



# Weekly Update

AUGUST 23, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## Start of Fall Classes

Hancock welcomed students back for the start of fall classes this week. Our staff, administrators, and student ambassadors were ready to help these new students at information booths at the Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center. During the first two days of classes, these booths served more than 1,300 students. You can view photos from the first two days of fall on [Flickr](#).



## Student Food Share

Hancock's popular student-only food share returned to the Santa Maria campus and the Lompoc Valley Center on Aug. 22. Please help spread the word that Hancock students can pick up free non-perishable and fresh groceries every Thursday at the building G patio from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the Santa Maria Campus, or at the LVC from 2:30 - 3 p.m. outside building 2. You can [watch coverage](#) of this week's food share on KEYT.





## Custody Academy Graduation

On Aug. 23, seven cadets graduated from Hancock's CORE Custody Academy at the Public Safety Complex in Lompoc. Six of the CORE Academy graduates will go on to work as custody deputies for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office. You can view photos from this graduation on the college's [Flickr page](#).

## The Art of the PCPA



## PCPA Art Exhibit

Hancock is excited to feature the art of PCPA at the Ann Foxworthy Gallery Aug. 19 - Sept. 26. This exhibit includes examples of set designs, original props, costumes used in performances on stage, and concept art. Whether you are a seasoned theater enthusiast or a curious newcomer, this exhibit inspires a deeper appreciation for the countless artists working behind the scenes and the transformative power of visual storytelling on the stage.



## New Foundation Board Member

The Allan Hancock College Foundation elected Manuel "Manny" Molera of Los Olivos to its Board of Directors this month. Molera is Vice President and a private wealth advisor at U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management. His community involvement includes past service on the Los Olivos School Board, and the board of directors of Youth Interactive, a grassroots after-school entrepreneurship academy in Santa Barbara. You can learn more by reading [this news release](#) on the Hancock website.



WEEK OF WELCOME

**EVENT SCHEDULE**  
AUGUST 26 - 30, 2024

**YOUR JOURNEY  
STARTS HERE!**

Join us for a week of activities designed to help you get set up for success.

## Week of Welcome

Hancock is expanding its popular "Bulldog Bow-WOW" event into a weeklong series of fun and informative activities for new and returning students. This [Week of Welcome](#) will take place from Aug. 26-30 and include workshops and activities designed to get students off to a successful start at Hancock. Students who participate each day will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff, learn about programs and services, win prizes, get free food, connect with their peers, and more.



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **SB County Farm Day**

*Sat, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Multiple Locations*

## **What's Your Major Monday**

*Mon, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.  
SM campus & LVC, Multiple Locations*

## **See a Counselor Tuesday**

*Tues, Aug. 27, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
SM campus & LVC, Multiple Locations*

## **AIM to Dream Center Reception**

*Tues, Aug. 27, 12-1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Bldg. K, Room 11C*

## **Bulldog Bow-WOW**

*Wed, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus, Commons*

## **Show Me the Money Thursday**

*Thurs, Aug. 29, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
SM campus & LVC, Multiple Locations*

## **Fun Friday with Faculty**

*Fri, Aug. 30, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
SM campus, Multiple Locations*

## **College Closed for Holiday**

*Mon, Sept. 2, All Day  
SM campus, LVC*

## **LVC Bulldog Bow-WOW**

*Wed, Sept. 4, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
LVC*

## **2024 Hancock Honors**

*Sat, Sept. 7, 5-9 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F)*

## **Vaccination Clinic**

*Wed, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
SM campus, Commons*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues, Sept. 10, 6-8 p.m.  
SM campus, Board Room (Bldg. B)*





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SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

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## Challenge SEPtember

We challenge YOU to take these steps toward your success. Students who complete their comprehensive student education plan (C-SEP) and meet with two instructors in the month of September can earn a prize!

Meet with a Counselor for a Comprehensive SEP

Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Meet with TWO instructors during their office hours

Not sure about what to do in an office visit? You can ask about your course progress/grades, feedback on an assignment, help with something you are struggling to understand, other classes within the discipline, or any other concerns/questions you might have.

Professor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Redeem your completed challenge card at the "Find Your Path" booth at the Career Expo on October 4th between 9 am - 12:30 PM at the Santa Maria Campus

\*Cards must be signed at the time of your counseling appointment.

\*Students who have previously completed their C-SEP this semester can still earn a prize by meeting with their instructors and showing proof of C-SEP when turning in their card



Book an appointment with a counselor

## SEPtember Challenge

This month, Hancock students can earn the chance to win a prize if they complete a C-SEP and visit two professors during office hours. Students can pick up a physical copy of their SEPtember card in the counseling office, or print one from their myHancock email. Once they get their cards signed, they can turn it in at the "Find your Path" booth at Hancock's annual Career Exploration Day on Oct. 4.



## Blood Drive

Student Activities & Outreach is partnering with Vitalant to host the first blood drive of the academic year on Sept. 11 and Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the courtyard between buildings A and G. Please consider donating to help save lives. Everyone who donates will be entered for a chance to win one of five gift cards. You can sign up for appointments on Sept. 11 [here](#), and appointments for Sept. 12 [here](#).





## Constitution Day

Hancock will host our annual Constitution Day celebration on Sept. 11 from 12 - 1:30 p.m. in the area between the Mechanics Bank Student Center and buildings A & B. This event is free and open to all students, faculty, and staff, and will include activities, educational displays, and discussions focused on the significance of the U.S. Constitution.



## Tibetan Monks Return to Hancock

A group of Tibetan monks from the Ngari Institute will return to Santa Maria to create a sand mandala from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4 in the Ann Foxworthy Gallery. Construction of the mandala will commence with an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. on Sept. 30. Work on the mandala will continue each day from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., followed by a closing ceremony on Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. Staff, faculty, students, and members of the public are invited and encouraged to stop by on any of these days to watch the monks at work.



JOIN THE HABIT BURGER GRILL IN SUPPORT OF

Allan Hancock College Friends of the Library  
Wednesday, September 25th, 4:00pm – 9:00pm

The Habit Burger Grill will **DONATE 20% OF NET SALES** from this event to benefit your organization. Simply present printed flyer or show offer on your smart phone to cashier upon ordering.



The Habit Burger Grill-Santa Maria  
985 E Betteravia Rd  
(In Front of Lowe's)  
www.HabitBurger.com



Net sales do not include sales tax, amounts paid by gift cards, or tips. Delivery orders and orders placed on third party websites or apps are not eligible for this fundraising.

## Friends of the Library Fundraiser

The Friends of the AHC Library will host a fundraiser on Sept. 25 from 4-9pm at the Habit Burger Grill's Santa Maria location on 985 E. Betteravia Rd. The Habit Burger Grill will donate 20% of net sales from this event to benefit the Friends of the AHC Library. You will need to present the above flyer, which will be sent out via email later this month.



## Stellar Cellars Takeover

The Allan Hancock College Winery will be hosting a "takeover" of Stellar Cellars on Sept. 12 from 4-7:30 p.m. The takeover will feature flights of the award-winning wines created by students in Hancock's Viticulture & Enology program. Stellar Cellars is located at 400 E Clark Ave in Orcutt.



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SM campus, Board Room (Bldg. B)*

## **Constitution Day**

*Wed, Sept. 11, 12-1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Student Center (Bldg. g)*

## **Blood Drive**

*Sept. 11 & 12, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
SM campus, Student Center (Bldg. G)*

## **AHC Winery at Stellar Cellars**

*Thurs, Sept. 12, 4 - 7:30 p.m.  
Stellar Cellars, 400 E Clark Ave, Orcutt*

## **Vaccination Clinic**

*Wed, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
SM campus, Commons*

## **Karin Klein Discussion & Book Signing**

*Wed, Sept. 18, 5 p.m.  
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*Sept. 22- 28, All Day  
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SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

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## Hancock Honors

The AHC Foundation's 2024 Hancock Honors celebration was a huge, sold-out hit! We are grateful for the entire community coming to honor the Chavez family, former City of Lompoc mayor Joyce Howerton, and long-time Allan Hancock College trustee Larry Lahr. Emcee Kitty Balay did a fantastic job, as did PCPA Music Director Paul Marszalkowski, and the Jazz Mafia. Foundation Director Jon Hooten and his staff (Natalie Rucobo, Marisol Diaz, Erinn Artrip, and Tracy McKee) worked tirelessly to create an unforgettable celebration. Mark your calendars for the Saturday after Labor Day 2025 for the return of the Central Coast's most unique event! Photos of this year's celebration will be available soon, but you can view the video tributes to each honoree on [Hancock's YouTube channel](#).

## Radiography Program

About 18 months ago, Marian Regional Medical Center approached us about starting a Radiography program at Hancock. We had just spent more than a year navigating state bureaucracy to expand our nursing program, and the thought of starting a radiography program from scratch seemed daunting. So, we asked a simple question: what if Santa Barbara City College offered their program here in the City of Santa Maria? After a few conversations and some incredible work by faculty and administrators from both colleges, we are now ready to welcome our first cohort of pre-radiology students in Fall 2025, and SBCC will then offer their radiography program on the AHC campus in Fall 2026. Stay tuned for more information as we finalize the details of this groundbreaking partnership.



## President's Leadership Academy

On Sept. 13, we invited 24 Hancock faculty and staff to participate in the college's 2024 President's Leadership Academy. This year's invitees included faculty from a broad range of college programs, as well as supervisors, directors, classified and exempt staff, and other employees from across our college's various departments and offices. Lompoc Valley Center and Extended Campus Director Deborah Pirman lead the activities and discussions for this year's academy members, who will work to develop a project or initiative aimed at changing the odds for students on our campus.

## A Conversation on Broadening Career Pathways

## Author Faculty & Staff Meet & Greet

On Sept. 18 we will welcome author and award-winning journalist Karin Klein to campus to talk about her new book, *Rethinking College*, and to hold a discussion about expanding career pathways in our region. As a reminder, we will host a staff and faculty meet and greet with Klein in the lobby of Boyd Hall from 3:30-4:40 p.m. A discussion and book signing for the public will follow at 5 p.m. in Boyd Hall. We hope you will join us to explore the challenges and opportunities in providing diverse educational choices and alternative pathways to success for our students. You can learn more at <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/klein/>.



## PSTC 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

Cadets from Hancock's Fire Academy honored the victims and first responders of the September 11, 2001, attacks with a special memorial ceremony at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc this week. The cadets climbed the PSTC's multi-story training tower in full firefighting gear 16 times, then performed a bell-ringing at the top of the structure in honor of the 343 FDNY firefighters who lost their lives during the attack. You can see photos from the ceremony [here](#), and watch a [video](#) on the college's YouTube channel.



## Constitution Day

On Sept. 11, Hancock's Associated Student Body Government hosted its annual Constitution Day Celebration. This year, students were invited to participate in discussions and Q&A sessions with Hancock political science professors Jessica Scarffe and Fred Patrick. Thanks to our ASBG and Student Activities and Outreach for organizing this fun and informative event. This year's Constitution Day activities were also held in tandem with the first blood drive of fall.



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## **Vaccination Clinic Career Exploration Day**

*Wed, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

*SM campus, Commons*

## **Karin Klein Faculty & Staff**

### **Meet & Greet**

*Wed, Sept. 18, 3:30-4:40 p.m.*

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Karin Klein Discussion**

### **& Book Signing**

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*Mon, Oct. 7, 7:30.- 9 p.m.*

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## **3E Bulldog Bound**

*Fri, Oct. 11, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.*

*SM campus*

## **Term 2 Classes Begin**

*Mon, Oct. 14, All Day*

*All Campuses*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues, Oct. 15, 6-8 p.m.*

*Guadalupe Senior Center, 4545 10th St, Guadalupe*

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## **Community Arts Family Day**

*Sat, Oct. 19, 12- 3 p.m.*

*SM campus*



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SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

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## Karin Klein Visit

Award-winning journalist and author Karin Klein joined us on Sept. 18 for a compelling discussion on expanding career pathways in our region at Boyd Concert Hall on the Santa Maria campus. Klein met with students, staff, and faculty after touring our vibrant campus. You can view photos from her visit on Hancock's [Flickr page](#).



## Art Therapy Workshop

Hancock's Counseling department hosted a motivation and self-care art therapy workshop on Sept. 18 at the Santa Maria campus. This workshop focused on helping students learn how to alleviate stress and anxiety through artwork and creative expression. thanks to all the staff who worked to make this unique event happen!





