







The Agriculture Program Takes Root at Allan Hancock College

Agriculture is among one of Northern Santa Barbara County's economic engines. The Central Coast region is ripe for growing strawberries, wine grapes, celery, lettuce, peas, squash, and more. The labor-intensive crops have historically attracted farm workers and their families to the Santa Maria Valley. Families like Jorge Coronel's.

Born in Santa Maria, generations of Coronel's family spent their lives working in agriculture fields. "I spent my high school summers working in the fields to contribute to my families' expenses," said Coronel. The 19-year-old is currently enrolled in Allan Hancock College's agriculture program, and his motivation is personal. "Experiencing the harsh labor conditions of working in the strawberry fields ultimately made me want to pursue a higher education and achieve a career that does

not require me to go through the conditions that field workers must face."

Allan Hancock College's agriculture program is changing the odds for students like Coronel.

An Associate of Science degree and certificate in agriculture science launched at Hancock in fall 2018. The degree is designed for students like Coronel, who plan to transfer to a university and complete a higher degree. The certificate will

equip students to go directly into agriculture-related employment.

The market for jobs in agriculture is growing. According to the USDA, by 2020, the country will need a million new farmers to fill the gap of an aging farming population.

"The agricultural employment opportunities in the Santa Maria Valley are diverse and plentiful," said Hancock Agriculture Instructor Erin Krier. "The local agriculture industry is in need of skilled and educated





employees, and careers abound for those with the right education and training. Through collaboration with industry partners, Hancock determined that there is an unmet need in Santa Maria to provide students with education in multiple agricultural pathways."

Krier describes the program as a win-win-win.

"This program will give students who are interested in the many agricultural sciences the ability to stay in the Santa Maria area to start their education, while providing them with the specific knowledge that agriculture employers are seeking in the workforce," said Krier. "It serves

students who want to get right to work, and those who want to transfer. Additionally, this program will benefit the local agriculture industry by providing properly educated and trained students to enter into the workforce."

The college plans to expand the menu of options for students in the future. Proposed for fall 2019 are two A.S. degrees for transfer in agribusiness and plant science. According to Krier, the program hopes to also eventually offer a degree in crop protection and another in precision agriculture. The goal is to continue meeting the needs of the agriculture industry with exceptionally trained students.

DID YOU KNOW?Hancock offers a F.E.E.D. partnership with Cal Poly

Hancock maintains a partnership with Cal Poly to provide training for a new generation of farmers and food leaders. Farmer Experiential Education and Development (F.E.E.D.) is a certificate program that combines courses in soil science, plant science, and agriculture business taken at Hancock, and then a hands-on internship at Cal Poly's organic farm.

For more information on Hancock's agriculture program, visit www.hancockcollege.edu/ agriculture.

Coronel plans to be a part of this recipe for success. He aspires to transfer to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, earn a bachelor's degree in agriculture business, and then become a farm owner. A part of his future achievements includes planting the seeds for success in future students.

"When I do reach my goal of being an owner of my own business, I would like to contribute to local scholarship foundations to help students who are looking for a career in agriculture and need help paying for school."

University of La Verne to Offer On-Site Bachelor's Degrees Through Partnership With Allan Hancock College

This past fall, officials from University of La Verne met with Hancock leadership to ratify and celebrate a partnership to offer on-site bachelor's degree programs in public administration, business administration, and organizational management. The public-private initiative will allow Hancock students to transfer seamlessly into University of La Verne in 2019.

"One of the greatest needs in our community is access to affordable four-year degrees, so this partnership is a big win for our students," said Hancock Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. "With these degree programs on campus, we can offer the community access to high-quality university education that will prepare students for meaningful careers."

As part of the agreement with La Verne, students who complete at least two semesters at Hancock will also be eligible for a 50 percent discount on their tuition. Students enrolled in regional campus undergraduate programs at La Verne currently pay \$645 per semester hour.

The on-site bachelor's

programs are aimed at current students who are enrolled in similar programs at Hancock, as well as alumni who want to return to the college to complete a bachelor's degree.



Allan Hancock College Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D., with University of La Verne Interim Dean of Regional/Online Campuses Nelly Kazman, Ed.D.

Hancock students and alumni may apply to the onsite programs or any other University of La Verne academic programs at laverne.edu/apply.

Community Education Alumna Finds Success at Hancock

Marianela Campisi grew up in
Rosario, Argentina, about 200 miles
northeast of the capital Buenos
Aires. After graduating high school
in her homeland, Campisi moved to
California in 2010, and began taking
ESL courses at Allan Hancock College.
After transferring from Hancock to
Brandman University and earning a

bachelor's degree in psychology, she returned to AHC and became employed as an instructional aide. Today, she has her sights set on a master's degree in counseling.

