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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/ PRESIDENT



Dear Community,

At Allan Hancock College, we talk a lot about changing the odds, and every day I see what that really means. It means students who overcome challenges, families who find new opportunities, and a community that believes in what's possible.

In these pages, you'll meet students and alumni whose paths reflect the best of the Central Coast: determination, creativity, and a drive to make a difference. Each story is built on real effort, real opportunity, and real impact.

What happens at Hancock reaches far beyond the classroom. Every class completed and every degree earned strengthens our local workforce and our region's future. When our students succeed, the community succeeds with them.

Together, we are creating opportunities that open doors, change lives, and build a stronger Central Coast.

Thank you for believing in Hancock, for supporting our students, and for helping us continue to change the odds, one real story at a time.

With Bulldog pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.".

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

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THE METALLICA FOUNDATION
is fueling Hancock's Fire Academy. See page 15.



ALUMNI ERIKA ALJENS

SHOWING UP FOR SUCCESS

How Hancock Helped Erika Aljens Build a Life in Law

When Erika Aljens enrolled at Allan Hancock College in 1987, she wasn't thinking about building a national legal career or earning the right to practice law in four states. Her goal was simple: prove to herself that she could finish what she started.

After a few false starts at other community colleges, Aljens moved to Solvang to live with her mother and decided to give college one more try at Hancock, uncertain about what the future held.

"Hancock just felt welcoming," Aljens recalled. "The campus was small and friendly. It felt like a place where I could start again."

That new start took root in an unexpected place: a philosophy class. Under the guidance of Hancock Professor Gary Bierly, Aljens discovered a subject that challenged her intellect and reignited her confidence. She threw herself into her studies, taking every philosophy class the college offered.

"Those classes inspired me," she said. "They gave me confidence that I could do the work and keep showing up."

At Hancock, Aljens found not only encouragement but also opportunity. She ran for student government and was elected commissioner of communications. Before graduating, Aljens received a scholarship through the Allan Hancock College Foundation. The financial support helped fund her transfer to the University of California, Davis.

"The scholarship made a huge difference," Aljens said. "It wasn't just financial; it made me feel like the college believed in me."

After earning her bachelor's degree from UC Davis, Aljens set her sights on law school. She enrolled at McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, working full time during the day and attending classes at night. The same determination that fueled her success at Hancock carried her through law school as well.

"It was grueling," she said, "but Hancock taught me how to show up, even when things get hard."

After graduating, Aljens accepted a full-time position with the California Attorney General's Office. Her career soon took her across the country. She moved to New York City shortly after 9/11, passed the New York bar, and later became licensed in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Over the years, she built a successful career as in-house counsel for national insurance companies, specializing in coverage litigation.

Aljens now considers herself semi-retired, taking on projects that interest her and volunteering her time for pro bono work. She credits her success to the lessons she learned at Hancock, particularly the importance of perseverance.

"You don't have to have it all figured out," Aljens said. "Just keep showing up. That's half the battle."



SPOTLIGHT PABLO RAMOS

BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

Pablo Ramos' Path from Hancock to Structural Engineering Success

Growing up in the Tanglewood area outside Santa Maria, Pablo Ramos always knew about Allan Hancock College. He attended PCPA performances as a kid and saw the campus as part of his community. But it wasn't until life threw him a curveball that Hancock became the turning point that would define his future.

After graduating from Santa Maria High School, Ramos left the Central Coast to attend a private university in the Bay Area, but the fit wasn't right. He returned home, unsure what came next, and enrolled at Allan Hancock College.

"Hancock had always been right there in my backyard," Ramos said. "When I came back, Hancock gave me the chance to refocus and start again."

At first, Ramos wasn't sure which direction to take. He explored majors while also playing football for the Bulldogs. Eventually, he found his fit in engineering.

Ramos found real support through Hancock's MESA program and from faculty mentors such as Professor Dominic Dal Bello, guidance that helped him gain confidence and a strong sense of community.

After Hancock, Ramos transferred to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in architectural engineering. Raising a young family while navigating demanding coursework wasn't easy, but Hancock had taught him how to persevere.

"The college really prepared me for Cal Poly's pace and rigor," he said. "The professors at Hancock are invested in their students' futures."

Today, Ramos is an associate and project manager with KPFF Consulting Engineers in Los Angeles, where he oversees large-scale structural engineering projects, including a \$500 million hospital campus for Kaiser Permanente in San Jose. His work sometimes brings him full circle; he has

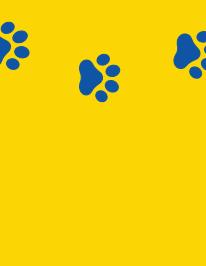
collaborated on educational facilities across the Central Coast and hopes to one day contribute to a project at Hancock.