## Blood Drive

Hancock students and staff participated in the first blood drive of the fall semester on Sept. 11 and Sept. 12. According to our partners at Vitalant, we collected a total of 38 units of blood, which has the potential to save 114 lives. Thanks to all the faculty, staff, and students who participated in this blood drive.



## Hancock BSU

Hancock's Black Student Union is seeking students interested in serving as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. If you are interested in one of these positions or simply want to join as a member, email [emurray@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:emurray@hancockcollege.edu) or [xortiz@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:xortiz@hancockcollege.edu).



## Banned Books Week

The AHC Library is celebrating banned books week starting Sept. 22- 28. Students can stop by the reference desk at either the Santa Maria or LVC library and get a clue to start the hunt for banned books. Students who solve the clues will qualify to win a prize and a \$10 coffee card! For more information on Banned Books please see [the official guide](#) or [the ALA's website](#).



## Zine Making Workshop

The AHC library is encouraging students to celebrate Banned Books Week by making a zine. Interested students can stop by the the Santa Maria campus library on Sept. 24 at noon for free pizza and an opportunity to learn how to create fun and informative zines.

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SM campus*





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SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

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## Hancock Honors Video

Did you miss the 2024 Hancock Honors celebration on Sept. 7? We hope you will join us next year, but in the meantime, you can watch the entire ceremony on [Hancock's YouTube channel](#). This year's ceremony includes musical performances, student testimonials, and moving video tributes to the event's honorees. You can also view photos from the 2024 Hancock Honors [on Flickr](#).



## Applied Music Recital

On Sept. 27, the talented students in Hancock's applied music program performed in Boyd Hall during a spring "lunchtime recital". This recital featured solo performances on voice, piano, guitar, and other instruments. This is just one of several concerts scheduled for Boyd Hall this fall. You can find out more and get tickets on the [Fine Arts webpage](#).



## AHC Honored By SM Elks

On Sept. 18, Dean Mitch McCann, AHCPD Sergeant David Millard, and AHCPD dispatcher Gabriela Millan were recognized as department leaders at the Santa Maria Elks 52nd Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner. Congratulations to these amazing Hancock employees. You can read more about the dinner and awards in the [\*Santa Maria Times\*](#).

ANN FOXWORTHY GALLERY • FALL 2024 EXHIBITS

## Nuestra Vida en El Arte (Our Life in Art)



Patricia Valdez, Chacaleto Kitchen, 31x25in, Oil

### The Sanchez Collection of Chicano Art

October 14 - December 13

Discover the art and artists who were pivotal in shaping the Chicano Arts and Cultural movements.



## Chicano Art Exhibit

Allan Hancock College's Ann Foxworthy Gallery is inviting the community to celebrate art, culture, and creativity through its upcoming "Nuestra Vida en Arte" Chicano art exhibit. The exhibit is a remarkable collection curated by renowned collector Tomas Sánchez and highlights the pivotal role of Chicano art in shaping both cultural identity and popular culture. The exhibit will run at the Foxworthy Gallery from Oct. 14 through Dec. 14. You can learn more by visiting the [gallery's webpage](#).



## Writing Center Book Donations

The AHC Writing Center is accepting book donations through Oct. 18. To drop off donated books, simply look for the neon green "drop-off" sign in the Writing Center (Bldg. L). All genres are welcome. The Writing Center will also host a book giveaway event on Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Commons at the Santa Maria campus.



## Community Arts Family Day

Hancock's Ann Foxworthy Gallery will host its first-ever Community Arts Family Day on Oct. 19 from 1-4 p.m. at the Santa Maria campus. Hosted in collaboration with One Community Action, this free public event will have live music by local artists, a car show, and hands-on art activities for kids. Attendees will also be able to take family-friendly tours of the "Nuestra Vida en Arte" exhibit and even participate in a gallery scavenger hunt. We encourage you to tell your friends, neighbors, and other community members about this family-friendly event. You can learn more by visiting the [Community Arts Family Day webpage](#).



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*Tues, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. LVC, Bldg. 3, Room 116*

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## **Festival Mozaic Masterclass**

*Thurs, Oct. 17, 1 p.m.  
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## **Undocumented Student Week of Action**

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## **University Fair**

*Tues, Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus, Commons*

## **Pride Center Grand Opening**

*Wed, Oct. 30, 2 p.m.  
SM campus, Bldg. G, Room 127A*



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OCTOBER 4, 2024

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## Career Exploration Day

On Oct. 4, Hancock invited more than 1,500 local high school and college students to our Santa Maria campus for our annual Career Exploration Day. The visiting students were able to meet and speak with representatives from more than 100 local businesses, as well as faculty and staff from Hancock's various departments and programs. More than 50 of the participating businesses also took resumes and interviewed Hancock students for open positions. You can view photos from the event on the [AHC Flickr page](#).



## Tibetan Monks Visit AHC

On Oct. 4, the visiting monks from the Ngari Institute completed work on an intricate sand mandala in the Ann Foxworthy gallery. They ended their five-day visit by sweeping the mandala away in a symbolic act representing the impermanence of life. If you were not able to see the monks at work, you can watch the live stream of the event on [Hancock's YouTube channel](#).





## Jazz Band Concert

The college's jazz band will host a concert on Oct. 4 from 7:30-9 p.m. in Boyd Concert Hall. The ensemble of student and community musicians will perform selections featuring swing, ballad, rock, and Latin styles with many soloists featured. Tickets for the concert are \$10 for general admission. Students can get in for free with their student ID. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online via the college's [Fine Arts events page](#).



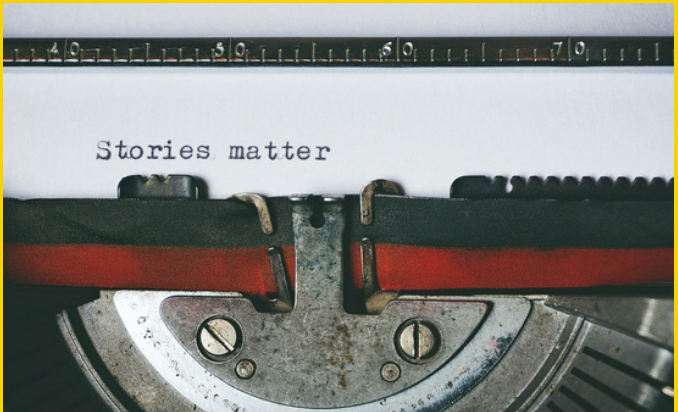
## Undocumented Student Week

Hancock will participate in Undocumented Student Action Week on Oct. 14-22. USAW is an opportunity for students at California Community Colleges to engage in activities created to support and build awareness about undocumented students throughout the state. During this year's USAW, Hancock is hosting a series of workshops created to provide information, resources, and support for undocumented students. You can find a full listing of these workshops on the [Aim to Dream Center webpage](#). In addition, the [California Community College Chancellor's Office](#) is also hosting a series of webinars during Undocumented Student Week of Action. You can learn more and register by visiting the [Chancellor's Office website](#).



## Film Screening & Artist Talk

Hancock will host a free screening of the movie "Strawberry Picker" at Boyd Concert Hall on Oct. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. There will also be a discussion with artist Juan Fuentes following the screening of the film. This event is free and open to students, staff, faculty, and the public.



## AHC Harvest Seeking Submissions

Hancock's literary journal, *Harvest*, is looking for creative writing submissions for its next publication. The journal is open to all Hancock students, faculty, and staff. Fiction, nonfiction, and poetry can be submitted to [harvestliteraryjournal@gmail.com](mailto:harvestliteraryjournal@gmail.com) by Oct. 31.

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SM campus, Library (Bldg. L)*





# Weekly Update

OCTOBER 11, 2024

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## Student Success Conference

AHC Director of LVC & Extended Campus Deborah Pirman and Associate Professor/Librarian Susie Kopecky presented at the RP Group's 19th annual Strengthening Student Success Conference in Garden Grove this month. Their presentation focused on instructional practices that foster equity in the classroom and highlighted the Hancock Academy, a professional development series that originated from a Guided Pathways working group.



## Chicano Art Reception

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is hosting a reception for its exhibit of Chicano Art, *Nuestra Vida en Arte*, on Oct. 17 from 4:30-7 p.m. The reception will feature a discussion with art collector professor Tomás Sánchez. *Nuestra Vida en Arte* will run from Oct. 14- Dec. 13. You can learn more by visiting the [Foxworthy Gallery's webpage](#).



## Frightmare Forest Returns

The AHC men's basketball program is once again preparing to scare and delight the community with its annual "Frightmare Forest" haunted maze. The three-acre haunted maze will be located at Hancock's baseball and softball complex at the Santa Maria campus, and will run from 7-10 p.m. on October 24, 25, 26, and 31. Tickets for the maze are \$15 and can be purchased on-site or online at [ahcbulldogs.com/ticketing](http://ahcbulldogs.com/ticketing).



## Great ShakeOut 2024

Campus Safety will be participating in the Great ShakeOut event on Oct. 17. At 10:17 a.m. on Oct. 17, the college will utilize the Mitel and RAVE emergency nonfiction systems at both campuses to conduct an earthquake drill. The notifications will include campus-wide audio alerts delivered via loudspeakers, as well as phones and computers inside buildings and classrooms on both campuses. Additional earthquake drill messages will also be delivered via email and text messages. The audio alerts will be loud and repeated one time. When the alert sounds, we encourage you to practice the "Stop, Drop, Cover, and Hold On" exercise as prescribed by the Great Shake Out website.



## Hancock Hangouts Return

Our Guided Pathways program is once again inviting all Hancock employees to get to know their peers at upcoming "Hancock Hangout" events. Hangouts allow different areas or programs to host informal open houses with light refreshments. The first hangout of fall 2024 will be hosted by programs in our Hospitality, Recreation, & Fashion Area of Interest and will take place on Oct. 18 from 1-3 p.m. at the tennis courts on the Santa Maria campus.



## Small Farming & Ranching Forum

The EconAlliance and SBCFAN are hosting a Small Famers, Ranchers, and Fisherfolk Forum on Oct. 25 and 26 at Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F) on the Santa Maria campus. This new event will include resources, workshops, offsite tours, demonstrations, and speakers for small-scale future, new, and current farmers, ranchers, and fisherfolk. Lunch will be available for purchase from local food businesses. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit the [event's webpage](#).



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Term 2 Classes Begin**

*Mon, Oct. 14, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **Undocumented Student Week of Action**

*Oct. 14-19  
SM Campus, Multiple Locations & Virtual*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues, Oct. 15, 6-8 p.m.  
Guadalupe Senior Center, 4545 10th St, Guadalupe*

## **Great ShakeOut Drill**

*Thurs, Oct. 17, 10:17 a.m.  
SM campus and LVC*

## **Festival Mozaic Masterclass**

*Thurs, Oct. 17, 1 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Chicano Art Reception**

*Thurs, Oct. 17, 4:30-7 p.m.  
SM campus, Foxworthy Gallery (Bldg. L)*

## **Hancock Hangout**

*Fri, Oct. 18, 1-3 p.m.  
SM campus, Tennis Courts*

## **Film Screening & Artist Talk**

*Fri, Oct. 18, 6-7:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Community Arts Family Day**

*Sat, Oct. 19, 1-4 p.m.  
SM campus, Bldg. G, Room 127A*

## **Frightmare Forest**

*Oct. 24- 31, 7-10 p.m.  
SM campus, Softball Field*

## **Writing Center Book Giveaway**

*Thurs, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
SM campus, Commons*

## **Farming & Ranching Forum**

*Oct. 25-26, All Day  
SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **3E Bulldog Bound**

*Fri, Oct. 25, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus*

## **University Fair**

*Tues, Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus, Commons*

## **Pride Center Grand Opening**

*Wed, Oct. 30, 2 p.m.  
SM campus, Bldg. G, Room 127A*

## **Halloween Zine Workshop**

*Thurs, Oct. 31, 12-2 p.m.  
SM campus, Library (Bldg. L)*





# Weekly Update

OCTOBER 18, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## Bachelor's Degree Update

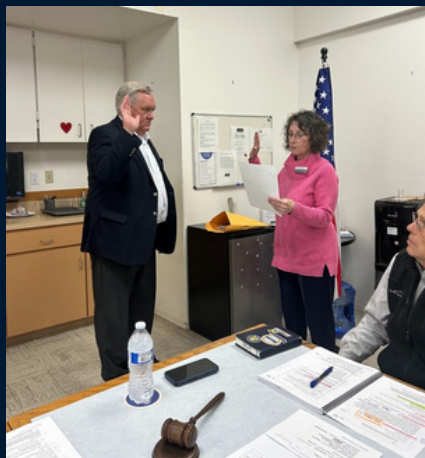
This week, our college reached a historic milestone: Provisional approval from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for our proposed Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Applied Professional Studies. This represents a significant achievement in the college's ongoing commitment to providing affordable and accessible higher education to Central Coast students. You can learn more about the next steps in the process by reading [this press release](#).