Campisi credits her successful upwardbound journey through higher education to Hancock.

A look at Campisi's experience, in her own words:

What was your experience as an ESL student?

"My experience as an ESL student was very challenging and rewarding. There were times when I had my own doubts and insecurities about the speed at which I was learning the new language. However, every time I was able to understand new concepts and words, it was a great motivator to keep learning."

What degree did you graduate with?

"I obtained two associate degrees here at AHC, one in administrative assistant/secretarial and the second one in Spanish."

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College was one of the best decisions in my life. From the first day I walked on campus, I felt hope. AHC was

on campus, I felt hope. AHC was the confirmation that everything is possible – the only condition is not to give up!"

How would

you say AHC

impacted

your life?

"Attending

Allan Hancock

What are your future career aspirations?

"I want to obtain my master's degree and to work in education. I am particularly motivated to become a counselor who is attentive to the students' needs and to provide them with the appropriate guidance throughout their academic experience. I want to be part of successful academic experiences of all students, and particularly of those who are first-generation college students like me, who may not know how to navigate the school system and how to access all the resources available to them. I want to return to the community what AHC

As a successful alumna, what advice do you have for a student who is unsure of their own potential success?

has given me."

"The first advice that comes to my mind is for students to be patient and confident. There may be times when everything seems so difficult; but if one perseveres, there is a certainty of achieving their goals. Also, it is very important to have a plan with short-term and long-term goals, to stay focused on those goals, and not to be afraid to ask for help whenever needed."

For more information on the college's Community Education program, call 1-805-922-6966 ext. 3209.

PCPA's 55th Summer Season



Mamma Mia!

An exciting summer season of great plays presented by PCPA – Pacific Conservatory Theatre are in store from June 13 through September 8, 2019.

Playing in both the Marian Theatre on the Santa Maria Allan Hancock College campus and in the outdoor Solvang Festival Theatre are four

extraordinarily delightful productions. First, the knock-'em-dead, uproarious hit, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. It's Oscar Wilde meets Agatha Christie, meets Gilbert and Sullivan, meets British Music Hall, with a dash of Monty Python. Following Gentleman's Guide will be a re-creation of the jam session of the century. Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley meet by chance on a cold December day at Sun Records and record some of their top rock 'n' roll, gospel, R&B, and country smash hits in Million Dollar Quartet.

Later, in July and August is the new musical comedy, *The Addams Family*.

The family's macabre world is about to change on one fateful night when they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents. Closing the summer will be Oscar Wilde's delectable wordplay in his sublime "trivial comedy for serious people," *The Importance of Being Earnest*. The dilemma of two suitors who assume the name Earnest leads to the most articulate hilarity in the history of theatre! AHC students and staff receive tickets at 40 percent off with ID. For more information, visit www.pcpa.org.

The Hancock Promise Takes Flight

On Monday, August 20, a historic day took place at Allan Hancock College. More recent graduates from local high schools stepped onto the college's campuses as Bulldogs than ever before.



The Hancock Promise program began this past fall, providing more than 1,400 local students with the opportunity to attain their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free. In The Promise's first semester, the college saw an increase of nearly 500 first-time high school graduates.

College representatives are thrilled.

"The success of The Hancock Promise has exceeded our expectations with

the number of local students who are participating in The Promise program," said Hancock Associate Superintendent/Vice President of Student Services Nohemy Ornelas. "We are so excited to be able to have a program like The Promise available to students in our community. For many, The Hancock Promise has opened up educational opportunities that may have not been an option."

Students like Miguel Carmona.

"For me and my family, we've struggled a lot financially, and having The Hancock Promise, it's like a huge break for us," said Carmona. "I can go to college, 100 percent. I'm the first in my family to go to college, and I'm the oldest brother, so I am setting that good example for my younger brother and sister."

The Hancock Promise removes financial barriers and creates pathways to increase college readiness, access, affordability, and success for local students and their families.

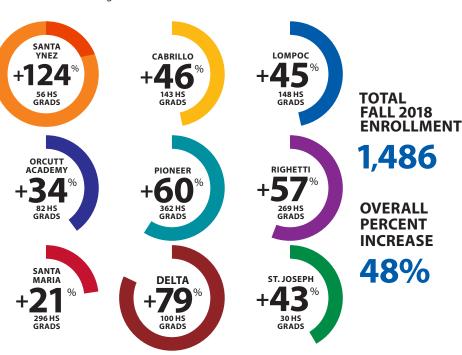
Bulldog Bound is the first step of The Hancock Promise, focusing on creating a college-going culture among fifth-through eighth-grade students. (Read more about Bulldog Bound on pages 8-9.)