Even with his career now based in Southern California, Ramos has remained closely tied to his roots. He regularly returns to speak with Hancock engineering students, and he and his wife, also a Hancock graduate, sponsor a scholarship for Santa Maria High School students.

"Giving back is important," Ramos said. "I want students from this area to see that it's possible to come from here and succeed anywhere."

For those beginning their college journey, Ramos offers the same advice he once followed: keep going.

"Your education is an investment in your future," he said. "Figure out what you're passionate about, take advantage of the support around you, and don't be afraid to adjust your path. If you keep moving forward, everything else will fall into place."



A UNIVERSITY EDUCATION THAT'S CLOSE TO HOME

Hancock partners with Cal Poly and CSU Channel Islands to bring bachelor's degrees to Santa Maria.

For decades, local students seeking a bachelor's degree faced a familiar dilemma. They could relocate, commute long distances, or put their dreams on hold. Today, Allan Hancock College is changing that. Through new partnerships with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and CSU Channel Islands, university programs are coming directly to Santa Maria, giving students access to four-year degrees while staying rooted in the community they call home.

The first of these programs launched in fall 2024, when Cal Poly introduced its Bachelor's Pathway in Sociology at Hancock. Students complete upper-division coursework with Cal Poly faculty right on the Hancock campus. The hybrid format offers flexibility for working Santa Maria adults, parents, and traditional students, and it eliminates the commute that often puts a university degree out of reach.

"I have two young kids and a full-time job," said sociology student Tawny Ilean Lino. "I never thought a bachelor's degree was possible for me. Having Cal Poly here



BACHELOR'S DEGREES AT AHC

2024
Cal Poly B.A. in Sociology

2026
Cal Poly B.S. in Business Administration

2026
CSUCI B.S. in Nursing

2030
Two additional Cal Poly programs planned

changed everything." Students in the program are fully enrolled Mustangs with access to Cal Poly advising and academic support while studying close to home.

Building on this early success, Cal Poly will launch its Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Hancock in fall 2026. Courses will be taught in person by Cal Poly faculty, and the schedule will be designed for working adults. Students say they appreciate having a local option that leads to professional advancement. The degree will also help local employers by preparing graduates for leadership roles in management, human resources, and operations.

A third partnership, the CSU Channel Islands Bachelor of Science in Nursing, will also begin in fall 2026. The hybrid BSN pathway gives associate degree nursing graduates, LVNs, and working RNs the ability to advance their careers without leaving the region. For students balancing long shifts and family life, this program offers access



Allan Hancock College graduates now studying sociology through Cal Poly on Hancock's campus. Tawny Ilean Lino is seated second from the right.

to advancement that previously required travel or relocation. Local hospitals and healthcare providers will benefit as well, gaining more BSN-prepared nurses to meet rising demand.

Across all three programs, students share a common message: Staying local matters; staying connected matters; and having access to university degrees close to home opens doors that once felt out of reach.

Together, these partnerships mark a historic step forward for the region. They create real pathways to university success, strengthen the local workforce, and help more students earn degrees that support our community's future.

FAST FACTS

3 bachelor's degrees offered locally

2 university partners

1 mission: expanding access to higher education in Northern Santa Barbara County

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT >>>



HELEN YANEZ *Helen Yanez*



FINDING HER VOICE THROUGH ART

Hancock Student Helen Yanez Paints Her Community's Story

For Allan Hancock College fine arts student Helen Yanez, art has always been a way of telling stories that words can't capture. What began as simple sketches on paper has grown into a vibrant career in studio and digital art - one that connects her culture, community, and what she's learning in the classroom.

Yanez first came to Hancock after graduating from Pioneer Valley High School, drawn by the accessibility and opportunity available at a community college.

"I wanted to stay in school, but I didn't know what I wanted to pursue yet," Yanez said.

"Hancock gave me the freedom to try different things."

At first, she explored classes in various disciplines, including architecture and general education, before realizing that art was more than a hobby she enjoyed - it could be her life's work.

"I never saw art as a professional path until I came to Hancock," she said. "I realized I could study it academically and build it into a career."

Yanez was born in the Purépecha region of Michoacán, Mexico, and was raised across Southern California before settling in Santa Maria. She states that those varied cultural experiences deeply inform her work. Whether sketching, painting with watercolors, or creating digital illustrations, she sees art as both personal expression and a reflection of the social dynamics of her community.

"A lot of my art is about showing the reality of our Brown and Indigenous communities," she explained. "It's not about romanticizing suffering but about honoring the truth of what people experience, especially farm-working families."