## Undocumented Student Action Week

This week, Hancock joined colleges across the state to take part in an Undocumented Student Action Week. This year, our AIM to Dream Center hosted several workshops in addition to the webinars hosted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. USAW concluded with a keynote speech by acclaimed spoken word artist Yosimar Reyes at Boyd Concert Hall. Reyes is known for his contemporary poetry and is an important figure for queer and undocumented immigrant communities. You can view photos from Reyes' visit on [Flickr](#).





## New Student Trustee

Earlier this week, I had the honor of swearing in Ora Shrecengost as our next student trustee. Ora is an active and involved member of our campus community and has worked with programs such as food share and taken on leadership roles in the AHC chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma. As Student Trustee, Ora is particularly passionate about bridging the gap between traditional and non-traditional students. Congratulations Ora!



## Festival Mozaic Performance

Grammy-nominated pianist John Novacek will be at Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F) on Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. for a special Festival Mozaic performance of classical selections on the college's new Steinway concert piano. You can learn more about this world-class artist and his work with Festival Mozaic on this [KCBX report](#). Hancock students are eligible for free tickets by emailing your name and H number to [ahcfoundation@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:ahcfoundation@hancockcollege.edu). Faculty and staff can receive a 15% discount (for as little as \$21) at the event website by using the promo code: **HANCOCK.**



## Hancock Hangout

On Oct. 18, programs in Hancock's Hospitality, Recreation, & Fashion Area of Interest hosted the first Hancock Hangout of the fall. Our staff, faculty, and administrators were invited to play pickleball on the college's tennis courts and enjoy homemade pies from Hancock's Culinary Arts & Management program. The AHC Police Department will host the next Hancock Hangout on Oct. 25 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the campus police station (bldg. S-2).



## Pride Center Grand Opening

Hancock will celebrate the grand opening of its new Pride Center on Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Mechanics Bank Student Center. The Pride Center will offer a safe supportive space where Hancock's LGBTQ+ community and allies can meet, talk, and get support and resources. The center will also house a collection of books donated by the estate of the late Professor Kate Adams. All Hancock students, staff, and faculty are invited to attend this grand opening event.

# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Film Screening & Artist Talk**

*Fri, Oct. 18, 6-7:30 p.m.*

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Community Arts Family Day**

*Sat, Oct. 19, 1-4 p.m.*

*SM campus, Bldg. G, Room 127A*

## **Hispanic Heritage Celebration**

*Wed., Oct. 23, 12-3 p.m.*

*SM campus, Student center (bldg. G, Room 106)*

## **Voice Class Recital**

*Wed., Oct. 23, 3-4:40 p.m.*

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Frightmare Forest**

*Oct. 24- 31, 7-10 p.m.*

*SM campus, Softball Field*

## **Writing Center Book Giveaway**

*Thurs, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.*

*SM campus, Commons*

## **Applied Music Class Recital**

*Fri, Oct. 25, 12-1:30 p.m.*

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Hancock Hangout**

*Fri, Oct. 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*

*SM campus, Police Station (Bldg. S-2)*

## **Farming & Ranching Forum**

*Oct. 25-26, All Day*

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **3E Bulldog Bound**

*Fri, Oct. 25, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.*

*SM campus*

## **University Fair**

*Tues, Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.*

*SM campus, Commons*

## **Pride Center Grand Opening**

*Wed, Oct. 30, 2 p.m.*

*SM campus, Bldg. G, Room 127A*

## **Halloween Zine Workshop**

*Thurs, Oct. 31, 12-2 p.m.*

*SM campus, Library (Bldg. L)*

## **Dimensions in Dance**

*Nov. 7-9, 7-8:30 p.m.*

*SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **College Closed for Veterans Day**

*Mon., Nov. 11, All Day*

*All Campuses*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues., Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m.*

*SM campus, Board Room (Bldg. B)*







# Weekly Update

OCTOBER 25, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## Hispanic Heritage Celebration

On Oct. 24, Hancock's ASBG hosted their annual Hispanic Heritage celebration. This year's festivities included food, music, and the return of comedian and empowerment speaker Ernie G. Following a delicious lunch and Ernie's inspiring discussion, attendees were invited to stay and participate in leadership development and mental wellness workshops. You can view photos from this event on the [college's Flickr page](#).



## Campus Safety Hancock Hangout

On Oct. 25, AHC Campus Safety hosted a Hancock Hangout event on the Santa Maria campus. Hancock employees were invited to stop by the campus police headquarters where they were able to take tours, learn CPR and "Stop the Bleed" training techniques, and get a look at the department's vehicles and mobile command center. The next Hancock Hangout will take place on Nov. 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in building A. You can view photos from this Hancock Hangout on the [college's Flickr page](#).



## SMPD Safety Forum

On Oct. 24, students, staff, and members of the community were invited to attend a community safety forum hosted by the Santa Maria Police Department in Boyd Concert Hall on the Santa Maria campus. The forum included helpful tips and resources for keeping families safe and also provided attendees with child identification kits. Thanks to SMPD for bringing this important community event to our campus.



## Dimensions In Dance

Hancock's talented dance students will once again take the stage for the program's annual Dimensions In Dance performances on Nov. 7-9 at 7 p.m. in Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F). The theme of this year's performance is "Discovery" and will include a variety of styles, such as contemporary, hip-hop, salsa, and musical theatre. You can purchase tickets for these performances by visiting the college's [Fine Arts Events and Exhibits webpage](#).



## University Transfer Fair

Hancock's University Transfer Center is hosting a free University Transfer Fair on Oct. 29 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Commons at the Santa Maria campus. Representatives from several public and private universities will be on hand to answer student's questions and provide them with resources to help them successfully transfer. There will also be food and fun lawn games.



## First-Generation Day

Hancock is excited to participate in National First-Generation College Student Day on Nov. 7. National First Gen Day celebrates the success and presence of first-generation college students, faculty, and staff on campus. On Nov. 7, you can stop by a National First Gen Day booth from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the courtyard between building A and G. There will also be a celebration with special guest speaker Gloria Soto from 1:30-3 p.m. in the courtyard of the Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F). To RSVP for this fun and informative event, please fill out this [online form](#).



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Frightmare Forest**

Oct. 24- 31, 7-10 p.m.  
SM campus, Softball Field

## **Farming & Ranching Forum**

Oct. 25-26, All Day  
SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)

## **3E Bulldog Bound**

Fri, Oct. 25, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus

## **University Fair**

Tues, Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus, Commons

## **Pride Center Grand Opening**

Wed, Oct. 30, 2 p.m.  
SM campus, Bldg. G, Room 127A

## **Halloween Zine Workshop**

Thurs, Oct. 31, 12-2 p.m.  
SM campus, Library (Bldg. L)

## **Open Registration Begins**

Thurs, Nov. 7, All day  
All Campuses

## **First Gen Day**

Thurs, Nov. 7, 1-3 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Courtyard (Bldg. F)

## **Dimensions in Dance**

Nov. 7-9, 7-8:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)

## **College Closed for Veterans Day**

Mon., Nov. 11, All Day  
All Campuses

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

Tues., Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m.  
SM campus, Board Room (Bldg. B)

## **Cultural Movie Night**

Wed., Nov. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F, Room 251)

## **3E Bulldog Bound**

Fri, Nov. 22, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus

## **Applied Music recital**

Fri, Nov. 22, 12- 1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)

## **Choir Concert**

Sat, Nov. 23, 7- 8:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)

## **College Closed: Thanksgiving Break**

Nov. 28-30, All Day  
All Campuses



# Weekly Update

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## University Transfer Fair

On Oct. 29, the University Transfer Center hosted a University Transfer Fair. This event allowed Hancock students to meet and talk with representatives from several public and private universities, while also enjoying lunch, ice cream, and fun lawn games. Thanks to all of the UTC staff who worked to organize this event. You can view photos of this year's University Transfer Fair on the college's [Flickr](#) page.



## Pride Center Grand Opening

On Oct. 30, Hancock held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the college's new Pride Center. This 500-square-foot space is attached to the Mechanics Bank Student Center and will provide students with a safe and supportive place to gather, connect, and access essential resources, including mental health counseling, basic needs support, and educational presentations and workshops. In addition, the Pride Center also houses a collection of books on LGBTQ-related topics donated by the estate of the late Professor Kate Adams. More photos are available from the college's [Flickr](#) page.





## Dia de Los Muertos

On Nov. 1, Hancock celebrated *Dia de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) on the Santa Maria campus. Students and staff honored family members, friends, and pets who have passed away, and also enjoyed traditional music, *pan dulce*, hot chocolate, and poetry. Participants were also invited to take part in face painting and other arts and crafts.



## Brown Bag Art Salon

This week, students had a unique opportunity to connect with Karl Kempton, a renowned visual artist, writer, and poet, at the Ann Foxworthy Gallery's first Brown Bag Art Salon. These new events aim to create informal spaces for creative dialogue on campus, encouraging students to engage with established artists and writers from various fields. During his visit, Kempton shared insights into his artistic journey, and students were able to explore his collection of poetry and visual art publications in the student art gallery.



## Halloween Events

Hancock celebrated Halloween with several on-campus events this week. These included an alcohol awareness event (pictured) and a Halloween costume contest hosted by students in our Associated Student Body Government. The AHC Library also hosted a Halloween zine-making workshop, which taught participating students how to create DIY magazines or "zines". Oct. 31 was also the final night of the AHC men's basketball team's annual Frightmare Forest haunted maze.



## MESA/STEM Alumni Celebration

Hancock is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the MESA program with a special reunion for all MESA/STEM alumni on Nov. 23. Alumni are invited back to campus to reconnect, reminisce, and enjoy an afternoon and evening of activities. Tickets are \$25 per person, with all proceeds supporting the MESA/STEM Scholarship Fund. All alumni who want to attend should RSVP by Nov. 4 to reserve their spot!

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## **Open Registration Begins**

*Thurs, Nov. 7, All day  
All Campuses*

## **First Gen Day**

*Thurs, Nov. 7, 1-3 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Courtyard (Bldg. F)*

## **Dimensions in Dance**

*Nov. 7-9, 7-8:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **College Closed for Veterans Day**

*Mon., Nov. 11, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **Film Noir Fridays Movie Screening**

*Fri, Nov. 15, 6-9 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues., Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m.  
SM campus, Board Room (Bldg. B)*

## **Cultural Movie Night**

*Wed., Nov. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F, Room 251)*

## **3E Bulldog Bound**

*Fri, Nov. 22, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus*

## **Applied Music recital**

*Fri, Nov. 22, 12- 1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Film Noir Fridays Movie Screening**

*Fri, Nov. 22, 6-9 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Choir Concert**

*Sat, Nov. 23, 7- 8:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **College Closed: Thanksgiving Break**

*Nov. 28-30, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **Law Enforcement Graduation**

*Wed., Dec. 4, 10-11:30 a.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **EMS Graduation**

*Thurs., Dec. 5, 10-11 a.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **CORE Graduation**

*Fri., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Applied Music recital**

*Fri, Dec. 6, 12- 1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Jazz Band Concert**

*Fri, Dec. 6, 7:30- 9 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Voice Recital**

*Mon., Dec. 9, 2- 4 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Symphonic Band**

*Mon., Dec. 9, 7:30- 9 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*





# Weekly Update

NOVEMBER 8, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
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## National First-Gen Day

On Nov. 7, Hancock celebrated National First-Generation College Student Day at the Santa Maria campus. First-generation students, staff, and faculty were invited to stop by a special First-Gen Day booth outside the Student Center for photos. Later in the afternoon, we hosted a lunch and ceremony featuring a keynote speech from Santa Maria City Councilmember and Hancock alumna Gloria Soto. You can view photos from this event on the college's [Flickr page](#).



## Hancock Hangout

On Oct. 31, Hancock employees were invited to stop by the Student Services Building on the Santa Maria campus to participate in another Hancock Hangout event. At this hangout, participants met and talked with the college's counseling staff and learned more about the important services and resources they provide for our students. The next Hancock Hangout will be hosted by AHC Community Education and will take place on Nov. 22 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.





