors had real experience or were actively working in the industry, and they were happy to share what they knew with us. That was very valuable."

Hancock's viticulture and enology program is one of the college's more unique offerings. The program educates students in the art and science of winemaking, covering grape cultivation, wine production, and the business and marketing aspects of selling wine. The program offers various degrees and certificates to prepare students for careers in the wine industry, professional advancement, or university transfer.

The program also offers students a hands-on learning experience. Students work in the college's on-campus vineyard and bonded winery to cultivate and

produce annual vintages. The wines are sold through the college winery and have earned national acclaim.

Flores graduated from Hancock's viticulture and enology program in 2012, but he is paying it forward by supporting the next generation of California winemakers at Hancock. Currently, he's sponsoring a recent graduate from the program as they continue their education at Fresno State University. Once they graduate, Flores said he plans to have a job waiting for them.

"Winemaking and farming are the lifeblood of our community, and you need to be willing to pass down what you know to the future generations," Flores said. "If you are not doing that, then the industry we've built in this community cannot thrive."

To learn more about Hancock's viticulture and enology program, visit hancockcollege.edu/viticulture.



The Lompoc Valley Center Turns 25!



In 1999, the Allan Hancock College Lompoc Valley Center ushered in a new era of education when 1,643 students graced its campus. What was first a modest college presence in the Lompoc Valley had evolved into a thriving educational institution. Prior to this, students in Lompoc faced the challenge of attending classes in a cramped strip mall storefront or in repurposed elementary school buildings. However, with the construction of the Lompoc Valley Center, these students embarked on their academic journey among 22 brand new state-of-the-art classrooms and labs.

The Lompoc Valley Center quickly became a beacon of learning. Its dynamic growth reflected the aspirations of the community, offering a diverse range of degrees and certificates, from accounting to social science. In 2014, the LVC expanded its offerings via completion of the Public Safety Training Complex. The complex offers cutting-edge training

facilities, including a 37,000-square-foot main building for fire and police academies, a burn house, a six-story fire tower, and specialized training areas. Since its inception, the Public Safety Training Complex has become the regional hub for emergency personnel training, facilitating effective collaboration among public safety agencies in times of crisis.

JOIN US!

The Lompoc Valley Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary in April with a special event to mark this significant milestone. Everyone is invited to join in commemorating a quarter-century of educational excellence and community impact.

To learn more
about the Lompoc
Valley Center, visit
hancockcollege.edu/lvc25



DID YOU KNOW?

Allan Hancock College offers degree programs that can be completed exclusively at our Lompoc Valley Center. These programs allow students to earn a two-year degree in their community.

Business Administration – AA

Business Administration – Associate Degree for Transfer

Liberal Arts – Math & Science – AA with Transfer GE

Liberal Arts – Math & Science – AA

Liberal Arts – Social & Behavioral Sciences –
AA with Transfer GE

Liberal Arts – Social & Behavioral Sciences – AA

Psychology – Associate Degree for Transfer

For more information, visit
hancockcollege.edu/lvcdegrees



An aerial view of Allan Hancock College's Lompoc Valley Campus.

A dream come true

◆ Allan Hancock College raises \$600,000 for the Lompoc campus, \$200,000 more than hoped for.

By KATHERINE McDONALD
OF THE RECORD STAFF
"Success feels good." In those few, but very expressive words, Deborah Peterson, executive director of the Allan Hancock College Foundation, summed up the happy conclusion of 11 months of diligent effort raising money for the college's Lompoc Valley Center.

College administrators, donors, community representatives and members of the "Invest in the Dream" campaign fund-raising team gathered at the center's cafe late Thursday afternoon for a reception to celebrate the wrap-up of the campaign. Not only had it reached the original \$400,000 campaign goal, but, thanks to a



Katherine McDonald/Lompoc Record
From left, Invest in the Dream fund-raising co-chairman Bob Coe, George and Winnie Howard, and AHC President Anne Foxworthy celebrate at an event Thursday night.