Her time at Hancock gave her both the technical foundation and the encouragement to turn that passion into action. Faculty support and open collaboration, she said, have been key to her growth.

"The professors are amazing," Yanez said. "They listen and they connect you with opportunities to grow. That one-on-one support makes a big difference."

Those connections recently led to her most ambitious project yet: a mural commissioned by the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture.

"It's a seven-by-seven mural representing Santa Maria," she said. "It's an honor, and something that's going to take a full year to develop."

Outside of school, Yanez works part-time with Corazón del Pueblo, the Cultural and Creative Arts Center of Santa Maria Valley, where she mentors younger artists.

"It means everything when kids come up and say, 'You're that artist!'" she said. "They see a Brown artist doing this work, and they realize they can, too."

As she prepares to achieve her goal of transferring to a university, Yanez hopes to combine her love of studio work with art history and academia as she continues her journey in higher education.

<<< STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JAMES EDWARDS *James Edwards*

POWERING THE FUTURE

James Edwards' Journey from Machining to Nuclear Engineering

When James Edwards first enrolled at Allan Hancock College, his goal was simple: earn an associate degree in machining and manufacturing, find a job, and get to work. As he prepares to graduate this spring, that plan has grown much bigger.

A graduate of Orcutt Academy, Edwards became a Bulldog through the Hancock Promise program, which offers local students up to two years of tuition-free college.

"At first, that sounded perfect," he said. "I was just going to get my associate degree in machining and manufacturing and immediately start working."

But encouragement from his instructor, Hector Ramos Martinez, changed everything.

"Hector was the one who told me I could do more," Edwards said. "He graduated from Hancock and transferred to UC Berkeley himself, and that really inspired me."

Edwards discovered that his curiosity extended beyond the workshop. He began taking advanced math, chemistry, and physics courses and realized that his love for problem-solving naturally led to engineering.

Edwards now plans to transfer to the University of California, Berkeley, one of

the few schools in California that offers a degree in nuclear engineering.

"I've worked hard, and I'm ready," he said.

For Edwards, the leap from machining to nuclear science makes perfect sense. He sees both forms of creative construction and problem-solving: one with tools, the other with ideas and equations. His ultimate goal is to help develop large-scale fusion reactors that could one day power entire cities.

"Fusion is the cleanest source of energy," he explained. "If we could make it large-scale, it would help so many people and be so much better for the environment. That's what motivates me — solving big problems that make life better."

He credits Hancock not just with preparing him academically, but also with helping him find a sense of belonging.

"At first I'd just come to class and leave," he said. "Now I stay here, studying, tutoring, and talking with other students. Once you feel part of the community, you want to be on campus."



THIS IS WHAT CHANGING THE ODDS LOOKS LIKE



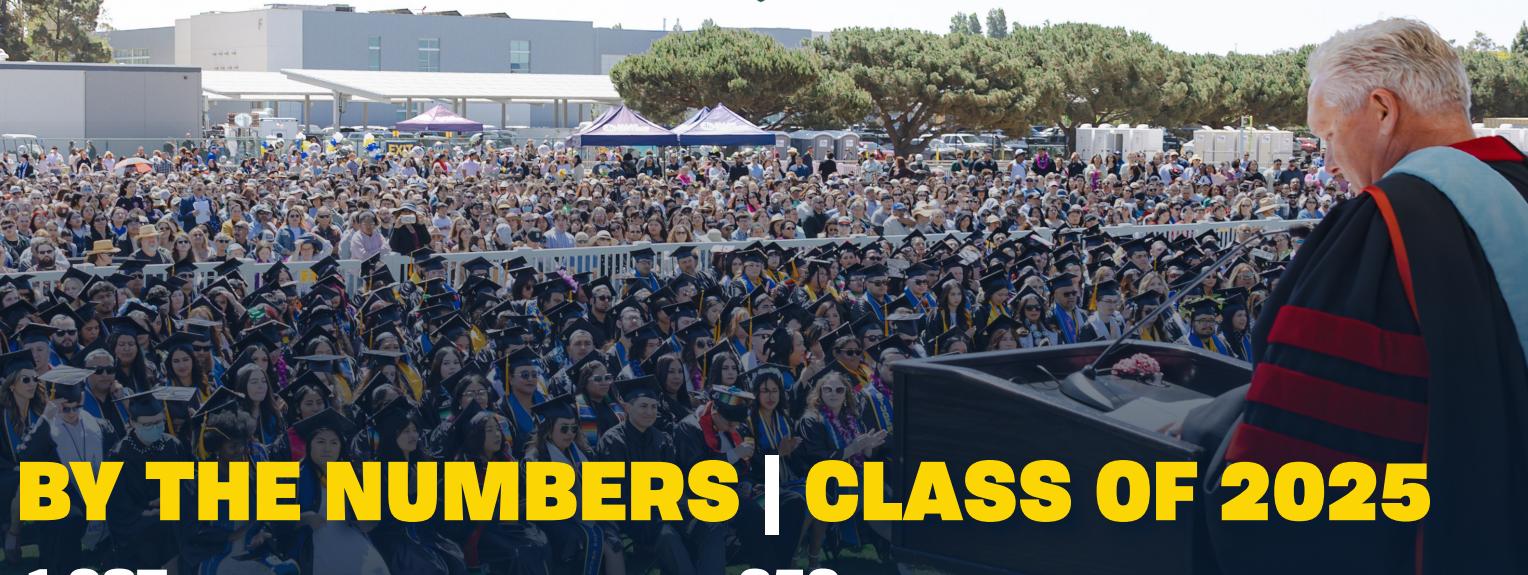
CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2025