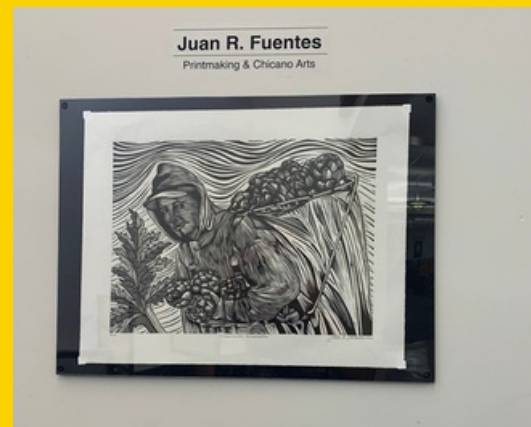
## AHC Foundation Scholarships

Applications are officially open for scholarships through the Allan Hancock College Foundation. Please help spread the word and encourage students to apply for these scholarships, many of which are funded by the generosity of local community members, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and even our own faculty and staff. Scholarship applications are due by Feb. 5. Students can learn more and apply on the [AHC Foundation Scholarship webpage](#).



## Beauty & The Beast

Now is the time to get your tickets for PCPA's production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast". In Disney's enchanting "tale as old as time," Belle, a young woman trapped in her provincial life, encounters a prince who is trapped under a curse that has turned him into a terrifying beast. This beloved classic will play through Dec. 31 before it returns to the Disney vault. You can learn more and get your tickets by visiting the [PCPA website](#).



## New AHC Library Art

The AHC Library at the Santa Maria campus is displaying prints by artist Juan Fuentes. Fuentes is a cultural activist/artist/printmaker, and his works address issues relating to local communities of color, social justice, and international struggles for liberation. His prints are located in the lobby and will be available to view until Nov. 30.



## Choir Concert

Allan Hancock's choir will host a festive winter concert on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. in Boyd Hall (bldg. F) at Hancock's Santa Maria campus. This performance will include arrangements of holiday and winter favorites, as well as an audience caroling sing-along at the end of the concert. Tickets are currently available on the [Fine Arts Performances and Exhibits](#) webpage.



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Dimensions in Dance**

*Nov. 7-9, 7-8:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **College Closed for Veterans Day**

*Mon., Nov. 11, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **Film Noir Fridays Movie Screening**

*Fri, Nov. 15, 6-9 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues., Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m.  
SM campus, Board Room (Bldg. B)*

## **Active Minds QPR Training**

*Wed., Nov. 20, 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Student Center (Bldg. G)*

## **Cultural Movie Night**

*Wed., Nov. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F, Room 251)*

## **3E Bulldog Bound**

*Fri, Nov. 22, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus*

## **Applied Music recital**

*Fri, Nov. 22, 12- 1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Film Noir Fridays Movie Screening**

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## **Choir Concert**

*Sat, Nov. 23, 7- 8:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **College Closed: Thanksgiving Break**

*Nov. 28-30, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **Special Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues., Dec. 3, 5-6 p.m.  
LVC, Bldg. 3, Room 114*

## **Law Enforcement Graduation**

*Wed., Dec. 4, 10-11:30 a.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **EMS Graduation**

*Thurs., Dec. 5, 10-11 a.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **CORE Graduation**

*Fri., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Applied Music recital**

*Fri, Dec. 6, 12- 1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Jazz Band Concert**

*Fri, Dec. 6, 7:30- 9 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Voice Recital**

*Mon., Dec. 9, 2- 4 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Symphonic Band**

*Mon., Dec. 9, 7:30- 9 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*



# Weekly Update

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## Hancock Hangout

On Nov. 15, Hancock's Counseling department hosted a Hancock Hangout in building A. Attendees were able to enjoy refreshments meet the counseling staff, and even play "students" in mock counseling sessions. The next Hancock Hangout will be hosted by AHC Community Education and will take place on Nov. 22 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. You can view photos from this event on the college's [Flickr page](#).



## Health Center Grand Opening

Hancock is celebrating the grand opening of our Student Health Center on Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. in front of building J on the Santa Maria campus. There will be speeches, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, and self-guided tours of this new facility. Please note, there will be a partial closure of some parking spots in Lot #6 on Nov. 18 and Nov. 19 to accommodate this event. Please check your myHancock email for details. We hope you will join us for this exciting event.





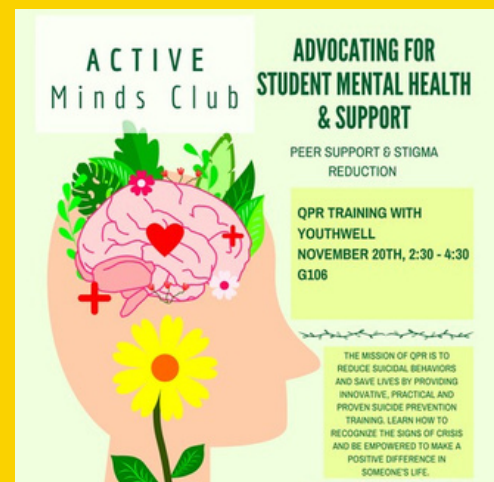
## Blood Drive

Student Activities & Outreach is once again partnering with Vitalant to host a blood drive on Nov. 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center on the Santa Maria campus. This event will be part of the Holiday Student Makers Market on Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Everyone who donates will be entered for a chance to win \$10,000 and receive a free t-shirt. You can make an appointment to donate [online](http://vitalant.org/makeadifferencevitalant).



## Cultural Movie Night

Hancock is hosting a cultural movie night on Nov. 20 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F, Room 251). RSVP online to attend this screening of "The Pushouts". The Pushouts explores the remarkable story of Victor Rios' evolution from school pushout and gang member to UC professor, author, and thought leader. This event is free but seating is limited. Learn more and [RSVP online](https://www.allanhancockcollege.edu/rsvp).



## QPR Training

Hancock's Active Minds Club is offering a FREE "Question, Persuade, Refer" (QPR) suicide-prevention training on Nov. 20 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Mechanics Bank Student Center (bldg. G, Room 106). This training is free and open to all students, staff, and faculty. Check your myHancock email for details about this important training opportunity.



## RN Club Fundraiser

Hancock's Registered Nursing Club at Allan Hancock College is hosting a fundraiser and bake sale to support future nurses on Nov. 18 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Mi Amore Pizza (1321 North H Street in Lompoc). The club will receive a portion of the proceeds from dine-in and take-out orders from 4 to 9 p.m. Any money raised will go to help nursing students with their board exams and graduation costs.

# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues., Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m.  
SM campus, Board Room (Bldg. B)*

## **Health Center Grand Opening**

*Tues., Nov. 19, 3 p.m.  
SM campus, Bldg. J*

## **RN Club Fundraiser**

*Tues., Nov. 19, 4-9 p.m.  
Mi Amore Pizza, 1321 North H Street, Lompoc*

## **Blood Drive**

*Wed., Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
SM campus, Student Center (Bldg. G)*

## **Active Minds QPR Training**

*Wed., Nov. 20, 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Student Center (Bldg. G)*

## **Cultural Movie Night**

*Wed., Nov. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F, Room 2 51)*

## **3E Bulldog Bound**

*Fri, Nov. 22, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
SM campus*

## **Applied Music recital**

*Fri, Nov. 22, 12- 1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Film Noir Fridays Movie Screening**

*Fri, Nov. 22, 6-9 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Choir Concert**

*Sat, Nov. 23, 7- 8:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **College Closed: Thanksgiving Break**

*Nov. 28-30, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **Special Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues., Dec. 3, 5-6 p.m.  
LVC, Bldg. 3, Room 114*

## **Law Enforcement Graduation**

*Wed., Dec. 4, 10-11:30 a.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **EMS Graduation**

*Thurs., Dec. 5, 10-11 a.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **CORE Graduation**

*Fri., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Applied Music recital**

*Fri, Dec. 6, 12- 1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Jazz Band Concert**

*Fri, Dec. 6, 7:30- 9 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Voice Recital**

*Mon., Dec. 9, 2- 4 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Symphonic Band**

*Mon., Dec. 9, 7:30- 9 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Hall (Bldg. F)*





# Weekly Update

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## Student Health Center Opening

On Nov. 19, we celebrated the grand opening of Hancock's new Student Health Center with a special ceremony attended by students, staff, and faculty. The ceremony included a ribbon-cutting, speeches, and self-guided tours of the state-of-the-art 4,246-square-foot facility, which is dedicated to supporting students' physical and mental well-being, enabling them to thrive academically and personally. This amazing building also houses a student clothing closet and food pantry.



## Community Ed Hancock Hangout

On Nov. 22, Hancock Community Education invited staff and faculty to its very first Hancock Hangout event at building S on the Santa Maria campus. Attendees got the chance to experience the wide range of Community Education's programs, including an up-close look at a truck from the commercial driving program, student artwork from painting and drawing classes, and even a live demonstration from one of the Community Education Zumba instructors.



## Criminal Justice Students

Students from Hancock's Administration of Justice program recently got the chance to put their skills to the test by examining a mock crime scene outside the AHC District Police Department's office. The students collected evidence, dusted for fingerprints, and even spoke to "witnesses" played by Hancock staff.



## Cultural Movie Night

On Nov. 20, Hancock's Counseling department hosted a cultural movie night in the screening room of the Fine Arts Complex on the Santa Maria campus. Students and staff who attended enjoyed chips, candy, and other movie treats prior to the screening and watched "The Pushouts" on the big screen.



## Angel Tree Gift Drive

It's the time of the year when our commitment to Changing the Odds really shines! Our team from EOPS+ has again organized an opportunity for us to support our student families. This year, 60 student families (130 gift tags and counting!) have registered to participate in the annual Angel Tree Gift Drive. Gift tags are now available inside the Mechanics Bank Student Center on the Santa Maria campus and in the Student Services building at the Lompoc Valley Center. You may also participate by making a donation online: [www.hancockcollege.edu/angeltree](http://www.hancockcollege.edu/angeltree)



## Upcoming Concerts

Boyd Concert Hall continues to host great music this November and December. Hancock choir will host a festive holiday concert on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. Hancock's Jazz Band will perform its winter concert on Dec. 6, followed by the college's Symphonic Band on Dec. 9. You can get more information and tickets for these performances by visiting the [Fine Arts Performances and Exhibits webpage](#).



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## Film Noir Fridays Movie Screening

*Fri, Nov. 22, 6-9 p.m.  
SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (Bldg. F, Room 257)*

## Choir Concert

*Sat, Nov. 23, 7- 8:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## EOPS Turkey Giveaway

*Tues, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
SM campus, Bldg. B*

## Taste of Home

*Wed, Nov. 27, 12 - 1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Student Center (Bldg. G)*

## College Closed: Thanksgiving Break

*Nov. 28-30, All Day  
All Campuses*

## Special Board of Trustees Meeting

*Tues., Dec. 3, 5-6 p.m.  
LVC, Bldg. 3, Room 114*

## Law Enforcement Graduation

*Wed., Dec. 4, 10-11:30 a.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## EMS Graduation

*Thurs., Dec. 5, 10-11 a.m. LVC,  
Public Safety Training Complex*

## LVC Angel Tree Celebration

*Wed., Dec. 4, 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
LVC, Bldg. 1, Room 202/203*

## SM Angel Tree Celebration

*Thurs., Dec. 5, 1-2:30 p.m. SM  
campus, Boardroom (Bldg. B)*

## Posada Cultural

*Thurs, Dec. 5, 4-7 p.m.  
SM campus, Student Center (Bldg. G)*

## CORE Custody Graduation

*Fri., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## Applied Music recital

*Fri, Dec. 6, 12- 1:30 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## Jazz Band Concert

*Fri, Dec. 6, 7:30- 9 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## SESLOC Festival of Lights

*Sat, Dec. 7, 5- 9 p.m.  
Broadway, Santa Maria*

## Voice Recital

*Mon., Dec. 9, 2- 4 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## Symphonic Band Concert

*Mon., Dec. 9, 7:30- 9 p.m.  
SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## Fire Academy Graduation

*Thurs., Dec. 12, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## Board of Trustees Meeting

*Tues., Dec. 17, 6-8 p.m.  
SM campus, Boardroom (Bldg. B)*



# Weekly Update

DECEMBER 6, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## Posada Cultural

On Dec. 5, Hancock hosted a fun and informational Posada Cultural event on the Santa Maria campus. This event included giving student tours of the college's student services departments. The Posada also included salsa dancing lessons, *lotería*, poetry, live music, a *grito* contest, and more. Thanks to all the staff who worked to organize this fantastic new event on our campus.