Howard, Jr., the campaign brought in \$800,000, \$200,000 more than the goal. "The Howard's donation made all the difference in the world," said Ann Foxworthy college president. "Their generous gift provided the challenge and encouraged the fund-raising team to go out and ask

- At a glance**
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J.M. Long Foundation
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James and Dorathea Williams



LVC Grand Opening Celebration April 1999



A Bright Future

Hancock's Fine Arts Complex Enhances Student Experience and Sustainability



Exterior Photo Courtesy of Randy De La Peña, Santa María Times.



Allan Hancock College proudly introduced its latest addition in February 2023 – the brand-new Fine Arts Complex. This \$50 million, state-of-the-art facility serves as the centralized hub for the college's fine arts and performing arts programs, streamlining their operations and enhancing the campus experience.

The facility encompasses classroom and office spaces catering to the college's visual arts, multimedia and applied design, photography, film and video, dance, and music programs. Furthermore, it features the 350-seat Boyd Concert Hall, rehearsal spaces for dance and music, studios for art and pottery, student lounge areas, and a room for film screenings. Following its

groundbreaking in September 2020, the building welcomed students and faculty for the 2023 spring semester.

"This was definitely worth the wait and far beyond what we could have anticipated," said Hancock Professor of Art and Design and Fine Arts Department Chair John Hood. "The facility is truly stunning and a dream come true."

The college's commitment to sustainability was evident in the building's design. The facility features water-efficient plumbing fixtures, LED lighting throughout, and occupancy-controlled outlets and lighting to reduce energy consumption. Solar power plays a vital role, with solar panels on the terrace contributing to the building's energy,

passive solar metal panels aimed at reducing heating costs, and rooftop solar panels that supply hot water stored in insulated tanks on the second floor.

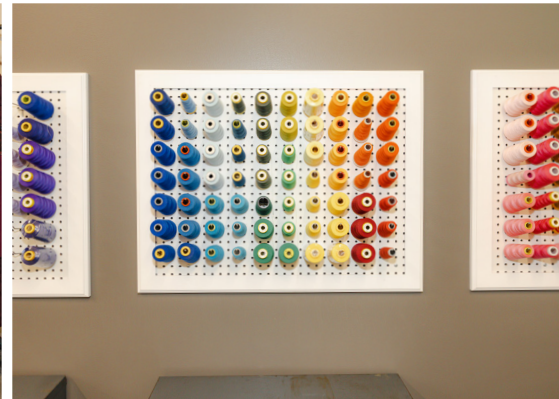
Funding for the Fine Arts Complex was sourced from the voter-approved Bond Measure I, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, and a generous donation from the estate of former Hancock fine arts faculty member Patricia Boyd.

To learn more about the Fine Arts Complex, visit hancockcollege.edu/finearts



From Sawdust to Spotlight

Inside PCPA's State-of-the-Art Stagecraft Facility



Allan Hancock College and the Pacific Conservatory Theatre (PCPA) celebrated the opening of the new PCPA Stagecraft building on September 15. Located at the northwest corner of the Santa Maria campus, the 6,676-square-foot building serves as a cutting-edge facility for students and staff in PCPA's technical theatre training program, enabling the creation of professional-quality scenery, props, and costumes.

The new facility includes dedicated workspaces for carpentry, costume design, and set and prop construction. To ensure safety and cleanliness, the building is equipped with specialized technology, including an intricate dust control vacuum system, an outdoor welding yard, dye stations, and a laundry area.

"The modernity, effectiveness, safety, and efficiency of these stagecraft spaces will not only have a powerfully positive impact on the program's students and the scenery, properties, and costume departments, but on every member of the PCPA company and the thousands of Central Coast community members that we serve from our stages," said PCPA Artistic Director and Hancock Associate Dean Mark Booher.

The construction, initiated in August 2022, cost \$6.9 million and was paid for by the voter-approved Bond Measure I. The grand opening of the stagecraft building occurred as PCPA celebrated its 60th anniversary.