The second step is the Path to Promise, helping high school students feel prepared and ready to succeed in college via workshops and outreach events at Hancock. Receiving The Promise is the third step following high school graduation.

The fourth step is the Extended Promise. The college is committed to providing financial aid and student support resources during a Promise student's second year at Hancock in order to ensure they continue to excel-

FALL 2018 ENROLLMENT OF LOCAL FIRST-TIME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

These nine high schools saw the following increases in their graduates attending Hancock with the launch of The Hancock Promise.



The potential benefits of becoming a Hancock Promise student include saving at least \$1,200; signing up for classes early with priority registration; setting an academic plan for success; and receiving personalized counseling, tutoring, and other support services.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must enroll at Hancock immediately after graduating from a high school located within the district or complete a GED or HiSET credential through a local adult education program; complete financial aid applications; register for a minimum of 12 units in both the fall and spring semesters at Hancock; maintain a 2.0 grade point average in the fall; and complete at least one English and one math class during the first year, if required for their major. Students planning to attend Hancock in

the fall of 2019 can apply now and register for courses beginning May 8, 2019. The semester starts August 19.

The Hancock Promise is privately funded and made possible through the generosity of community leaders, local businesses, community foundations, organizations, and donors. The Allan Hancock College Foundation launched a \$10 million endowment campaign designed to ensure, in perpetuity, that all qualifying students have the opportunity to attend college. To date, more than \$3.5 million has been committed to The Hancock Promise from local Promise partners.

Visit www.hancockcollege.edu/ promise to learn more about The Hancock Promise.

Changing the Odds: Nelly Guerra



Santa Maria
High School
graduate and
AHC alumna
Nelly Guerra
embodies
the value of
dedicated
student support.
In spring 2018,

Guerra earned her bachelor's degree in agricultural science from Cornell University. She plans to enroll at UC Davis this fall and earn a master's degree in horticulture and agronomy, and then pursue a doctorate. She traces all that success to the support she received at Hancock.

"I began at Hancock in 2014, and I was a mess," said Guerra, a first-generation college student. "I didn't know what to do, there was an error on my financial aid statement, I seriously considered dropping out. But a counselor met with me and recommended I meet with a financial aid advisor. That's where I sat down and went over my FAFSA, and it was the stepping stone to how I got involved in other student support services."

Guerra began applying for scholarships, joined a mentorship program, and became involved in the college's Bridges to the Baccalaureate program.

"Being involved in these Hancock programs prepared me for Cornell," said Guerra, whose goal is to someday become a professor. "The college's motto is 'Start here. Go anywhere.' and that became my mindset. What can I do? I could really go anywhere. Students need these support programs that help them think outside the box and not limit themselves. Get them out of their comfort zone and create confidence that they can do more."







Implemented during the 2017-18 school year, Bulldog Bound introduces area youth and their families to Allan Hancock College through 30 hands-on, interactive workshops that show learning is fun.

In its inaugural year, Bulldog Bound hosted 2,200 fifth- and sixth-graders on the college's Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center. The students, from 24 elementary schools within the college's district, were immersed in engaging activities representing various programs of study in subjects such as chemistry, nutrition, ceramics, fine arts, animation, theatre arts, and more.

As the first phase of The Hancock Promise, Bulldog Bound elicited highly positive local reactions.

"The students had a wonderful time, and the teachers did too," said Alice

Shaw Elementary instructor Valerie Trenev. "It was exciting to see some of the inner areas of the campus for the first time. What a wonderful college we have in our community."

Hancock Promise partner Aera Energy agrees.

"Partnering with Hancock's Bulldog Bound program will help enrich families by showing students and parents that going to college is a realistic, achievable goal," said Rick Rust, Aera Energy's public affairs project manager.

The college plans to serve 3,000 fifth- and sixth-grade students throughout the 2018-19 year, with five Bulldog Bound events scheduled in Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, and Lompoc. A new pilot program for 425 seventh- and eighth-grade students in the Lompoc Valley Unified School District is scheduled for February 1, 2019. The event will include expanded, age-appropriate workshops tied to career paths.

For more information on Bulldog Bound, visit www.hancockcollege. edu/promise/bulldogbound.php.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Reflections with Retiring Nursing Professor Holly Stromberg



How many years have you worked at Allan Hancock College?

"I began teaching part time at Hancock in the 1980s. I taught medical terminology and also did some teaching for the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program. I also taught an electrocardiogram (EKG) class and did some clinical teaching for the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. I have been teaching full-time for 20 years, and spent the first 20 years of my career at Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC)."

What positions have you held at Hancock?

"Full-time instructor for the Registered Nursing (RN) and Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) programs, director of the LVN program, director of the RN program, department chair, skills lab coordinator, and simulation coordinator."

How do you see the future of nursing evolving at Hancock?