## Angel Tree

On Dec. 5, our staff, faculty, and students celebrated another year of supporting Hancock families through the college's annual Angel Tree Gift Drive. This year, the generous individuals and groups who participated were able to support more than 243 families by directly purchasing gifts or making monetary donations online. Thanks to everyone who supported this year's Angel Tree Gift Drive.





## Food Share

Dec. 5 not only marked the final student-only food share for the fall semester but the last time the program will be hosted at the Mechanics Bank Student Center. For the last eight years, our Student Activities & Outreach staff, along with a dedicated group of students and volunteers, have distributed thousands of pounds of food to Hancock students, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot thank them enough for their hard work and commitment to truly changing the odds for our community. Food share services will move to the Basic Needs Food Pantry in building J in Spring.



## “Stress Buster” Events

Student Activities & Outreach and Student Health Services spent this week helping students relax and destress during finals with several fun “stress buster” and “brain break” activities. This semester, students were invited to participate in yoga, meditation, acupuncture, arts and crafts, and more. Students were also able to meet and interact with miniature therapy ponies at the Santa Maria campus.



## Public Safety Graduations

This week, our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc hosted three graduations that celebrated the success of 68 new and highly skilled public servants. A total of 26 cadets graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy on Dec. 5, followed by 29 cadets graduating from Hancock’s EMS Academy on Dec. 5. On Dec. 6, a total of 13 cadets graduated from the CORE Custody Academy. Next week on Dec. 12, the PSTC will host a graduation for cadets in our Fire Academy.



## Upcoming Concerts

Boyd Concert Hall continues to host great music this November and December. Hancock’s Jazz Band will perform its winter concert on Dec. 6, followed by the college’s Symphonic Band on Dec. 9. You can get more information and tickets for these performances by visiting the [Fine Arts Performances and Exhibits webpage](#). Hancock’s Voice Class students will also host a free recital at Boyd Concert Hall on Dec. 9 at 3 p.m.

# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Jazz Band Concert**

*Fri, Dec. 6, 7:30- 9 p.m.*

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **SESLOC Festival of Lights**

*Sat, Dec. 7, 5- 9 p.m.*

*Broadway, Santa Maria*

## **Voice Recital**

*Mon., Dec. 9, 3 p.m.*

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Symphonic Band Concert**

*Mon., Dec. 9, 7:30- 9 p.m.*

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (Bldg. F)*

## **Fire Academy Graduation**

*Thurs., Dec. 12, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

*LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues., Dec. 17, 6-8 p.m.*

*SM campus, Boardroom (Bldg. B)*

## **College Closed**

*Dec. 24-25, All Day*

*All Campuses*

## **College Closed**

*Dec. 31- Jan. 1, All Day*

*All Campuses*





# Weekly Update

DECEMBER 13, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## PSTC & Nursing Graduations

This December, Hancock proudly graduated 175 new public servants from our public safety and nursing programs. The college celebrated the achievements of these highly skilled graduates during several ceremonies for our law enforcement, fire, custody, and emergency medical services academies, as well as our vocational and registered nursing programs. You can view photos from these graduations on [Hancock's Flickr page](#).



## EOC Tabletop Exercise

On Dec. 13, the members of Hancock's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) participated in a tabletop preparedness exercise at the Santa Maria campus. These exercises allow our EOC staff to assess the college's emergency response procedures and identify opportunities to strengthen and improve our ability to respond to a variety of emergencies. You can learn more by visiting the [Emergency Preparedness webpage](#).



## Dental Clinic

Students in our Dental Assisting program got the chance to put the skills they have been learning in the classroom to the test on Dec. 13 at a dental clinic hosted at Hancock's on-campus lab and classroom on the Santa Maria campus. Our students helped a local dentist assess the dental needs of real patients, many of whom will return for additional services at a second clinic in the spring.



## Newsweek Article

If you've visited the Newsweek website this week, you may have recognized a familiar name. Filmmaker and Hancock Film & Video Production Professor Chris Hite was quoted in a recent article titled "[What the Golden Globe Nominations Mean for the Oscars](#)". Give the article a read to learn more about Professor Hite's insights on this year's nominations and potential Oscar contenders.

## SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 24, 2025

upward mobility summit  
upward mobility summit

A Conference to Address Poverty in Santa Barbara County

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HAS THE  
2ND HIGHEST RATE OF POVERTY IN CALIFORNIA.  
JOIN THE CONVERSATION. HELP US MAKE CHANGE.**

HAPPENING SIMULTANEOUSLY AT  
ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE & SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

## Upward Mobility Summit

Hancock is co-hosting the Upward Mobility Summit, an event that will be held simultaneously at Santa Barbara City College—connected digitally—on Jan. 24. The event is being planned by a consortium of 15 local public and private organizations to increase awareness about the high level of poverty in Santa Barbara County. Matthew Desmond, author of the bestselling books "Evicted" and "Poverty, by America," will be the keynote speaker at the summit with a virtual presentation linked to both sites. There will also be in-person panel discussions with community leaders and nonprofit groups, along with experts and special guests. To learn more and register, visit the [Upward Mobility website](#).



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tues., Dec. 17, 6-8 p.m.  
SM campus, Boardroom (Bldg. B)*

## **College Closed**

*Dec. 24-25, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **College Closed**

*Dec. 31- Jan. 1, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **College Closed**

*Mon., Jan. 20, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **First Day of Spring Classes**

*Tues, Jan. 21, All Day  
All Campuses*

## **Upward Mobility Summit**

*Fri, Jan. 24,  
8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.  
SM campus*



# Weekly Update

JANUARY 17, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## All Staff Day

Our faculty and staff gathered at the Santa Maria campus on Jan. 16 to celebrate All Staff Day for the upcoming spring semester. Things began in the Marian Theatre with presentations and welcoming our new and recently promoted employees before moving outside for activities and productive breakout sessions. You can visit the college's [Flickr page](#) for a photo album of the day's events.



## First Week Tables

Hancock is preparing to welcome thousands of students back to campus for the start of spring classes on Jan. 21. To help welcome them to campus, our faculty, staff, student ambassadors, and administrators will be manning information booths on Jan. 21 and Jan. 22 to answer questions, help students find their classes, and providing coffee and snacks. To sign up for a shift at one of these booths, please get the advance approval of your supervisor and fill out this [response form](#).





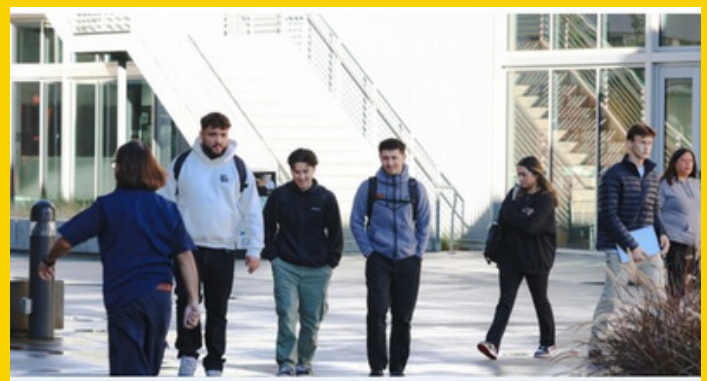
## Spring Playlist

In addition to our first-week information booths, Hancock is welcoming new and returning students back to campus with a fun spring music playlist. This spring's playlist includes songs from a variety of genres and artists, including Bruno Mars, Sabrina Carpenter, Tears for Fears, Bad Bunny, and many more. You can listen to and rate the playlist on [Spotify](#).



## Cybersecurity Grant

Hancock will expand and strengthen its cybersecurity capabilities thanks to a recently awarded grant from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). The college will receive \$125,525 from the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. The funding will support critical initiatives to address cybersecurity risks, protect information systems, and bolster the security and resilience of essential services at the college. You can read more about the grant and Hancock's plans for the funds on the [college's website](#).



## The Central Coast's forgotten students: A call for action

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By Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. "It's political." For the past year, Allan Hancock College has worked to bri...

## SMT Commentary

In my recent op-ed for the Santa Maria Times, I highlighted the challenges Allan Hancock College faces in our efforts to bring four-year degree opportunities to our community. Despite following all required protocols, including those designed to create unnecessary roadblocks, we've encountered resistance from some CSU campuses that claim our proposed programs are "duplicative." These objections ignore the unique needs of Northern Santa Barbara County, where the closest CSU campus is hours away and has long failed to address local workforce demands. Moving forward, Hancock will intensify our advocacy. We will challenge lawmakers, state-appointed trustees, and higher education leaders to prioritize the needs of underserved communities like ours. Our students deserve the same access to higher education and career opportunities as students elsewhere in California. This is not just about degrees—it's a matter of social justice. Our college, community, and partners will unite to ensure that northern Santa Barbara County is no longer overlooked, and in 2025, we are determined to make tangible progress. You can read the op-ed [here](#).

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## **College Closed**

Mon., Jan. 20, All Day

*All Campuses*

## **First Day of Spring Classes**

Tues, Jan. 21, All Day

*All Campuses*

## **Board Retreat**

Tues, Jan. 21, 3-5 p.m.

*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom (bldg. B)*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, Jan. 21, 6-8 p.m.

*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom (bldg. B)*

## **Upward Mobility Summit**

Fri, Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

*SM campus, Boyd Hall (bldg. F)*

## **DEIA Summit**

Fri, Feb. 7, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*SM campus, Boyd Hall (bldg. F)*

## **College Closed**

Feb. 14, 15, & 17, All Day

*All Campuses*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.

*LVC*

## **Bulldog Bow-WOW SM Campus**

Wed, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*SM campus, Boyd Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Children's Flea Market**

Tues., Feb. 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Week of Welcome Baseball**

### **& BBQ Event**

Tues, Feb. 11, 12:30 p.m.

*SM campus, Baseball Fields*

## **Bulldog Bow-WOW LVC**

Wed, Feb. 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*LVC, Courtyard*

## **Transfer Summit**

Fri., Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*





# Weekly Update

JANUARY 24, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## First Day of Classes

This week, Hancock welcomed thousands of new and returning students back to our campuses for the start of spring classes. I want to thank the student ambassadors, staff, faculty, and administrators who worked the information booths on Jan. 21 and Jan. 22 and helped our students find their classes, answered their questions, and connected them with the support and resources. You can view photos from the first week of classes on [Flickr](#).



## Guadalupe Classes

This week, Hancock launched a new program that provides Guadalupe students with expanded access to higher education. About two dozen Righetti High School students are already taking advantage of this opportunity by enrolling in Communication Studies 101 and Psychology 101 classes at the Guadalupe Senior Center. The classes, which combine in-person sessions with online instruction, began on Jan. 21 and will run through May 14.





## Upward Mobility Summit

On Jan. 24, Hancock and Santa Barbara City College proudly co-hosted the Santa Barbara County Upward Mobility Summit. This impactful event brought together community leaders, policymakers, educators, and residents to address critical issues surrounding economic mobility in the region. Held simultaneously at Hancock's Santa Maria campus and SBCC's Santa Barbara campus, the summit featured an engaging lineup of keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions. Thank you to everyone who joined us to collaborate and contribute to shaping a brighter, more equitable future.



## Blood Drive

Hancock will host a blood drive next week on Jan. 29 and Jan. 30 outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center (bldg. G) on the Santa Maria campus. Walk-ins will be welcome, but donors are encouraged to make an appointment ahead of time. Everyone who donates will be entered for a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card and all donors will get a free t-shirt.



## Bulldog Bound

Our Bulldog Bound program continues to foster a college-going mindset in our community's elementary school students. On Jan. 24, we invited a group of fifth-and sixth-grade students to the Santa Maria campus, where they explored the college's programs and met our staff and faculty while participating in fun and engaging activities. You can learn more about Bulldog Bound by visiting the [program's webpage](#).



## Scholarship Deadline

Hancock faculty and staff, please remind students that the deadline to apply for a scholarship from the AHC Foundation is rapidly approaching and encourage them to apply before the Feb. 5 deadline. Most scholarships require that students be enrolled in and complete the fall 2024 and spring 2025 semesters with at least 6.0 units each semester and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Students can learn more, get help with the application, and apply for scholarships by visiting the [scholarship webpage](#).