Allan Hancock College marked a proud milestone as graduates, families, and friends filled the Santa Maria campus for the college's 104th Commencement Ceremony on May 23, 2025. The day celebrated perseverance, achievement, and the shared spirit that defines Hancock.

“ We didn’t just *dream* about making a difference. We did it. ”

— 2024-25 Associated Student Body Government President

Angela Ruiz



BY THE NUMBERS | CLASS OF 2025

1,287 graduates

560+ participated in the ceremony

2,491 associate degrees

3,110 certificates of achievement

116 majors represented

39% Hancock Promise participants

252 honor graduates (3.5–3.99 GPA)

28 high honor graduates (4.0 GPA)

251 students accepted to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

69% Cal Poly transfer acceptance rate
(highest in California for 24 consecutive years)

100 veterans and **101** military family members

5 dual-enrolled high school graduates

THE FUTURE IS CYBERSECURITY

Hancock launches a new program that prepares students for fast-growing careers in digital protection and information security.

As cybercrime grows more sophisticated, the need for skilled defenders has never been greater. Global digital crime is rising rapidly, with businesses expected to face more than ten trillion dollars in annual losses and projections reaching fifteen trillion dollars by 2029. Allan Hancock College is stepping forward to meet that challenge with a new cybersecurity pathway launching in fall 2026.

The program gives students hands-on experience in digital security, cybercrime, and network defense, offering a clear path into one of the fastest-growing career fields in the world. It begins with AJ 160: Introduction to Cybercrime, a foundational

administration of justice course that requires no prior experience and introduces students to the realities of modern online threats.

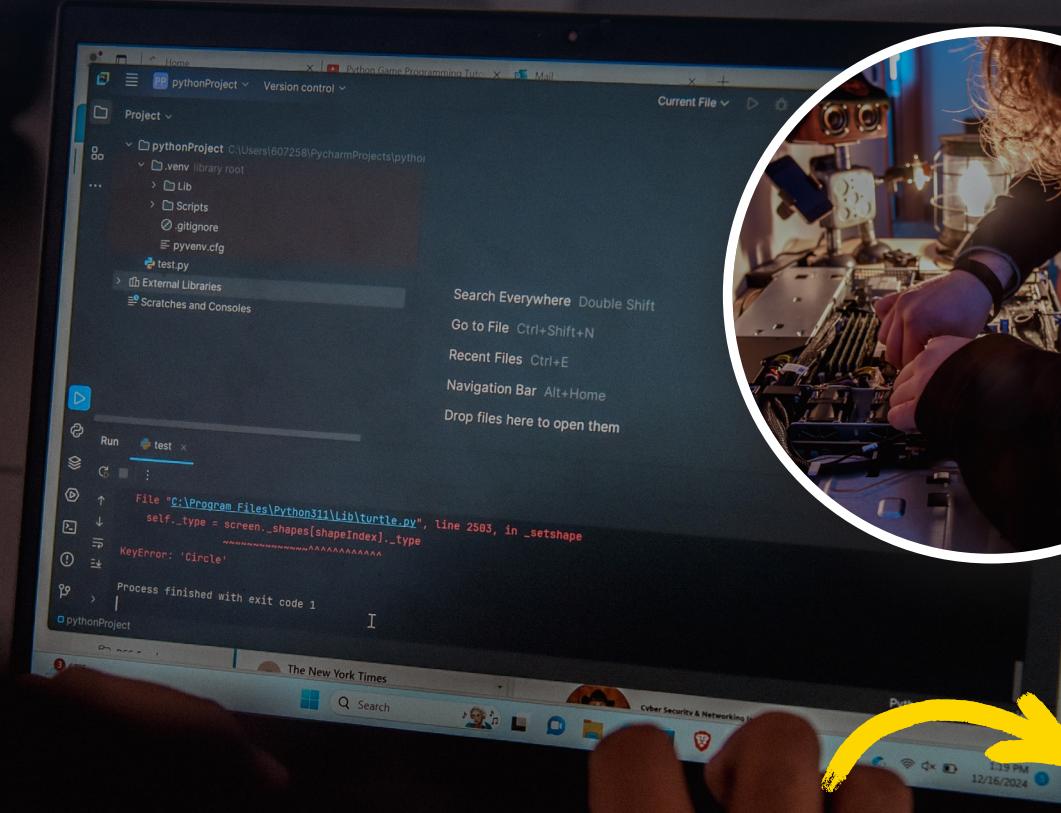
"Students attend lectures, complete cyber labs, and receive related security training," said Ty Lamica, Hancock instructor. "We want them to understand how threats evolve and how to think like digital investigators."