To learn more about PCPA and its legacy in the community, visit pcpa.org





Student Arts Club Keeps Community Vibrant With Mall Murals

Hancock students are enthusiastic about making a positive impact on their community, and the members of the college's Studio Arts Club are shining examples of this commitment.

The club's hard work and talent are on full display at the Town Center Mall in Santa Maria, where the students painted two colorful, large-scale wall murals in 2023.

"We wanted to give back to our community and show them that art is alive and well in Santa Maria," said Hancock student and Studio Arts Club President Diana Barbosa. "We have so many talented artists at the college and in our city, and these murals are a way to remind people of that."

A total of 16 students worked on the two murals. The first mural, *Marisol*, is a 12x13-foot mural featuring a woman's face and underwater scenery. The club's second mural, *Quetzalcoatl*, features a massive depiction of the Aztec deity. Spanning 12x27 feet, this piece was created as a tribute to Santa Maria's Latinx community.

"They really thought about what the community would want to see in that specific space," said Hancock Associate Art Professor and club advisor Adrienne Allebe. "These students really put their heart and soul into these murals purely for the love of making art."

The students designed and painted the murals, which took roughly 52 to 78 hours to complete. The students put in those long hours of hard work on the projects before, after, and in between classes, some of them staying into the early morning to ensure the works of art came out exactly as they had envisioned them.

"Creating something that you know people are going to walk by and see every day is exciting and humbling," said club member and Hancock art student Esteban Guerra Pineda. "We worked very hard, and I hope people who walk by these in the mall will enjoy them."

The students in the Studio Arts Club show no sign of slowing down. They have participated in a number of community events, including the Santa Barbara Chalk Festival, Santa Maria Downtown Fridays, and Open Streets Santa Maria. In addition, they are also working on a mural for the Maya Restaurant.

"This really feels like a special time in the art program because we have so many talented, highly self-motivated students who sincerely enjoy each other and making art together," Allebe said. "It's been a joy to see the club grow and work so well together on these projects."

To learn more about the Studio Arts Club, and other student clubs at Hancock, visit hancockcollege.edu/asbg/clubs.php





Members of Hancock's Studio Arts Club spent hours designing and painting two large-scale murals in the Santa Maria Town Center Mall.



You Belong at Hancock!



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Skyler Grimnes knew exactly what career he wanted to be in from a very young age.

“Ever since I was a kid, I loved animals,” said Grimnes.

“I knew I wanted a job where I could work with animals, so when I came to Hancock, I chose a program that would put me on that path.”



Grimnes is a student in Allan Hancock College’s biology program, where he is building a foundation of knowledge and skills that will help him reach his goal of transferring to a university and, eventually, a career as a zookeeper, working with exotic animals and ensuring they are healthy and happy.

Each year, thousands of students like Grimnes discover how Hancock can support them in their educational journey.

Through an array of academic programs and student support services, Hancock offers students from all backgrounds and walks of life the tools they need to succeed.

Unlike Grimnes, Leo Valencia was unsure exactly what career he wanted to pursue when he came to Hancock but found his path to the college’s recreation management program by following his interests.

“I wanted to study something that aligned with my values.

I liked the idea of being able to work in my community and encouraging people to get outside and be active,” said Valencia. “Not everyone gets that opportunity, and I wanted to be able to help them experience that.”

Being able to use one’s passions and interests to choose a program or career path has never been easier at Hancock. Throughout the college’s

Guided Pathways website, potential

and current students can explore Hancock’s hundreds of academic programs categorized under seven “areas of interest,” such as business and finance, creative arts, sciences and technologies, and more.





You belong! With hundreds of degree and certificate programs, robust student support services, and a vibrant campus community, there's a place for everyone at Allan Hancock College.

Sciences

Hospitality, Recreation & Fashion

People, Cultures & Languages

Sciences & Technologies

In addition to exploring the college degree and certificate programs by interest, students can use the Guided Pathways website to take a career quiz and connect with the college's Career Center and Counseling department to learn how to take the next step in their education or career journey.