"The role of the nurse has changed greatly over the years, and the AHC program has an obligation to keep current with industry practice. We also have the opportunity to set the standard for care in our community since many of the local nurses are AHC grads and impact our local healthcare environments. Hancock's strong partnership with MRMC will serve the program well and help maintain the reputation of

graduating nurses who are prepared to successfully enter their chosen profession."

What is the legacy you see yourself leaving?

"I think my impact is more in the community than on campus since most of our graduates practice their profession in the Central Coast area. My reputation among the students is tough but fair. There is nothing easy about being a nurse and my job is to prepare students for nursing practice. This includes helping them obtain the tools and knowledge needed to be safe, knowledgeable, caring, and proficient nurses.

When I walk through the local hospitals and see former students working in multiple areas and roles, it makes me smile and feel like I have been successful at my job as a nurse and an educator."



In December, Allan Hancock College held its annual nursing program graduation ceremony. A total of 62 students graduated, with 28 becoming Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) and 34 becoming Registered Nurses (RNs). Twenty-six of the LVNs will enter the college's RN program this spring. For more information on the college's nursing program, call 1-805-922-6966 ext. 3384.



Hancock administrators, staff, and students join Marian Regional Medical Center representatives to celebrate the naming.

Health, Science & Mathematics Building Renamed in Honor of Marian Regional Medical Center

Allan Hancock College celebrated its long-time partnership with Marian Regional Medical Center with the re-dedication of the college's building M as the Health, Science & Mathematics building, in recognition of Marian Regional Medical Center's nearly three decades of financial support to the college's nursing program.

"For nearly 30 years, Marian has provided in excess of \$3.5 million to help support and expand our nursing programs," said Hancock Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. "We think that's cause to celebrate and to acknowledge their participation in a very public and long-lasting way." In 1990, Marian funds assisted the college with the development of an RN program to connect with its existing LVN program. The college was then able to fast track RN training and graduate more nurses, meeting industry demand. "The ongoing success of our nursing programs is in large part due to the partnership with Marian," Walthers said.

During a dedication ceremony, Marian Regional Medical Center's President & CEO Sue Andersen announced to the crowd of 150 that as part of its

commitment to the RN program, they would be increasing their financial support. "It has been our pleasure to be part of this very successful partnership for the past 28 years and counting," said Andersen. "We are thrilled to be able to take this next step, not only for current and future students, but for the community-at-large which benefits from

the excellent nurses who graduate from this program."

More information about the college's two-year LVN-RN ladder program



During the dedication ceremony, an architectural rendering of new signage for the college's building M was wheeled out on a gurney, wrapped in gauze.

can be found at www.hancockcollege. edu/academic_departments/health_ sciences/nursing.

Message from the President

GREETINGS AND HAPPY 2019!

We are proud to share with you Allan Hancock College's annual report to the community. Over the past year we continued to sharpen our focus on student success while acting as a catalyst for changing the odds in Northern Santa Barbara County!

This past fall the college welcomed the inaugural class of Hancock Promise students. More than 1,400 local students are now receiving The Hancock Promise, a privately funded program providing high school graduates who immediately enroll full time at Hancock with a scholarship that pays their first-year tuition and fees. Our investment in local youth has drawn more first-time high school students to AHC immediately after graduation than ever before! Overall, 89 percent of

> eligible students were identified as Promise students this fall. We saw a 48 percent increase in first-time local high school students, which coincided with an increase in the college-going rate to more than 45 percent overall; the aggregate college-going rate

among district schools had previously never exceeded 40 percent. Thus, not only are more students enrolled, but also a larger percentage of graduates chose to enroll. Details on The Hancock Promise can be found on page six of this issue of Community News.

In addition to the launch of The Hancock Promise, I am proud of the many exceptional accomplishments the college experienced in 2018.

Allan Hancock College was named one of the top ten finalists in the nation for the Bellwether Awards, an annual competition that honors higher education institutions with the best practices for student success.

We were recognized, among more than 1,000 entries, for our innovative work in instructional programs and services via The Hancock Promise. It's a significant honor, and we're excited for the opportunity to share our success. In early February 2019, a team of administrators, trustees, and community partners will present The Hancock Promise to a panel of judges for the top prize.

Eighteen Career Technical Education (CTE) programs at Hancock were recognized by the state for preparing students for success in the workplace. The award-winning programs were honored as part of the Strong Workforce Stars program, an annual recognition for CTE programs within the California Community Colleges system.

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) selected Allan Hancock College to receive the 2017 Pacific Regional Equity Award. In part, Hancock was selected for leadership in promoting and enhancing opportunities for members of underrepresented or underserved population within the last five years. As a result, the college was recognized for two of its newest student support programs: Food Share Because We Care and the Veteran Success Center.