The new Cybersecurity Certificate of Achievement provides students with essential skills to identify vulnerabilities, secure networks, and prepare for industry-recognized certifications. An associate degree is also in development, creating even more opportunities for students to advance.

For Tristan Soares, a former Righetti High School CTE student, the pathway feels like a natural next step.

"Learning about crimes that did not exist before the internet is fascinating," he said. "If you apply yourself, the opportunities this program presents will give you the edge you need in a booming job market."

Cybersecurity careers span private companies, law enforcement agencies, government organizations, and critical infrastructure systems. Hancock's program positions students to enter those roles with confidence, technical skill, and a strong understanding of how digital crime affects real people and real communities.



For more information on Hancock's cybersecurity program, scan the QR code to visit hancockcollege.edu/pathways/public-services/cybersecurity.php



LAUNCHING OPPORTUNITY

Hancock Partners in Space Vandenberg Initiative

REACH

Ideas + Action for a Thriving Central Coast

The Central Coast is aiming higher. Literally. The Space Vandenberg initiative is connecting education, industry, and government to expand workforce training and open doors to high-demand careers in California's growing space and aerospace sectors.

Unveiled at Hancock's Santa Maria campus in September 2025, the multi-year project is supported by a \$9.5 million state grant and led by REACH, Space Launch Delta 30, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and GO-Biz, with Hancock serving as a key partner in workforce development.

"We are committed to building pathways so students can secure good jobs right

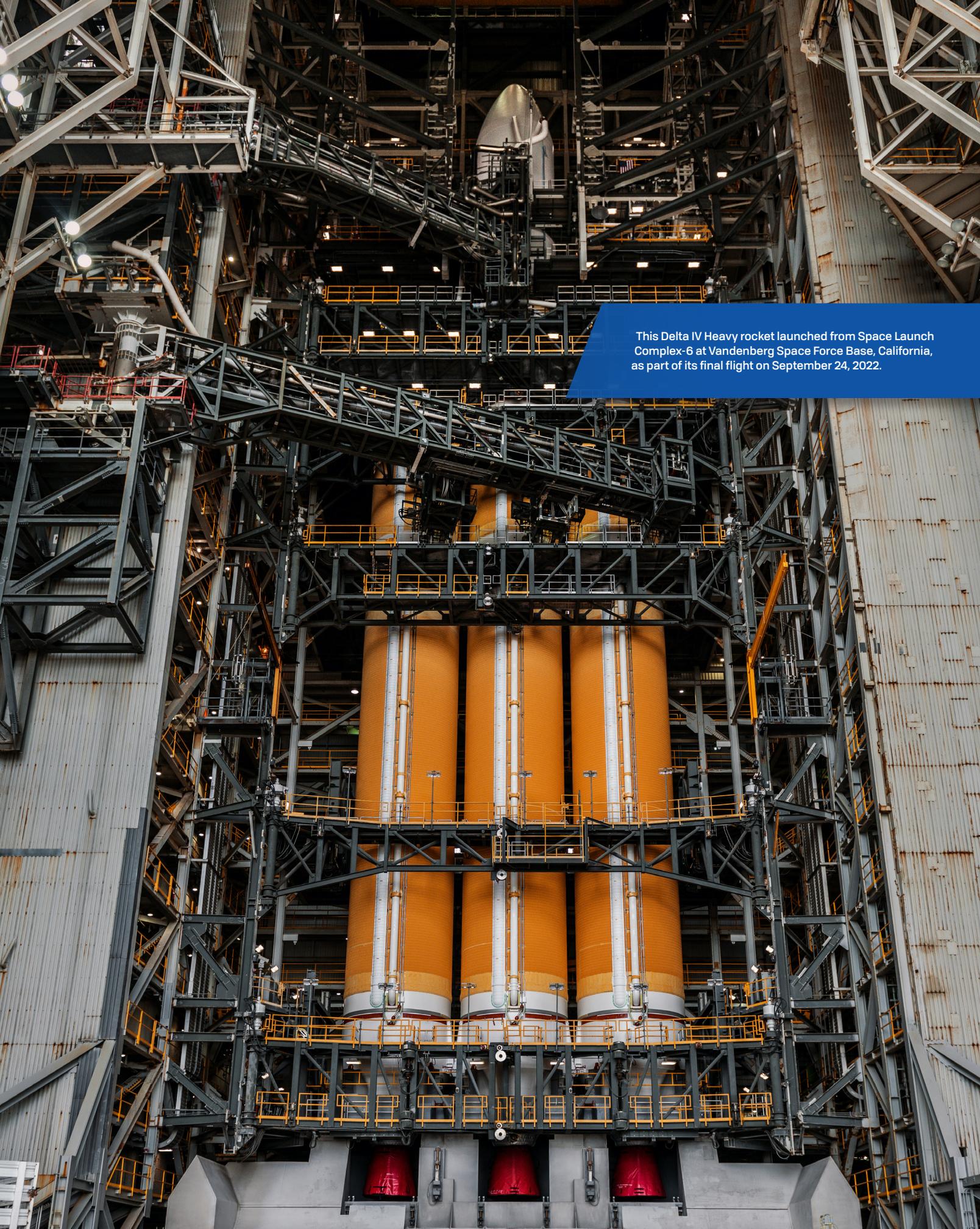
here on the Central Coast," said Allan Hancock College Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.