"I like learning about how the mind works and discovering how different people's perspectives and experiences affect what they do,"

said Hancock psychology student Lucy Ramos, whose major falls under the People, Cultures and Languages area of



interest. "I knew I belonged in psychology because I want to make a positive impact in people's lives."

Guided Pathways is more than just a website; it's a bridge between who a student is and who they want to be. It's a college-wide framework that helps students discover how their interests can grow into a college education and a successful future. Coupled with the college's financial aid, student support programs, and active student clubs, Hancock is a place where all students can feel welcomed, supported, and prepared to take the next step toward their future.

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To learn more and find out why you belong at Hancock, visit hancockcollege.edu/pathways.



Your College Your Community



Hancock's **Beyond Incarceration Greater Education Club** provides support and resources for formerly-incarcerated students.

Allan Hancock College students come from all walks of life.

A strong and active commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout Hancock's programs, services, events, and student clubs remains part of the college's core mission.

"Our efforts are focused on engaging the campus community to examine a diverse range of perspectives, cultivating skills, and providing support and resources to transform the way we serve students, employees, and the surrounding communities through culturally responsive and humanizing actions," said Hancock Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.

In 2023, that mission was on full display as the college marked several important milestones. In June, Hancock partnered with students in the AHC Pride Alliance Club to host the college's first-ever pride flag celebration. The event, held in honor of Pride Month, was an opportunity for LGBTQIA students to make their voices heard and promote understanding and visibility for LGBTQIA issues.

"To all of the students who aren't out for whatever their reasons, I hope that they can see the flag and know that there's a community waiting here for them," said Pride Alliance President and Hancock student Matthew Denison. "We want them to know that the door is open to them whenever they're ready."

Hancock also continued its work supporting formerly incarcerated students and those impacted by the criminal justice system through the Phoenix Scholars program, Rising Scholars program, and the Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) club.

Phoenix Scholars at Allan Hancock College is a program within Hancock's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) that supports criminal justice system-impacted and gang-impacted youth seeking a higher education. The Rising Scholars program works directly with the United States Penitentiary in Lompoc and the Central Coast community to expand opportunities and build strong pathways from incarceration to educational achievement.

The BIGE Club is a student-led organization dedicated to breaking down stereotypes about formerly incarcerated students and connecting them with support and resources during their journey at Hancock. The club is active and heavily involved on campus and in the community.

“We want to provide a warm and welcoming environment on campus,” said BIGE Club Vice-President and Rising Scholar Program Specialist Gabriel Ochoa. “It’s very helpful to see people who are familiar with the challenges of being a formerly incarcerated student supporting each other. It shows them they belong on campus.”

While BIGE continues its important work, another student club is focusing on raising awareness about mental health issues.

Hancock’s new Mental Wellness Club provides a safe space for students to share their experiences and feelings without fear of judgment, advocates for equal and easy access to mental health



*The **Mental Wellness Club** is a new space where students, staff, and faculty have important conversations about mental health in safe and supportive environments.*

resources, and works towards diminishing the stigma surrounding mental health and mental illness. In 2023, the club organized

training, events, and discussion panels designed to encourage students, staff, and faculty to learn more about mental health issues and how to support individuals experiencing mental health crises.

“Mental health is just as important as physical health, and it goes hand-in-hand to be a well-rounded person,” said Club President Samantha Martinez. “We wanted to create a space where people can have conversations about mental health without judgment or stigma. The reaction has been very positive.”

These are just a few examples of how Hancock is building a more diverse and inclusive college experience in our community.

To learn more, visit hancockcollege.edu/deia.



*Members of the **Pride Alliance Club** celebrated Pride Week with a LGBTQIA flag-raising ceremony.*

Local Heroes in the Making

How Hancock's Inaugural Paramedic Class is Meeting High Industry Demand



Deep in the heart of the AHC Public Safety Training Complex, the college's new EMS Paramedic Academy is training the next generation of real-world heroes. With the increasing demand for skilled paramedics across the nation, the program intends to meet a critical need in our community.