The Food Share program began as an experiment in 2015, and has grown thanks to support from the Santa Barbara County Foodbank, Rabobank, Home Motors, and the AHC Foundation. Faculty, staff, and leadership class students work together to make this program available to all students. By the close of the 2017-18 school year, the leadership class received, sorted, and handed out more than 118,000 pounds of food to thousands of students throughout the college.

The college has increased its support of student veterans. In 2017, the student veteran population at Hancock exceeded 250 for the first time. At that time, college leaders were approached by the Rotary Club which wanted to support a new Veteran Success Center. As a result, community clubs from across the college's service area

raised more than \$10,000 to support an emergency loan program for student veterans. The program is designed to bridge the gap between semesters when a student is not eligible for GI Bill support and may need financial help with rent, bills, or purchasing books. To date, the program has loaned funds to 40 veterans and has a 100 percent repayment rate. By leveraging the support of our community leaders, like the Santa Barbara Foundation, we are changing the odds for men and women returning from active duty.

Over the past year, AHC implemented a pilot program for Zero Textbook Cost degrees. Students can now earn one of three associate degrees without ever having to purchase a textbook. Thanks to the work of the college's Academic Senate, the initiative will help nearly 40,000 students save as much as \$8 million in textbooks over a three-year period.

Over the past four years, the college has expanded its Concurrent Enrollment offerings. As the only public higher education institution in our region, we realized the need for more students to earn college credits while still in high school. Our efforts have gone from three classes in one high school, to more than 50 courses offered in 10 schools. The program is helping nearly 1,500 high school students get on the fast track to a college education each semester.

The college continues to excel in helping students achieve their goals. A record 1,009

students earned a record 1,527 associate degrees during the 2017-18 year. When it comes to transferring to four-year institutions, Hancock students enjoyed the state's highest acceptance rate to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo for the 17th straight year.

Once again, our friends and neighbors supported our AHC students through the Allan Hancock College Foundation. This past year we awarded nearly \$500,000 in scholarships to 318 students. The foundation also launched a \$10 million endowment campaign this year to institutionalize The Hancock Promise. We are already well on our way with the support of many corporate and local private sponsors.

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. And with your support, we are redefining student success every day. We know that students succeed when they are connected, directed, engaged, focused, nurtured, and valued.

On behalf of the students, staff, and faculty, I offer our deepest appreciation for your commitment to the college.

With Bulldog Pride,

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

ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE

Selected Accomplishments

from 2017-18

The Hancock Promise endowment campaign kicked-off in December 2017. To date, the AHC Foundation has received approximately \$3.5 million in pledges and gifts.

Twenty-seven grants were awarded in 2017-18, totaling \$2,772,551. The Institutional Grants office also managed an additional \$3,834,846 in multi-year, state and federal grants.

Hancock hosted a "state of the college" address for all advisory boards affiliated with the college.

The college's Santa Ynez Valley Center moved to Santa Ynez Valley Union High School. The newly expanded center features classrooms, including a computer lab, restroom facilities, and two offices. A full-time student services technician and an academic counselor are at the center to assist students and community members interested in registering for courses.

"Myanmar: Moments in Life," from photographer Theresa Gingras, was on exhibit in the Ann Foxworthy Gallery in August. The one-woman show depicted the faces, colors, and life of the Burmese people and culture.

More than 30 student-athletes signed scholarships with four-year universities.

A group of Tibetan monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery of Mungrod, South India, returned to the Santa Maria campus to create a sacred sand mandala. Over the course of four days, the monks painstakingly laid down millions of grains of colored sand, forming an intricate diagram of the enlightened mind and the

For the 17th year in a row, Hancock transfer students had the highest transfer acceptance rate in the state to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Hancock's transfer acceptance rate of 50.6 percent was more than triple the state average of 15.6 percent.

A towering new scoreboard for the Hancock Football Field was installed. The video scoreboard is 24 feet wide and approximately 24 feet tall. The new addition was made possible thanks to community support through the Hancock Boosters, Inc. and their Joe White Memorial Dinner and Auction, as well as support from the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Commission.

Allan Hancock College and Cuesta College hosted more than 200 educators, counselors, and advocates at the 2017 Equity Summit "Intersections" at the Radisson Inn in Santa Maria.

An estimated 300 people filled the Marian Theatre for the "Media Literacy: Recognizing Fake News, and What to do About It" forum, which was co-sponsored by the college, the

League of Women Voters, Fund for Santa Barbara, and the Santa Maria Times. Faculty Kellye Cohn and Kate Adams represented the college on the five-person panel that also included Marga Cooley of the Santa Maria Times, Hugo Morales, founder of Radio Bilingüe, and Jerry Roberts of the Santa Barbara News-Press.