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Blood Drive**

Wed., Jan. 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Blood Drive**

Thurs., Jan. 30, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Tax Workshop**

Thurs., Jan. 30, 2 p.m.- 3 p.m.  
*SM campus, TBD*

## **Bulldog Bow-WOW SM Campus**

Wed, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Hall (bldg. F)*

## **DEIA Summit**

Fri, Feb. 7, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Week of Welcome Baseball**

## **& BBQ Event**

Tues, Feb. 11, 12:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Baseball Fields*

## **Vaccine Clinic**

Wed, Feb. 12, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Bulldog Bow-WOW LVC**

Wed, Feb. 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*LVC, Courtyard*

## **College Closed**

Feb. 14, 15, & 17, All Day  
*All Campuses*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.  
*LVC*

## **Transfer Summit**

Fri., Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Pathways to Success**

Tues., March 4, 4-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Children's Flea Market**

Wed., March 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*



# Weekly Update

JANUARY 31, 2024

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## Lighting & Safety Walk

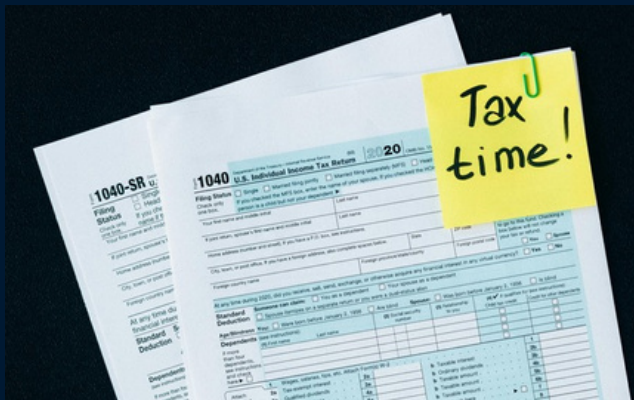
On Jan. 28, the AHC Police Department hosted a lighting and safety walk on the Santa Maria campus. A group of about 25 students, staff, and faculty showed up at sundown to join campus safety personnel as they walked throughout the campus and identified where lighting, maintenance, repairs, or safety modification may be needed. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event and provided feedback that will help Hancock continue to improve campus safety.



## Blood Drive

On Jan. 29 and Jan. 30, Hancock partnered with Vitalant and invited our students and employees to give blood during the college's spring blood drive at the Santa Maria campus. Thanks to the generous donors who participated, Vitalant collected 20 units of blood on the first day and 25 units on the second day. The 45 units donated by our Hancock community will have the potential to save 135 lives. Thank you to everyone who donated.





## Tax Workshop

On Jan. 30, our CAN-Trio office partnered with the Cal Poly SLO Orfalea College of Business' Low Income Tax Clinic to host a tax workshop at the Santa Maria campus. This free workshop helped low-income taxpayers learn about their rights and responsibilities regarding filing income taxes and provided tips and resources to help them better understand the tax filing process.



## Pablo Lima Art Exhibit

Hancock will display selected artwork by Brazilian artist Paulo P. Lima in the Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F) for the month of February in recognition of Black History Month. The exhibition, composed of photographs depicting Candomblé religious ceremonies and sculptures inspired by African and Afro-Brazilian cultures, is Lima's attempt to broaden conversations on the Black diasporic experiences of Brazilians and Americans. Lima's work will be displayed from Feb. 3 – 28 and will hang alongside art from students in the Hancock's Fine Arts programs.



## Leadership Unplugged

I will be the guest speaker at Orcutt Academy High School's "Leadership Unplugged" speaking series on Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. in the OAHS Gym. Organized by the Supporting Orcutt Academy's Academic Resources (SOAAR) Foundation, this event will feature an open and candid discussion about leadership, education, and the challenges facing community colleges today. This event will also include a Q&A with OAHS students and is free and open to the public.



## Vaccine Clinic

Student Health Services and Albertsons will host a vaccination clinic on Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on the Commons at the Santa Maria campus. The clinic will provide vaccinations for the flu, COVID, HPV, Varicella, and TDAP. This clinic is open to Hancock students and employees. You can register for this clinic using this [online link](#). Please make sure to bring your insurance information to your vaccination appointment.

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## **Leadership Unplugged**

Mon, Feb. 3, 6 p.m.  
*Orcutt Academy High School, 610 Pinal Ave, Orcutt*

## **Dream Center Reception**

Tues, Feb. 4, 9-11 a.m., 12-2 p.m.  
*SM campus, bldg. K, Room 11C*

## **Dream Center “Know Your Rights”**

### **Workshop**

Wed., Feb. 5, 9-11 a.m., 2 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G, Room 106)*

## **Bulldog Bow-WOW SM Campus**

Wed, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Hall (bldg. F)*

## **DEIA Summit**

Fri, Feb. 7, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
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## **Board Meeting**

Tues, Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.  
*LVC*

## **Transfer Summit**

Fri., Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Open Mic Night**

Tues., Feb. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Pathways to Success**

Tues., March 4, 4-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Children’s Flea Market**

Wed., March 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*





# Weekly Update

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## Bulldog Bow-WOW

On Feb. 5, we invited students at our Santa Maria campus to meet Hancock faculty, staff, and their Bulldog peers at a spring Bulldog Bow-WOW event. Despite the rainy weather, our students packed the Mechanics Bank Student Center to learn more about academic programs, support services, and student clubs. The festivities continue next week with a BBQ and baseball pre-game event on Feb. 11 and a second Bulldog Bow-WOW at the LVC on Feb. 12. You can check the WOW Week webpage for details.



## AIAS Award

The AHC chapter of the ~~American Institute of Architecture Students~~ (AIAS) was recognized as the best community college club in the nation. The club received the AIAS Honor Award this year, a prestigious recognition of their outstanding achievements. AIAS advisor Daniel Peña-Sosa and club president Jet Wu traveled to Austin, Texas, to accept the award on behalf of the club. Congratulations to our talented architecture students for this incredible honor.



## DEIA Summit

On Feb 7, Hancock hosted our annual Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA) summit at the Santa Maria campus. This year's summit included productive discussions, workshops, and keynote speeches by Dr. Gina Ann Garcia and Dr. Desiree Zuniga. Thanks to all of the staff, faculty, and students who organized and participated in this year's summit and helped enrich our college as a workplace and a learning environment.



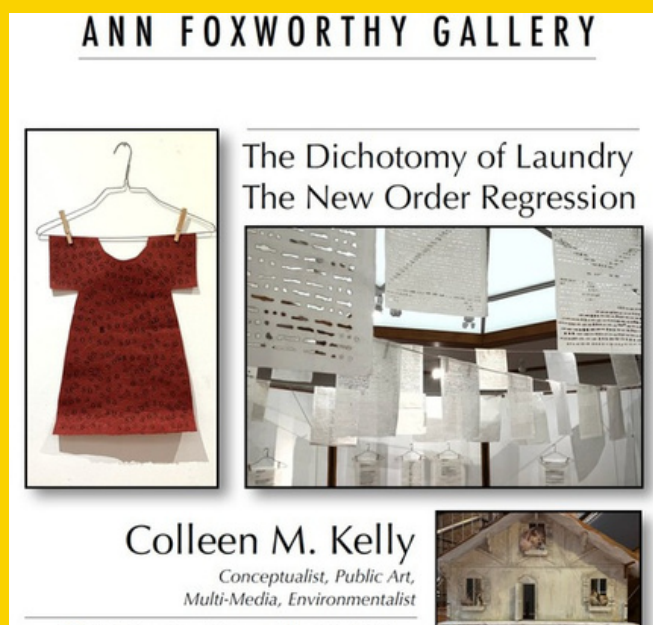
## Leadership Unplugged

I had the pleasure of visiting Orcutt Academy High School on Feb. 3 as part of the "Leadership Unplugged" speaker series, organized by the SOAAR Foundation. During my talk, I shared insights from my time at Hancock and discussed leadership, education, and the incredible opportunities available to students through the Hancock Promise. It was inspiring to engage with such thoughtful students and encourage them to consider the advantages of starting their college journey at Hancock.



## LVC Time Capsule Burial

Hancock students, staff, and faculty are invited to celebrate the lasting legacy of Allan Hancock College and the Lompoc Valley Center with a special time capsule burial ceremony on Feb. 18 at 3:30 p.m. at the LVC. The ceremony will include the burial of a custom-built time capsule filled with photos, documents, apparel, and other items celebrating the unique history of the college and the LVC. This is a free event and no registration or RSVP is required. We hope to see you there.



## Foxworthy Gallery Exhibit

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is exhibiting the work of multimedia artist Colleen M. Kelly through Feb. 21. This exhibit explores women's roles in a social context and how environmental issues impact gender. The gallery will host an artist's talk with Kelly on Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the gallery (bldg. L). To learn more about this new exhibit, visit the Foxworthy Gallery webpage.



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## **Week of Welcome Baseball**

### **& BBQ Event**

Tues, Feb. 11, 12:30 p.m.

*SM campus, Baseball Fields*

### **Vaccine Clinic**

Wed, Feb. 12, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

### **Bulldog Bow-WOW LVC**

Wed, Feb. 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*LVC*

### **College Closed**

Feb. 14, 15, & 17, All Day

*All Campuses*

### **LVC Time Capsule Burial**

Tues, Feb. 18, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

*LVC, Flagpole in front of Building 1*

### **Board Meeting**

Tues, Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.

*LVC*

### **Artist's Talk**

Thurs., Feb. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

*SM campus, Foxworthy Gallery (bldg. L)*

## **Transfer Summit**

Fri, Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

### **Open Mic Night**

Tues., Feb. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.

*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

### **Pathways to Success**

Tues., March 4, 4-8 p.m.

*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

### **Children's Flea Market**

Wed., March 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

### **Board Meeting**

Tues, March 18, 6-8 p.m.

*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)*

### **AHC Rodeo RoundUp**

March 29 & 30, 5-8 p.m.

*Santa Maria Elks Event Center*



# Weekly Update

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## WOW Baseball & BBQ

On Feb. 11, Hancock invited our students to a Week of Welcome (WOW) Baseball & BBQ event at the Santa Maria campus. Participating students received free Hancock swag and were invited to join or watch a “Staff vs. Students” softball game. Congratulations to the students who played (and won) and thanks to the staff who participated in this fun event. We also concluded our WOW festivities with a Bulldog Bow-WOW event at the Lompoc Valley Center on Feb. 12.



## ACCT Summit

This week, I had the privilege of representing Hancock at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. with Trustee Pensa. We met with key policymakers to advocate for policies that support our students, faculty, and the future of higher education. A special thank you to Congressman Salud Carbajal and his staff for taking the time to meet with us and for his continued support of community colleges on the Central Coast.



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## **College Closed**

Feb. 14, 15, & 17, All Day  
*All Campuses*

## **FFA Field Day**

Sat., Feb. 15, 7 a.m.-12 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall*

## **LVC Time Capsule Burial**

Tues, Feb. 18, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
*LVC, Flagpole in front of Building 1*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.  
*LVC*

## **Library Kids Corner**

Thurs., Feb. 20, 5-7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Library (bldg. L)*

## **Artist's Talk**

Thurs., Feb. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Foxworthy Gallery (bldg. L)*

## **Transfer Summit**

Fri., Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Open Mic Night**

Tues., Feb. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Pathways to Success**

Tues., March 4, 4-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Children's Flea Market**

Wed., March 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, March 18, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)*

## **College Closed**

Fri., March 21, All Day  
*All Campuses*

## **AHC Rodeo RoundUp**

March 29 & 30, 5-8 p.m.  
*Santa Maria Elks Event Center*



# Weekly Update

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## LVC Time Capsule Burial

On Feb. 18, Hancock celebrated the legacy of the college and the Lompoc Valley Center by burying a time capsule at the LVC. The metal time capsule, which was designed and fabricated by Hancock welding professor Gabriel Marquez, contains more than 20 items gathered by college staff and faculty that represent history at the college between 2020 and 2024. The capsule will be unearthed in 2049 when the LVC celebrates its 50th anniversary. Photos from this ceremony are available on [Flickr](#).



## Transfer Student Summit

The University Transfer Center hosted its annual Transfer Student Summit on Feb. 21 at Boyd Concert Hall on the Santa Maria campus. Students had the opportunity to learn key transfer information and resources, as well as hear from a variety of university representatives and guest speakers. Thanks to all the UTC staff who worked to organize this event and helped our students learn more about how they can achieve their transfer goals at Hancock.