The EMS paramedic program equips students with essential knowledge in areas like patient care, medication administration, and effective communication. Students become skilled in airway management and maintaining patient stability, preparing them to handle a wide variety of emergencies with skill and confidence.

"We prepare students first with lectures and then move them out to practice in a scenario setting," said program coordinator Sabrina Hrabe. "This way, they can feel comfortable and confident when applying hands-on skills in training and in the real world."

The inaugural class is already making a mark in paramedic education. The academy has earned approval from both the California State EMS Authority and the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency, a testament to the program's commitment to training future paramedics to the highest standards.

This is welcome news in an industry where paramedics are in high demand.





“There’s a nationwide shortage of paramedics, so a lot of local partners and agencies are actively seeking these professionals,” said Hrabe. “Out of 12 students in the program, almost half are currently employed with local agencies like the San Luis Obispo City Fire Department and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.”

The field offers diverse career opportunities beyond traditional ambulance roles,

including positions as flight medics and in the military, Hrabe added.

Prospective paramedic students begin their journey through Hancock’s Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Academy. They must earn at least 1,000 hours of EMT experience within the past three years and maintain valid California EMT certification and CPR cards.

Upon completion of the paramedic program, graduates earn a certificate

of achievement, which qualifies them to take the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) examination, a critical step toward becoming licensed paramedics in the state of California.



To learn more about the paramedic program, visit hancockcollege.edu/emsparemedic

FOUNDATION GRANTS \$525,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023



A cheerful crowd of students and donors descended upon the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium last spring, adding an extra dose of excitement to graduation week.

The reason? The Foundation's annual scholarship awards, where the air was filled with anticipation and applause.

This year, the Foundation awarded 446 scholarships totaling \$525,000 to 293 Allan Hancock College students.

Hancock class of 2023 graduate Katherine Goldstein received the prestigious Marian Hancock Scholarship. Named in honor of the late wife of Captain G. Allan Hancock, the \$10,000 scholarship is awarded to one outstanding student each year who exemplifies service to the school, scholastic achievement, and personal conduct. Goldstein is graduating from Hancock with an associate degree in agricultural plant science.

"When I first started at Hancock my primary goal was to finish my degree after years of starting and stopping community college," said Goldstein. "I had no idea my experience at this school would be so transformative and expansive. It led me to where I am now."

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but not sure how? Visit**



hancockcollege.edu/foundation/how-to-give.php

"FINAL FORE" GOLF TOURNAMENT A SLAM DUNK

**Play golf. Watch basketball.
Support student-athletes. That's
the annual plan for Hancock's
Final Fore Golf Tournament.**

"This is a fundraising golf tournament with a twist," said Hancock's Athletic Director Kim Ensing. "It's held each year on the same Monday as the NCAA Men's Final Four Championship game, so we get to play golf all afternoon and watch the game at night. It's a fun day!"

The 2023 fundraiser featured 31 teams comprised of 124 players at Santa Maria Country Club's 18-hole course and raised \$25,000 for Hancock student-athletes. "This is becoming a great annual event in support of our student-athletes and programs," said Ensing.

The 2024 Final Fore Golf Tournament is set for the same location on April 8. Those interested in sponsorship, donating raffle prizes, or entering teams can contact shelby.scott@hancockcollege.edu.



Hancock Honors

A Night to Celebrate Hancock's Impact



Allan Hancock College's inaugural Hancock Honors celebration was a night of exciting firsts as the college announced the dedication of its new concert hall.

During the sold-out event, held September 9 at the college's Fine Arts Complex, Hancock announced that it was naming the complex's 350-seat concert hall "Boyd Concert Hall" after the late Patricia "Patty" Boyd, a longtime patron of the arts and beloved local music teacher.