Hancock received the largest cultivated gift in college history – a \$1 million donation by Rabobank to The Hancock Promise Endowment Fund.

The college dedicated a mural outside of the Santa Maria campus library. Captured, by Hancock student Cheryl Clark, is a depiction of the moment people realize they are forgoing all plans in the near future until they finish their book.

Nearly 500 seniors from district high schools attended the annual Y.E.L.L. (Young Educated Latinx Leaders) Conference. The goal of the event was to empower and inspire our youth, as well as inform them about The Hancock Promise and the college's programs and services.

Allan Hancock College's Spanish debate team earned first and second place during a Spanish debate competition, called Los Legados de Valladolid, hosted by Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

The Public Affairs and Communications office, along with Campus Graphics, won eight state awards for design and advertising from the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO). The eight winning items were in the competition categories of 30-second commercial, logo design, brochure series, and for planning and executing some of the state's top promotional and marketing campaigns.

With the spring launch of NASA's Mars lander from Vandenberg Air Force Base, the Associated Student Body Government kicked off Mars Week. Festivities included rover races, a two-day film festival on the Santa Maria campus and at the Lompoc Valley Center, and more. The week concluded with a Mars-themed Friday Night Science, which included scientific demonstrations, an explosive stage show starring chemistry and physics faculty, dozens of exhibits, and a design village created by Hancock architecture students.

Allan Hancock College Head Baseball Coach Chris Stevens was selected as the 2018 Victory Coach of the Year by the California **Community College Baseball Coaches** Association (CCCBCA).

The college dedicated two space-themed murals created by Hancock graduate Ruben Espinoza. They are the first murals installed at the Lompoc Valley Center since it opened in 1999.

A record 1,009 graduates earned a total of 1,527 degrees in 96 different majors. Graduates also earned 853 certificates. All four of those figures broke records from the prior year. Thirty-one percent of our graduates earned more than one degree; three students earned eight degrees.

For the fifth year in a row, Alpha Gamma Sigma honor students raised funds and planted a tree on the Santa Maria campus.

More than 100 students turned out for the college's third annual College Signing Day. Students received lunch and met other students transferring to the same universities.

Nearly 900 people attended the AHC Foundation's annual Scholarship Awards banquet. The Foundation awarded 318 students a total of 410 scholarships worth nearly \$500,000.

The college gave commemorative Bulldog Bound bandanas to more than 6,000 elementary school students from Northern Santa Barbara and Southern San Luis Obispo counties who attended the Minetti Mini Rodeo in May.

Women's basketball Head Coach Cary Nerelli was inducted into the Northern Santa Barbara County Athletic Round Table Hall of Fame.

The Santa Barbara Foundation pledged a one-year grant of \$250,000 in support of The Hancock Promise.

The office of Institutional Effectiveness developed, administered, and analyzed more than 60 campus-wide surveys.

Allan Hancock College Football Team Head Coach Kris Dutra named American Pacific League Coach of the Year.

Via off-campus promotion and word of mouth, Campus Graphics captured \$124,637 in insourced revenue - a 60 percent jump from 2016-17.

Student Services launched the Puente program, which is designed to promote transfer and student success.

The 40th anniversary gala for the Allan Hancock College Foundation was a success, raising more than \$140,000 for The Hancock Promise.

2017-2018 **STUDENT ENROLLMENT:**

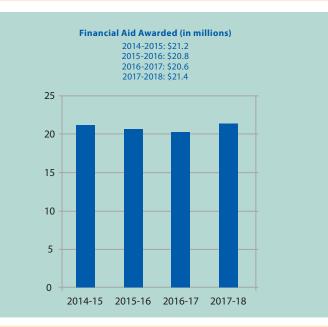
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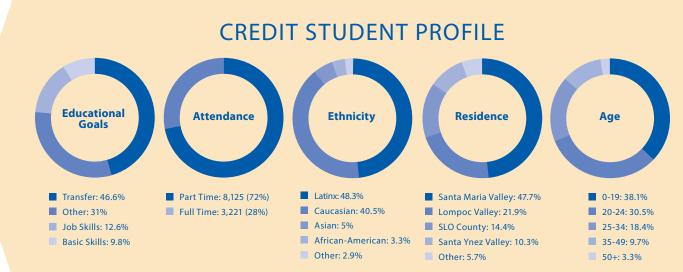
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BY THE NUMBERS...