The initiative focuses on creating inclusive training opportunities through aerospace technician programs, hands-on STEM experiences, and community outreach connecting local residents to space-related careers.

"Vandenberg Space Force Base depends on a skilled regional workforce," said Col. James 'Jim' Horne III, commander of Space Launch Delta 30. "Partners like Allan Hancock College ensure we have the talent pipeline to meet those demands."



Scan this QR code for more information on
Space Vandenberg
reachcentralcoast.org/spacevandenberg/



This Delta IV Heavy rocket launched from Space Launch Complex-6 at Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, as part of its final flight on September 24, 2022.

FUELING THE FUTURE

Metallica Foundation Invests in Hancock Fire Academy Students

When the world's biggest heavy metal band turns up the volume on education, sparks fly in the best way.

Through its philanthropic arm, the All Within My Hands Foundation, Metallica is helping train Hancock's next generation of first responders as part of the nationwide Metallica Scholars Initiative. The college received a \$75,000 grant that supports the fall 2025 and spring 2026 Fire Academy cohorts, helping students gain the skills and equipment needed to serve their communities.



The funding covers tuition, textbooks, protective gear, and other essentials for about 60 cadets. For many, it means the difference between uncertainty and progress, support that helps them stay focused as the workload intensifies and expectations rise.

"We are excited and honored to have Metallica support our students and their mission to become first responders," said Fire Academy Coordinator Leonard Champion. "This grant allows us to provide modern equipment and safety gear, ensuring our cadets are ready to perform under the toughest conditions."

The partnership reflects Hancock's broader commitment to access and excellence in career education and aligns with Metallica's ongoing philanthropic mission to strengthen workforce development nationwide.

"This support allows our students to focus on learning the essential skills needed to serve and protect our communities," said Allan Hancock College Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walther, Ph.D. "We are incredibly thankful for the All Within My Hands Foundation's investment in our students' futures."

Peter Delgrossio, executive director of the All Within My Hands Foundation, said expanding the Metallica Scholars Initiative is a major step forward.

"With the addition of 15 new schools, including Allan Hancock College, we are eager to tackle the quantifiable shortage of skilled labor our nation faces," he said.

For Hancock, the investment is proof that hard work pays off and that when the mission is clear, nothing else matters. The college hopes to continue this partnership in the future to benefit even more aspiring firefighters.

For more information on Hancock's Fire Technology program, scan the QR code to visit hancockcollege.edu/pathways/public-services/firetech.php



"WE ARE EXCITED AND HONORED TO HAVE METALLICA SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR MISSION TO BECOME FIRST RESPONDERS."

- FIRE ACADEMY COORDINATOR LEONARD CHAMPION



The globally renowned heavy-metal band Metallica supports Hancock's future firefighters through the All Within My Hands Foundation.