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## Open Mic Night

Tues., Feb. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## Black History Celebration

Wed., Feb. 26, 12-1:30 p.m. *SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## Kam Jacoby Reception

Thurs., Feb. 27, 4-6:30 p.m. *SM campus, Ann Foxworthy Gallery (bldg. L)*

## Pathways to Success

Tues., March 4, 4-8 p.m. *SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## Children's Flea Market

Wed., March 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. *SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## Jazz Band Concert

Fri., March 7, 7:30-9 p.m. *SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## Symphonic Band Concert

Mon., March 10, 7:30-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## Board Meeting

Tues, March 18, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)*

## College Closed

Fri., March 21, All Day  
*All Campuses*

## AHC Rodeo RoundUp

March 29 & 30, 5-8 p.m.  
*Santa Maria Elks Event Center*





# Weekly Update

FEBRUARY 28, 2025

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## Black History Celebration

Hancock's Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) hosted a Black History celebration on Feb. 26 at the Mechanic's Bank Student Center. Attendees enjoyed food from Papa Jay's, music and poetry from our students, and inspiring words from guest speakers Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Denise Hippach and Deneatrice Lewis from the Pacifica Graduate Institute. You can watch coverage of this event on [KCOY](#) and view photos from the celebration on the college's [Flickr page](#).



## Campus Safety Trainings

On Feb. 28, The AHC Police Department and Wayco Disaster Consulting hosted a day-long safety training event for Hancock students, staff, and faculty. This free training covered a wide range of topics including the college's Standard Response Protocol, active shooter response training, "Stop the Bleed" training, earthquake safety and preparedness, and more. Thanks to our police department and Wayco for sharing this important information with the Hancock community. You can learn more by visiting the college's [Clery Act webpage](#).



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Pathways to Success**

Tues., March 4, 4-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Children's Flea Market**

Wed., March 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. *SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Jazz Band Concert**

Fri., March 7, 7:30-9 p.m. *SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Symphonic Band Concert**

Mon., March 10, 7:30-9 p.m. *SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **LVC Blood Drive**

Tues., March 11, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
*LVC, bldg. 3-116*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, March 18, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 10)*

## **College Closed**

Fri., March 21, All Day  
*All Campuses*

## **LVC Blood Drive**

Thurs., March 27, 3-6 p.m.  
*LVC, Parking Lot B*

## **AHC Rodeo RoundUp**

March 29 & 30, 5-8 p.m.  
*Santa Maria Elks Event Center*



# Weekly Update

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.

MARCH 7, 2025



## Pathways to Success

On March 4, hundreds of local educators and industry leaders gathered at our Fine Arts Complex for Hancock's first-ever "Pathways to Success" event. Approximately 300 attendees participated in this event, including representatives from 16 industry sectors, Hancock faculty and staff, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee members, area high school educators, and other community members. You can view photos from this event on the college's [Flickr page](#).



## 2025 Planning Retreat

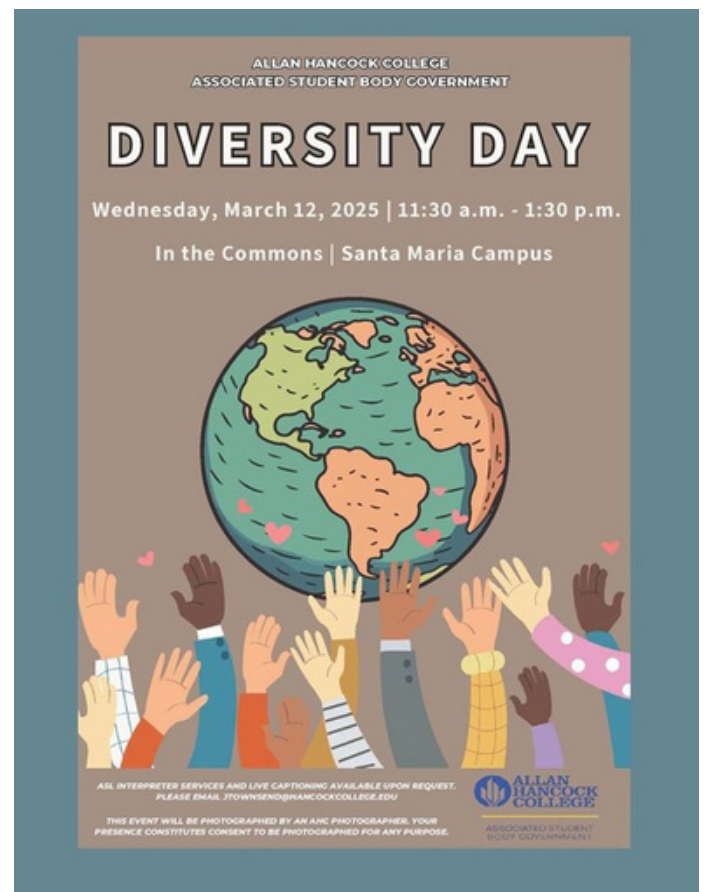
On March 7, more than 90 Hancock employees including faculty, administrators, classified staff, and others gathered in Orcutt to participate in Hancock's 2025 Planning Retreat. The focus of this year's retreat was to review and refocus the college's efforts to support the three key performance indicators (KPIs) that were established as strategic priorities at the 2023 planning retreat and to identify ways to enhance the college's CCPD structure. Thanks to all the Hancock staff who shared their ideas. You can learn more by visiting the [2025 Planning Retreat webpage](#).





## College Corps Applications

Applications for the next cohort of California College Corps fellows are open, and Hancock is encouraging all eligible students to consider applying for this unique program. Initiated in the 2022-2023 academic year, College Corps is a statewide program that provides paid service opportunities for college students. Participants can earn up to \$10,000 by completing up to 450 hours of community service with a local non-profit/government organization that focuses on K-12 education, climate action, or food insecurity. Please help spread the word to our students that the application period is open. The deadline to apply is March 31. To learn more and apply, visit the [AHC College Corps webpage](#).



## Diversity Day Celebration

Hancock's Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) will host a Diversity Day Celebration on March 12 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on the Commons at the Santa Maria campus. This event will include food, music, and displays by a variety of campus clubs. This event is free and open to all Hancock staff, students, and faculty. This event may be moved inside the Mechanics Bank Student Center due to inclement weather.



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Jazz Band Concert**

Fri., March 7, 7:30-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Symphonic Band Concert**

Mon., March 10, 7:30-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **LVC Blood Drive**

Tues., March 11, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
*LVC, bldg. 3-116*

## **Diversity Day Celebration**

Wed., March 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Commons*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, March 18, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom,  
(bldg. B, Room 100)*

## **College Closed**

Fri., March 21, All Day  
*All Campuses*

## **LVC Blood Drive**

Thurs., March 27, 3-6 p.m.  
*LVC, Parking Lot B*

## **AHC Rodeo RoundUp**

March 29 & 30, 5-8 p.m.  
*Santa Maria Elks Event Center*

## **Film Screening:**

### **Blade Runner**

Fri., April 4, 6-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, (bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Film Screening:**

### **Blade Runner 2045**

Fri., April 11, 6-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, (bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, April 15, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom,  
(bldg. B, Room 100)*

## **CORE Custody Graduation**

Wed., April 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*





# Weekly Update

MARCH 20, 2025

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
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## AHC & Cal Poly Press Conference

On March 17, Hancock and Cal Poly announced that, beginning in fall 2026, Cal Poly will offer a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at our Santa Maria campus, providing local students with access to a high-quality and affordable bachelor's degree. Cal Poly is also committed to launching two additional yet-to-be-named bachelor's degrees in 2028 and 2030. You can read more about this landmark announcement [here](#), or you can watch the press conference on the [college's YouTube page](#). Photos are also available via [Flickr](#).



## New Foundation Board Members

The Allan Hancock College Foundation announced the appointment of six accomplished community leaders to its Board of Directors. The new members bring a wealth of experience in healthcare, business, finance, real estate, and community engagement, further strengthening the Foundation's ability to support Hancock and its students. The newly appointed directors include Dr. Carolyn Baldiviez, Michael Boyer, Mike Brady, Michael Carroll, Katie Gorndt, and Candice Monge.



## Classified Staff Week

March 20 marked the final day of 2025 Classified Staff Appreciation Week at Hancock. This week's activities included professional development training, yoga, lunchtime BINGO, and our annual Classified Staff Appreciation Lunch. Thanks to all of the classified staff who organized and participated in this week's activities. We appreciate all you do to serve students at Hancock!



## Rodeo Roundup

The Allan Hancock College Collegiate Rodeo Team will host its first Spring Roundup College Rodeo on March 29-30 at the Elks Event Center in Santa Maria. This two-day event will include rodeo performances and a live concert. Saturday's event will be held in honor of Vietnam veterans and Sunday's event will be held in honor of the late Jim Glines. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit <https://www.my805tix.com/e/roundupcollegerodeo>.



## Hancock's Got Talent

Hancock's Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is hosting its annual "Hancock's Got Talent Show" on March 26 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on the Commons at the Santa Maria campus. Anyone can enter the show, but you must be a Hancock student to be eligible to win. To submit your act, fill out this [short online form](#).



## "Harvest" Reading

Hancock will celebrate the release of the 2025 issue of the college's literary journal, *Harvest*, with a live-reading event on March 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Mechanics Bank Student Center (bldg. G). At the event, multiple students will read their written work from this year's publication. Free copies of the literary journal will be given out while supplies last. The publication of *Harvest* is a joint project between Hancock students and the college's English 107 and 108 sections.



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## **Narcan Training**

Wed., March 26, 11-11:30 a.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **LVC Blood Drive**

Thurs., March 27, 3-6 p.m.  
*LVC, Parking Lot B*

## **LVC Spring Fling**

Thurs., March 27, 5-7 p.m.  
*LVC, Courtyard*

## **Harvest Reading Event**

Thurs., March 27, 6-7:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Commercial Dance Showcase**

March 28 & 29, 7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **AHC Rodeo RoundUp**

March 29 & 30, 5-8 p.m.  
*Santa Maria Elks Event Center*

## **Poetry Symposium**

Wed., April 2, 2-3:30 p.m. *SM campus, Library Patio (bldg. L)*

## **The Clothesline Project**

Wed., April 2, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Film Screening:**

### **Blade Runner**

Fri., April 4, 6-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, (bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Film Screening:**

### **Blade Runner 2045**

Fri., April 11, 6-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, (bldg. F, Room 257)*

### **Board Meeting**

Tues, April 15, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)*

### **A.I. Summit**

Fri., April 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

### **Poetry Reading**

Wed., April 23, 2-4 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

### **CORE Custody Graduation**

Wed., April 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

### **Noncredit Recognition Ceremony**

Fri., May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

### **Fire Academy Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

### **Transfer Celebration**

Fri., May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

### **EMS Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

### **Board Meeting**

Tues, May 20, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)*



# Weekly Update

MARCH 28, 2025

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.



## LVC Spring Fling

The LVC Children's Center hosted its first "Spring Fling" event at the Lompoc Valley Center. This all-ages, family-friendly event included food, games, crafts, and dance performances by Garcia Dance Studio. The children who attended were also invited to explore firetrucks and motorcycles courtesy of the Lompoc Fire Department and the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association respectively. You can view photos from this event on the college's [Flickr page](#).



## Hancock's Got Talent

On March 26, our students took to the stage at the Santa Maria campus for our annual "Hancock's Got Talent" show. Performances included singing, dancing, playing instruments, and even a short DJ set. Thanks to all the students who put themselves out there and signed up to participate in this year's show. You can view more photos from this event via [Flickr](#).





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# JUSTICE INVOLVED SUMMIT

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Please join us!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025**

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Justice Involved Summit

There is still time to register for Hancock's Justice Involved Student Summit, which will take place on April 4 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F) on the Santa Maria campus. The summit will include a keynote speaker, a student panel, diverse workshop sessions, and food. Stop by and learn more about what it means to be justice-involved/impacted, and how to best serve our justice-involved students and community. This event is open to all Hancock students, faculty, and staff. Register today using [this online form](#).



## Women's Fire Camp

Hancock's Fire Technology program is inviting women between the ages of 15-25 to attend its second-annual Women's Fire Camp. This rewarding, one-day opportunity will give attendees a hands-on look at the fire service industry through exciting team building exercises and hands-on training. This year's camp will take place on May 31 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. The camp will conclude with a job fair sponsored by local fire departments. To learn more and register, visit the [Women's Fire Camp website](#).