2017-2018 DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND INCOME ■ Instruction/ Academic Support/ Co-Curricular: 52.6% Student Financial Aid: 14.3% State: 59.8% Income **Expenditures** Local: 26.4% Institutional Support: 12.9% \$95,570,142 Federal: 12.9% \$93,746,749 Student Transfers: 0.9% Services: 12.4% Operations & Maintenance: 7.8%







IN THE SPOTLIGHT





During the fall of 2018, the Ann Foxworthy Gallery displayed works created by Multimedia Arts and Communications Associate Professor Nancy Jo Ward in an exhibit titled **Women**, **Dreams & Conversation: A Collection of MFA Artwork & Sabbatical Explorations.** Calling herself a 'hybrid artist,' Ward combines her own figurative digital photos or pastel drawings that have been developed traditionally, and digitizes them into archival prints. She then draws, paints, and hand finishes the surface with pastels, sometimes applying gold foil or reflective substances to the image.



Seventeen recruits graduated from **Hancock's CORE Custody Academy** on November 21 during a ceremony held at the college's Public Safety Training Complex at the Lompoc Valley Center. Sixteen of the 17 graduates of Class #05 now serve as custody deputies for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office; one is an independent custody deputy.







Brian H. Day, NASA Ames Research Center

The college invited the community into the Marian Theatre on November 26 to watch live on a big screen as InSight, a **robotic Mars lander** from NASA's Discovery Program, made its historical arrival to the Red Planet. The once-in-a-lifetime event was attended by more than 150 people.





The **CARE** program provided 75 single-parent students with all the trimmings to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for their families, including a turkey, potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, whipped cream, and more.

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Community Ambassador Program Brings Executive-Level Introduction to Allan Hancock College

The Community Ambassador program is designed specifically for community leaders and business executives to provide an overview of campus operations, programs, and student success. Ambassadors meet on campus for six half-day sessions. Each workshop offers special insight in one area of the college.

"The ambassador program is a great experience," said Ed Braxton, chief human resources officer at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. "It opened my eyes to all of the great education opportunities provided by Allan Hancock College, especially in the areas of public safety and career technical education."

The program is designed to strengthen awareness of the college by educating ambassadors, who then pass on the information they learn to inspire and inform others.

"Every year, I interview high school students for the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara," said Cynthia Moreno, retired educator from Santa Maria High School. "This year, I was able to give very specific information on a Hancock program to help a student make a decision about his future career path. His heartfelt 'thank you' as we finished our interview made me realize the importance of the information we receive as community ambassadors and how it impacts lives."

The inaugural class of Community Ambassadors graduated from the program in July 2018.

The Foundation will continue the momentum of the program with 20 members in its second class of community ambassadors in 2018-19.

For more information about the Community Ambassador program, call the Foundation at 1-805-922-6966 ext.3675.

\$200,000 Grant Awarded to Support Student Veterans

The Allan Hancock College Veteran Success Center received nearly \$200,000 in grant money through the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. The college was one of 29 community colleges to be awarded the state funding.

"Our plan for this money is to put it straight in the hands of our student veterans in the form of books, food, and school supplies," said Hancock's Dean of Student Services, Yvonne Teniente-Cuello.

The grant funding was awarded through a competitive process among the 90 California community college campuses that have veteran centers.

According to Teniente-Cuello, winning the grant was a team effort of multiple departments on the Hancock campus including Institutional Effectiveness, Grants, and the Veteran Success Center.

"The college is always ready to support our veterans, even if it means all hands on deck, staying late hours, trying to secure more resources," Teniente-Cuello said.

Hancock's Veteran Success Center opened in 2015, and is dedicated to providing veterans and active duty service members with the tools and



support they may need for academic success and support as they transition from a military environment to an academic setting. These resources include mental health counseling, access to computers, tutoring, and health services.

For more information on Hancock's Veteran Success Center visit hancockcollege.edu/veterans.

Catherine Farley Sworn in as Allan Hancock College Police Chief



Catherine Farley is sworn in as the new Allan Hancock Joint Community College District police chief by Hancock Superintendent/President Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.

Catherine Farley, a veteran law enforcement officer with 31 years of diversified law enforcement experience, was sworn in as the new Allan Hancock Joint Community College District police chief in November. The ceremony, held on the college's Santa Maria campus, was attended by more than 40 law enforcement officials representing agencies throughout Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

Farley began her career in law enforcement at the University of California, Santa

Barbara (UCSB), in 1983. Since July of 2012, she served as the assistant chief of police. Prior to that, she held multiple positions within the UCSB Police Department, including police captain,

acting lieutenant, police sergeant, and police officer.

"We are thrilled to welcome
Catherine Farley to Allan Hancock
College," said Allan Hancock College
Superintendent/President Kevin G.
Walthers, Ph.D. "Ms. Farley brings
a wealth of experience working in
a campus setting and with college
students. Her leadership will enhance
our ability to provide a safe and
secure learning environment for the
thousands of students, faculty, and staff
that the college serves daily."

Farley, whose children also attend Hancock, replaces Allan Hancock College Interim Police Chief Chris Nartatez.