THE EMAIL ARRIVED ON A MONDAY AFTERNOON...

A Message from the Allan Hancock College Foundation

The mother of one of our student-athletes had died unexpectedly, and he could not afford airfare to her funeral in Phoenix. By Tuesday afternoon, the Allan Hancock College Foundation team had purchased the ticket and arranged ground transportation for him to the airport.

Supporting students comes in many forms. It often looks like awarding scholarships, which the AHC Foundation has done since its founding in 1977. Sometimes it looks like ensuring every high school graduate can continue their education through the Hancock Promise program.

And sometimes it looks like a plane ticket.

Our community provides remarkable support to our students. This year the foundation provided nearly \$1.5 million in support to students and the college. So, when you make a gift to the Foundation, you make a gift through the Foundation to real students with real needs, real hopes, real futures.

As we begin 2026, I ask you to consider joining more than 500 of your neighbors who support students through the foundation each year. Your gift may provide a student's first scholarship,

fulfill a promise of tuition, or even provide a plane ticket home.

With gratitude,



Jon Hooten, Ph.D.
Executive Director
College Advancement &
the Allan Hancock College Foundation



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Allan Hancock College Foundation
AHCFoundation.org/give



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE EXPANDS ITS IMPACT

For nearly 20 years, the President's Circle raised approximately \$60,000 each year for priorities identified by Hancock's president, ranging from student support, capital needs, and staff development. Each member of the circle contributed \$1,000 to the fund—no more, no less.

In 2024, the Hancock Foundation significantly expanded the President's Circle into an annual giving campaign through which the community can contribute unrestricted dollars to the Foundation. Today, a gift of any amount

is welcome, whether once a year or as an automatic monthly donation.

The President's Circle is a vital and vibrant annual campaign that supports students when they are most financially vulnerable. The President's Circle also advances critical priorities that allow the college and foundation to better serve students. In fiscal year 2024-25, the President's Circle received more than \$274,000 (including proceeds from the Hancock Honors)—nearly four times what the community contributed the previous year.

DIRECTLY SUPPORTING STUDENTS

A student who cannot hear or speak approached Hancock's Learning Assistance Program to take a class in American Sign Language. The student could not afford the tuition and did not qualify for financial assistance, so the Foundation paid her tuition with President's Circle funds.

Another student's father died unexpectedly, leaving the family without

his income. The President's Circle paid one month's rent for the student to help ensure he could stay in classes.

Another student owed an outstanding fee of \$166 to enroll in a class, but he and his son were experiencing homelessness and could not pay. The President's Circle covered the fee so he could continue on his academic journey.



CONTRIBUTE TO THE AHC PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Visit AHCFoundation.org/give



The scholarship program has assisted thousands of students in pursuing their educational goals. Thank you to the donors who make this program possible.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GROWS

More than 800 students and Hancock Foundation donors gathered at the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium in May of 2025 to celebrate the foundation's annual scholarship awards.

The foundation awarded 518 scholarships to 416 Hancock students totaling \$605,000, the most in the foundation's 48-year history. Generous members of the community also funded 18 new scholarships in 2025.

"Our scholarship program offers more than financial support to students," said Jon Hooten, Ph.D., executive director of the Foundation. "The dollars are important, but the recognition of a student's success is just as valuable."

Angela Ruiz received the prestigious Marian Hancock Scholarship. The \$10,000 scholarship is awarded annually to one exceptional student who exemplifies service to the college, academic excellence, and strong personal character. Angela is the 61st student to earn the Marian Hancock Scholarship since it was first awarded in 1967.

Daisy Garcia received the second-annual Daane Award for Integrity in Leadership. Daisy was elected by her peers to serve as the student trustee of the Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees for the 2025-26 academic year.

RISING STARS & DISTANCE WARRIORS

A SPOTLIGHT ON HANCOCK STANDOUTS

Hancock's student-athletes are making waves, setting records, and proving that dedication pays off both in and out of competition. From the pool to the course, the trails to the throwing circle, these Bulldogs are raising the bar.



NOEMI BRAVO GUZMAN — CHAMPION IN THE WATER



When it comes to excellence in the pool, few shine brighter than **Noemi Bravo Guzman**. The Righetti High School alum capped her Hancock swimming career with five All-American honors from the California Community College Swimming & Diving Association

after claiming two state titles at the 3C2A Championships. Over two seasons, she earned 10 All-American awards, three state titles, and four Western State Conference crowns, leaving as the school record holder in 11 individual events and two relays. The Santa Maria native will continue her academic and athletic journey at San Jose State University this spring, following former Bulldog Izzie Fraire.