Boyd was one of three individuals honored at Hancock Honors. The event recognized exceptional community leaders with ties

to Allan Hancock College who have made positive and lasting impacts through their lives and their work. Also honored were AHC Superintendent/President Emeritus Ann Foxworthy Lewellen, Ph.D and GRAMMY Award-winning recording artist and PCPA alumnus Tommy Soulati Shepherd.

"Patty inspired generations of students, and her love and support of music and the arts in this community lives on through her legacy and in this concert hall," said Hancock Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. "This facility would not be here without her generosity."

Proceeds from the Hancock Honors benefit the Hancock Promise program, which provides local high school graduates with a year of free tuition at Hancock.

"We are thankful to see individuals, businesses, and organizations in our community stepping up to support the Promise," said AHC Foundation Executive Director Jon Hooten, Ph.D. "Thanks to their support, we are closer to our goal of expanding the Hancock Promise to cover two full years of tuition for local students."

HANCOCK HONORS SPOTLIGHT

Samantha Martinez's Triumph Over Adversity

Hancock student Samantha Martinez shared her inspiring journey at the Hancock Honors event. Raised by immigrant parents, Samantha saw the challenges faced by immigrant families and founded Latinos Unidos at Orcutt Academy High School.

While still in high school, Samantha initiated a mental health support campaign after experiencing personal hardships during the pandemic. After enrolling at Hancock with the Hancock Promise, she continued to demonstrate leadership, becoming the president of the

Associated Student Body Government and launching the new Mental Wellness Club.

Samantha plans to graduate and pursue a degree in political science and pre-law. She emphasized the significance of the Hancock Promise, which offers financial stability, and encouraged donations to support students like her. "None of this would've been possible without the Hancock Promise," said Samantha. "It allowed me to slow things down, to do it right—all without incurring any student debt. That is so huge.



It's a head start. And it provided so much stability that first year."

To donate to the Promise, which provides a tuition-free first year to local students, visit hancockcollege.edu/promise/community.php





2022-23

Bulldog Athletics: A Year in Review



Dear Bulldog Nation,

In 2022-23, the Allan Hancock College Bulldogs celebrated a year that stands as a milestone in our program's history. We witnessed an unprecedented level of success, both on and off the field, that exceeded all expectations.

Our programs tallied an impressive 115 wins, with 12 teams securing playoff berths. Notably, three of our coaches received the esteemed 'Coach of the Year' accolade from their league peers, while one of our student-athletes earned recognition as the men's swimming athlete of the year at the conference level.

Football claimed their 10th league champion title and the 2022 James A. Cobb Family Strawberry Bowl championship. Our women's soccer team etched their name in history with their first conference championship win, and an impressive seven teams ranked within the top three in the final conference standings. Meanwhile, the women's basketball team achieved a 20+ win season, a milestone not reached since 1995. Additionally, our women's golf team, rejuvenated after a three-decade hiatus, qualified four individuals for the Southern California Regional Championship.

One of our most significant achievements was the graduation of 110 student-athletes

last spring. Over 80 percent of these graduates chose to further their education at four-year institutions, with nearly 40 of them signing scholarships to continue competing at NCAA and NAIA levels. Our men's and women's swimming programs also shone, earning six individual Western State Conference Champion titles and witnessing ten athletes secure top-10 finishes at the 3C2A State Championship.

While victories on the field are undoubtedly enjoyable, our primary focus extends beyond the win column. We prioritize the unique challenges faced by community college student-athletes and aim to guide them toward success in life.



We believe in preparing them with the skills they need to thrive. This mission requires a collective effort, and we are grateful for the collaboration and support from our dedicated team, including coaches, athletic trainers, academic counselors, sports information staff, and more.

Our work is demanding but fulfilling, as we strive to ensure that our student-athletes have a rewarding experience at Hancock, even without athletic scholarships or on-campus housing. We envision every athlete leaving as a proud Bulldog alum. We owe our gratitude to all who contribute to this shared vision.

Being a part of #BulldogNation is a privilege, and we eagerly anticipate the continued success we will achieve together.