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Hancock Wins Back-to-Back League Titles, Claims American Championship Bowl



The 2018 season was a year to remember for the Allan Hancock College football team. For the second straight year, the Bulldogs won the American Pacific League, and were again crowned the winner of the American Championship Bowl.

After securing its second straight outright conference championship, the Allan Hancock College football team again earned the opportunity to host the American Championship Bowl game.

Held at Righetti High School, the bowl game would be the tie-breaker of an overall record of 3-3 between the Bulldogs and the San Bernardino Valley College Wolverines.

Hancock avoided a fourth-quarter comeback by the Wolverines to win the American Championship Bowl, 38-35.

The Bulldogs capped a nearly perfect season with a 10-1 record. Thomas Carr completed 10-15 passes for 242 yards and two touchdowns in the victory.

Pierre Moudourou caught two touchdowns and was named as the college's Offensive Player of the game. Ryheem Skinner received the game's Most Valuable Player honors, finishing with 130 rushing yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns.



Bulldogs Clean-up Post-Season Accolades



Allan Hancock College Head Football Coach Kris Dutra

Allan Hancock College Football Head Coach Kris Dutra and 18 studentathletes on the American Pacific League champion football team earned recognition from opposing coaches, after being unbeaten in league play at 5-0 to win back-to-back conference titles.

Dutra received the league's Coach of the Year award for a second consecutive year. Dutra has guided the Bulldogs to nine bowl game appearances. During the 2018 season, he surpassed his mentor, Barney Eames, for most career wins in

program history and stands at 110 victories.

Sophomore Ryheem Skinner received the league's Offensive Player of the Year award. The running back from North Carolina finished with 1,294 total rushing yards and 14 touchdowns. Skinner ran for 130 yards and scored two touchdowns in the bowl game. He was fifth in the state in yards per game with 117.6 and was a first team selection last season.

Nine Bulldogs were named to allconference first teams. Defensive tackle Dominic King, defensive end Ray Paulo, offensive linebacker Curt McDonald, and punt returner Alex Cecchi were named to the first team defense. The Bulldogs held opponents to 276.3 yards and 17.7 points a game.

Offensive lineman Robert Grice, offensive lineman Kobe Tuitele, tight end Jerome Afe, running back Jayden Vargas, and running back Isaac Bausley were named first team offense. The offense averaged 415.6 yards a game and scored 40.6 points a game. The Bulldogs led the state in total rushing yards with 3,254.

Nine Bulldogs were named to all-conference second teams, including four on offense and five on defense. Offensive linemen TJ Boone, wide receiver Joe Guzman, quarterback Tommy Carr, and kicker Hector Gil-Garcia earned spots on the second team offense.

Defensive end Seth Olice, linebacker Angelo Ortiz, cornerback Edjuan Works, safety Dominic Chapa, and punter Cade England were named to the second team defense.

For more information on the college's athletic programs, visit athletics.hancockcollege.edu.

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Hancock Appoints Five to Key Management Positions

The Board of Trustees of Allan Hancock Joint Community College District approved the appointment of five key management positions at the college in fall 2018.



Eric D. Smith is Hancock's new associate superintendent/vice president, finance and administration. He has a master's degree in public administration

from Cal State University, Stanislaus and a bachelor's degree in political science from Cal Poly State University, Pomona. Smith served as an intervention specialist with the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) firm and was deputy superintendent and chief business officer at Santa Barbara Unified School District, Berkeley Unified School District, and the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education.



Ruben Ramirez is the new director of human resources. He joins the college from San Diego State University Foundation, where he served as associate

director and human resources manager, talent, and systems. Ramirez has a Master of Arts degree in management from University of Redlands and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cal State Northridge.



Jon Hooten, Ph.D., was named executive director, college advancement. He joins Hancock after serving as director of strategic engagement and

communications at Dunn School in Los Olivos. Hooten earned his doctorate and Master of Arts degree from Claremont Lincoln University and a Bachelor of

Arts degree from Anderson University in Indiana. Prior to joining Dunn School, Hooten was self-employed as an organizational and brand consultant and worked as vice president for education and associate vice president for institutional relations at Claremont Lincoln University.



Lauren Milbourne joined Hancock as director, public affairs and communications. Milbourne served as the media relations coordinator/public

information officer at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo. Prior to joining Cuesta, Milbourne worked for the West Valley Mission College District in Saratoga, CA, and she began her career as a news producer at KSBY-TV, San Luis Obispo.



Holly Nolan-Chavez is the director, deputy sector navigator agriculture, water and environmental technology. Nolan-Chavez earned a Master

of Science degree at Cal State Bakersfield and a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of California at Davis. She has served as the interim director since October 2016.

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