KARISS WHITFORD — FAIRWAYS AND FOCUS



On the golf course, **Kariss Whitford** became one of the most decorated players in program history for the women's team. The Orcutt Academy graduate was a two-time Southern California Regional qualifier, only the second woman in Hancock history to achieve that distinction, and earned All-Conference honors. She advanced to the 3C2A State Championship before moving on to compete for Linfield University at the NCAA Division III level.

CROSS COUNTRY STANDOUTS — GRIT AND GAINS



The Bulldogs' cross-country teams also turned heads. **John Gutierrez**, a freshman from Santa Maria, captured the Western State Conference individual title—the program's first since 1989—and placed second at the state meet. On the women's side, the Bulldogs secured a runner-up WSC finish and qualified for the 3C2A State Championship for the second straight year. **Itandehui Olea** led the way with a 9th-place finish and All-American recognition.

STRENGTH IN THE CIRCLE — POWER AND PRECISION



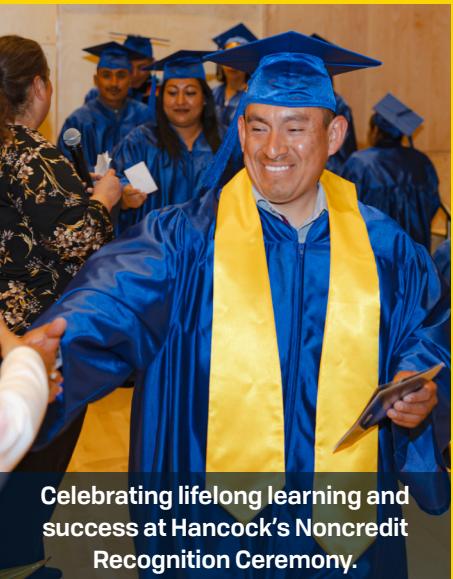
Hancock throwers delivered a historic season. **Abigail Aponte** won the WSC hammer throw title, becoming the first woman in program history to claim that event and one of only three to win any conference championship. **Jacob Garbiso** swept the hammer, discus, and shot put events at the conference level, the first Bulldog ever to win all three. Their performances marked a record-setting year for Hancock Track & Field, built on focus, strength, and relentless drive.

Check out the 2024-25 Athletics Highlight Video by scanning the QR code.



HANCOCK IS HAPPENING!

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



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REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING 2026 CLASSES

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

Registration continues through January 19.

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

Classes begin January 20.

For a complete look at classes offered this spring, including course descriptions, prerequisites and other class details, visit 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 hancockcollege.edu/finaid or call the Financial Aid office at 805-922-6966 ext. 3200.

NEED HELP WITH REGISTRATION?

Visit hancockcollege.edu/apply/register.php 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.

Your Education Matters

**REGISTER
NOW!**



hancockcollege.edu/spring



CHECK OUT SPRING CLASS OFFERINGS IN...

Administration of Justice (SM/LVC/0)
Agriculture (SM)
American Sign Language (SM)
Anthropology (SM/0)
Apprenticeship Training
Architecture (SM/0)
Art (SM/LVC/0)
Astronomy (SM/LVC)
Athletic Training (SM)
Auto Body Technology (SM)
Automotive Technology (SM)
Biology (SM/LVC/0)
Business (SM/LVC/0)
Chemistry (SM/LVC/0)
Communications (SM/LVC/0)
Computer Business Information Systems (SM/LVC/0)
Computer Business Office Technology (0)
Computer Networking & Electronics (SM)
Computer Science (SM/0)
Culinary Arts (SM/0)
Dance (SM/0)
Dental Assisting (SM)
Drama (SM/0)
Early Childhood Studies (SM/LVC/0)
Economics (SM/LVC/0)
Education (SM)
Emergency Medical Services (SM/LVC/0)
EMS Paramedic (LVC/0)
Engineering (SM)
Engineering Technology (SM)
English (SM/LVC/0)
English Language Development (SM)
Entrepreneurship (0)
Environmental Technology (0)
Ethnic Studies (SM/0)
Family and Consumer Science (SM/0)
Fashion (SM)
Film (SM/LVC/0)
Fire Technology (LVC/0)
Food Science and Nutrition (SM/0)
Geography (SM/0)
Geology (SM/0)
Global Studies (0)
Graphics (SM)

SM = Santa Maria
LVC = Lompoc Valley Center
0 = Online

Allan Hancock College fosters an educational culture that values equity and diversity and engages students in an inclusive learning environment. We offer pathways that encourage our student population to achieve personal, career, and academic goals through coursework leading to skills building, certificates, associate degrees, and transfer.

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