With Bulldog pride,

Kim Ensing
Athletic Director

View recent athletic highlights!



Hancock is Happening!

Allan Hancock College is a lively and vibrant institution. There's always something new for students to see or do!



Empowered and Prepared. Cadets graduate from AHC's CORE Custody Academy at the Public Safety Training Complex.



Exploring Futures. Junior high school students suit up for Career Carnival fun on the Santa Maria campus.



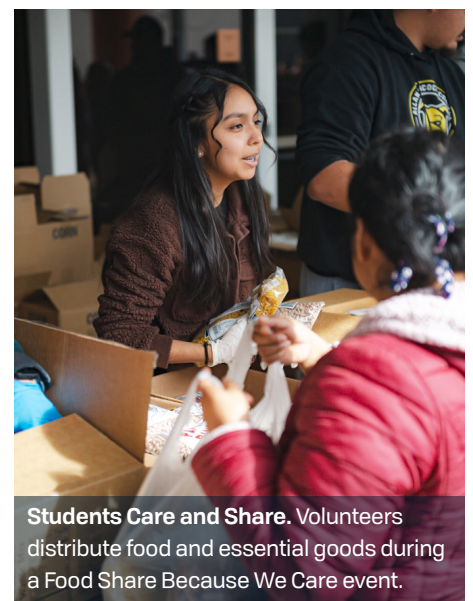
Civic Engagement. Students make their voices heard by registering to vote on Constitution Day.



Flavorful Celebrations. Savoring kimchi jjigae on AHC Diversity Day.



Relaxation Between Classes. Finding tranquility on the Santa Maria campus.



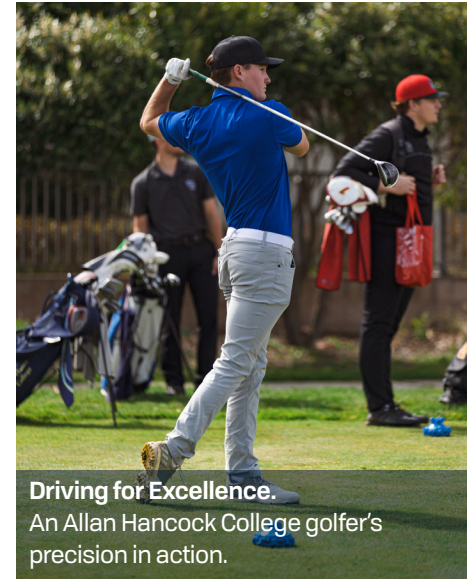
Students Care and Share. Volunteers distribute food and essential goods during a Food Share Because We Care event.



Unveiling Talent. Dancers showcase their skills at the grand opening of the Fine Arts Complex.



Transcending Together. Celebrating university transfers with students and proud parents.



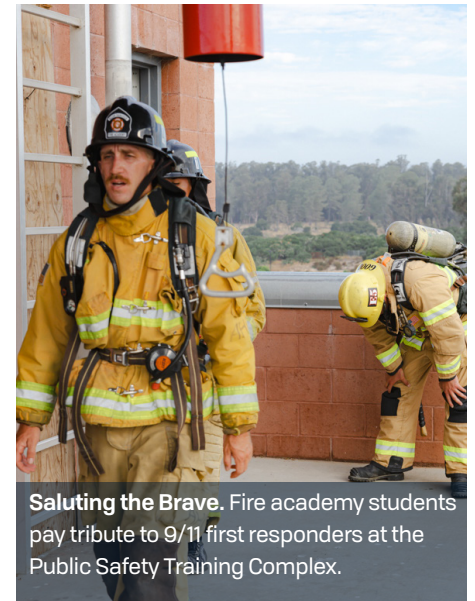
Driving for Excellence. An Allan Hancock College golfer's precision in action.



Elevating Beauty and Confidence. Student makeovers shine on International Women's Day.



Brewing Bonds. Campus Safety connects with students at Coffee With a Cop.



Saluting the Brave. Fire academy students pay tribute to 9/11 first responders at the Public Safety Training Complex.



Nourishing the Community. AHC's culinary program serves soup at the SB Food Bank's annual Empty Bowls event.



Enlightened Fun. Students engage in an eye-opening game of pong while exploring the sobering truths of alcohol during Alcohol Awareness Week.

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Register Now for Spring 2024 Classes

All students register online at www.hancockcollege.edu via myHancock. This system allows for 24/7 access.

Registration continues through January 21.

Registration with an add code begins the first scheduled day of each class.

Classes begin January 22.

For a complete look at classes offered this spring, including course descriptions, prerequisites, and other class details, visit www.hancockcollege.edu and click Search Classes on the home page.

Fees

All California residents pay \$46 per credit, plus other minimal fees.

Financial aid is available. Visit www.hancockcollege.edu/financial_aid or call the Financial Aid office at 805-922-6966 ext. 3200.

Need Help with Registration?

Visit www.hancockcollege.edu/register or call 805-922-6966 ext. 3248.

Assistance is available by phone Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Check out spring class offerings in...

Accounting (SM/LVC/O)
Administration of Justice (SM/LVC/O)
Agriculture (SM)
American Sign Language (SM/LVC)
Anthropology (SM/O)
Apprenticeship Training
Architecture (SM)
Art (SM/LVC/O)
Astronomy (SM/LVC)
Athletic Training (SM)
Auto Body Technology (SM)
Automotive Technology (SM)
Biology (SM/LVC/O)
Business (SM/LVC/O)
Chemistry (SM/LVC/O)
Computer Business Information Systems (SM/LVC/O)
Computer Business Office Technology (SM/O)
Computer Science (SM/O)
Cooperative Work Experience
Culinary Arts (SM/O)
Dance (SM/O)
Dental Assisting (SM)
Drama (SM/O)
Early Childhood Studies (SM/LVC/O)
Economics (SM/LVC/SY/O)
Education (SM)
Electronics (SM)
Emergency Medical Services (SM/LVC/O)
EMS Paramedic (LVC)
Engineering (SM)
Engineering Technology (SM)
English (SM/LVC/O)
English as a Second Language (SM/LVC)
Entrepreneurship (O)
Environmental Health & Safety (SM/LVC)
Ethnic Studies (SM/O)
Family and Consumer Science (SM/O)
Fashion (SM)
Film (SM/LVC/O)
Fire Technology (LVC/O)
Food Science and Nutrition (SM/O)
Geography (SM/O)
Geology (SM/O)
Global Studies (SM/O)
Graphics (SM)
Health Education (SM/LVC/O)
History/Humanities (SM/LVC/O)
Human Services (SM/O)
Interior Design & Merchandising (SM)
Law Enforcement Training (LVC)
Leadership (SM)
LGBT Studies (SM)
Library Skills (O)
Machining & Manufacturing Technology (SM)
Mathematics (SM/LVC/VSEB/O)
Medical Assisting (SM)
Medical Billing (O)
Multimedia Arts & Communication (SM)
Music (SM/LVC/O)
Nursing (SM/LVC)
Paralegal (SM/O)
Personal Development (SM/LVC/O)
Philosophy (SM/O)
Photography (SM/LVC/O)
Physical Education (SM/LVC/O)
Intercollegiate Athletics (SM)
Physical Science (SM)
Physics (SM/LVC)
Political Science (SM/LVC/O)
Psychology (SM/LVC/O)
Reading (SM)
Real Estate (O)
Recreation (SM)
Science Technology Engineering Math (SM)
Sociology (SM/LVC/O)
Spanish (SM/O)
Speech Communication (SM/LVC/VSEB/O)
Theatre (SM)
Veterinary Technology (SM)
Viticulture & Enology (SM/SYV)
Welding Technology (SM)
Wildland Fire Technology (LVC/O)
SM = Santa Maria
LVC = Lompoc Valley Center
SY = Santa Ynez Valley Center
VSEB = Vandenberg SFB Center
O = Online

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