## Transfer Stars 2025

The University Transfer Center is seeking this year's Transfer Stars. Students who have been accepted to a university can apply to take part in the celebration, which includes a Transfer Stars certificate, a Transfer Star designation in the 2025 commencement program, a UTC medallion, and a personal invitation to attend the Transfer Stars Reception on May 16. Students who qualify should stop by the [UTC webpage](#) to learn more and apply. Please help spread the word!



## Trans Day of Visibility Events

Hancock's Pride Center is hosting two events on March 31 in honor of Trans Day of Visibility. The first event will be an 18+ drag show from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F). The show is for student performers but anyone is welcome to attend. The second event will be a presentation and discussion by Professor Jenny Morris from 3-4 p.m. in the Pride Center (bldg. G, Room 127A).

# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Commercial Dance Showcase**

March 28 & 29, 7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **AHC Rodeo RoundUp**

March 29 & 30, 5-8 p.m. *Santa Maria Elks Event Center*

## **Pride Center Drag Show**

Mon., March 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. *SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Pride Center Guest Speaker**

Mon., March 31, 3-4 p.m. *SM campus, Pride Center (bldg. G, Room 127A)*

## **Poetry Symposium**

Wed., April 2, 2-3:30 p.m. *SM campus, Library Patio (bldg. L)*

## **The Clothesline Project**

Wed., April 2, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Film Screening:**

### **Blade Runner**

Fri., April 4, 6-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, (bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Film Screening:**

### **Blade Runner 2045**

Fri., April 11, 6-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, (bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, April 15, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)*

## **A.I. Summit**

Fri., April 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Poetry Reading**

Wed., April 23, 2-4 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **CORE Custody Graduation**

Wed., April 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

## **Folklórico Invitational Concert**

May 1-3, 7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Noncredit Recognition Ceremony**

Fri., May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Fire Academy Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

## **Transfer Celebration**

Fri., May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **EMS Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

## **Transfer Stars Celebration**

Fri., May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, TBD*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, May 20, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)*





# Weekly Update

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.

APRIL 4, 2025



## Poetry Symposium

The Friends of the AHC Library hosted the annual Dr. Kate Adams Poetry Symposium on April 2 at the Santa Maria campus. This year's featured guest Solange Aguilar, an award-winning multimedia artist, poet, and zine maker. Aguilar recited poetry and answered questions from attendees, speaking candidly about their experience as a queer, Mescalero Apache, Yo'eme, and Filipinx artist. You can view photos from this event on [the college's Flickr page](#).



## Justice Involved Student Summit

On April 4, Hancock students, staff, and faculty attended a Justice Involved Student Summit in Boyd Hall on the Santa Maria campus. This summit included breakout sessions, a student panel, a resource fair, and a keynote speech by Carlos Cruz, a graduate student at the University of California, Riverside, and a dedicated advocate for the formerly incarcerated community.



## The Clothesline Project

On April 2, the Clothesline Project returned to the Santa Maria campus with its powerful display to raise awareness about violence against women, men, and children. Many Hancock students stopped by the display to show their support for victims and share their own stories by creating t-shirts to hang beside those provided by the project. You can learn more by visiting the [Clothesline Project website](#). A short reel of the display is also available to watch on the [college's Instagram page](#).



## Tennis Tournament

Hancock's Tennis & Racket Sports Club is hosting an open tournament April 11-13! This fun, friendly competition is open to staff, students, and faculty. You can pick up an entry form in building G, Room 102, or building N. Entry forms must be filled out and returned to Dr. Provencio in building N by April 8. If you have any questions, please email [Charles.Provenc@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:Charles.Provenc@hancockcollege.edu).



## Clothing Closet Donations

The [Bulldog Essentials Clothing Closet](#) is now accepting donations of gently-used clothing and accessories. If you would like to make a donation, please make sure to fill out this [online form first](#). Once the form is submitted, Clothing Closet staff will reach out with available drop-off times and dates. If you have any questions, email [isabela.alvarado@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:isabela.alvarado@hancockcollege.edu).



## Grad Fair

Please help spread the word that Hancock is hosting a Grad Fair for our 2025 graduates on April 23 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. in the Mechanics Bank Student Center (bldg. G). Grads who attend will have the opportunity to purchase their regalia, RSVP for the ceremony, take fun photos, write thank you cards, and even sign one of our AHC time capsules. Students can learn more about this event by visiting the [2025 commencement webpage](#).



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## Film Screening:

### **Blade Runner**

Fri., April 4, 6-9 p.m.

*SM campus, (bldg. F, Room 257)*

### **Tutor Expo**

Sat, April 5, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*SM campus, Forum (bldg. C, Room 40)*

### **Bulldog Tennis Tournament**

Fri., April 11-13,

*SM campus, Tennis Courts*

## Film Screening:

### **Blade Runner 2045**

Fri., April 11, 6-9 p.m.

*SM campus, (bldg. F, Room 257)*

### **Board Meeting**

Tues, April 15, 6-8 p.m.

*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom,  
(bldg. B, Room 100)*

### **Student Makers Market**

Wed., April 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

### **A.I. Summit**

Fri., April 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

### **2025 Grad Fair**

Wed., April 23, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

### **Poetry Reading**

Wed., April 23, 2-4 p.m.

*SM campus, Library Patio (bldg. L)*

## Spring Student Fashion Show

Fri., April 25, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

### **CORE Custody Graduation**

Wed., April 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

### **Folklórico Invitational Concert**

May 1-3, 7 p.m.

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## Noncredit Recognition Ceremony

Fri., May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## Fire Academy Graduation

Fri., May 16, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

## Transfer Celebration

Fri., May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex Courtyard*

## EMS Graduation

Fri., May 16, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.

*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

## Board Meeting

Tues, May 20, 6-8 p.m.

*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom,  
(bldg. B, Room 100)*

## 2025 Commencement

Fri., May 23, 10:30 a.m.

*SM campus, Football Field*



# Weekly Update

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.

APRIL 11, 2025



## Tutor Expo

On April 5, Hancock tutors from across AHC tutoring programs attended a Tutor Expo coordinated by our Academic Resource Center, MESA/STEM, and embedded tutoring programs. The expo was designed as a professional development opportunity for tutors to share tutoring strategies. The event included a keynote speech by English instructor Darren Sullivan, breakout sessions led by tutors, and lunch. You can watch a short video about the expo [here](#).



## CCPRO Conference & Awards

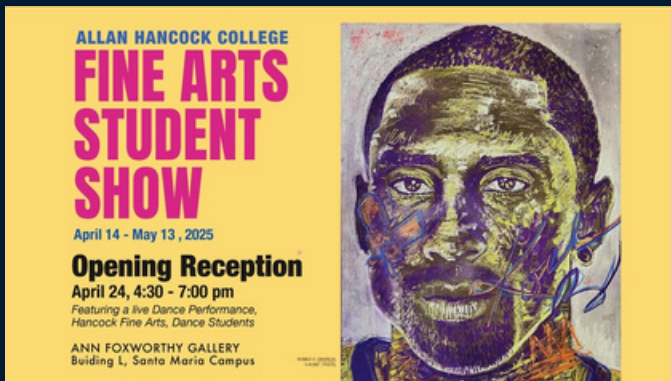
Members of Hancock's Public Affairs & Communications team attended the California Community Colleges Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) annual conference and awards April 8-11 in San Diego. This year, the team took home two first place awards for the college's 2024 commencement program and Hancock's "Community News" Magazine. The team also received a second place award in the short promotional video category.





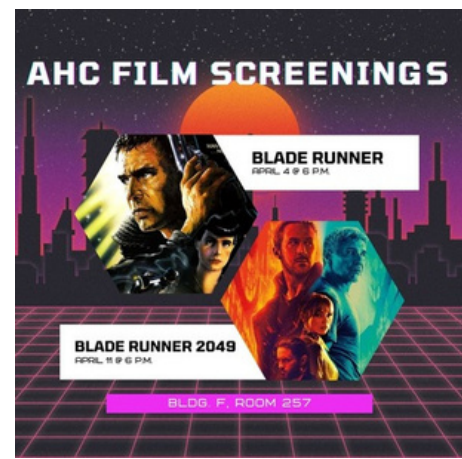
## Battle of the Baskets

The AHC Friends of the Library are once again hosting their “Battle of the Baskets” fundraiser. There is still time to stop by the library on the Santa Maria campus (bldg. L) to view this year’s gift baskets and bid on them. The bidding will run through April 17. All proceeds from this fundraiser will help support Friends of the AHC Library scholarships and events.



## Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery will host its annual student art show from April 14 through May 13 at the Santa Maria campus. This show contains a variety of work from Hancock’s talented fine arts and media arts students. There will be a reception for the show on April 24 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the gallery (bldg. L). Stop by to meet the student artists and enjoy a performance from students in Hancock’s dance program. You can learn more by visiting the [gallery’s webpage](#).



## Blade Runner Screening

Hancock’s film program will host the second part of its free screening series on April 11 with a screening of Blade Runner 2049 at 6 p.m. in building F, Room 257 on the Santa Maria campus. This event is for students, staff, and members of the public ages 17 and over. There will be a lecture prior to the screening. You can reserve [tickets online](#).



## Student Makers Market

Our talented students will be selling homemade crafts, art, and more at a Student Makers Market on April 16 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. in the Mechanics Banks Student Center (bldg. G). Stop by to browse, shop, and support our student makers.

# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Bulldog Tennis Tournament**

Fri., April 11-13,  
*SM campus, Tennis Courts*

## **CORE Custody Graduation**

Wed., April 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

## **Film Screening:**

### **Blade Runner 2045**

Fri., April 11, 6-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, (bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, April 15, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom,  
(bldg. B, Room 100)*

## **Student Makers Market**

Wed., April 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **A.I. Summit**

Fri., April 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **2025 Grad Fair**

Wed., April 23, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Poetry Reading**

Wed., April 23, 2-4 p.m.  
*SM campus, Library Patio (bldg. L)*

## **Student Art Show Reception**

Thurs., April 24, 4:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Foxworthy Gallery (bldg. L)*

## **Spring Student Fashion Show**

Fri., April 25, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **Folklórico Invitational Concert**

May 1-3, 7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Noncredit Recognition Ceremony**

Fri., May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Fire Academy Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

## **Jazz Band Concert**

Fri., May 16, 7:30-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Transfer Celebration**

Fri., May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex Courtyard*

## **EMS Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Center*

## **Symphonic Band Band Concert**

Mon, May 19, 7:30-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, May 20, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom,  
(bldg. B, Room 100)*

## **2025 Commencement**

Fri., May 23, 10:30 a.m.  
*SM campus, Football Field*





# Weekly Update

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
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APRIL 18, 2025

*Spot the Difference:*

## HUMAN MADE OR AI GENERATED?



### AI Summit

Hancock hosted its first-ever Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit on April 18 in the Fine Arts Complex. More than 200 attendees gathered for a day of keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and panel discussions. Conversations focused on AI's impact on education, the workforce, and daily life, with a strong emphasis on ethical considerations and critical thinking. A pop-up AI art gallery created by the AHC Media Arts Club will be on display in building F through April 25. Photos from the summit are available on [Flickr](#).



### Student Maker's Market

On April 16, Hancock students gathered to sell hand-crafted items at a Student Maker's Market at the Santa Maria campus. Shoppers purchased a diverse range of items from these talented students and entrepreneurs, including jewelry, stuffed animals, pottery, custom-made clothing, crocheted items, 3D-printed items, and even sweet treats. Thanks to all the students, faculty, and staff who showed up to support our student-makers. You can view photos from the market on [Flickr](#).





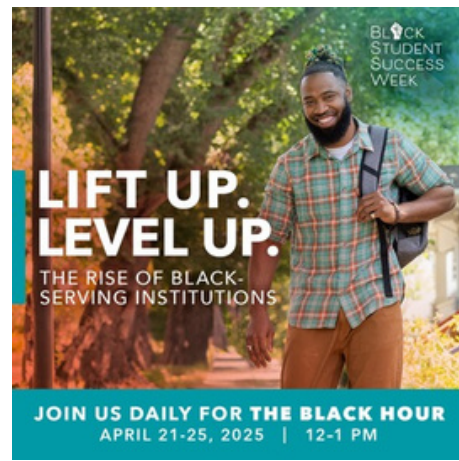
## Skills USA Competition

Hancock's SkillsUSA students performed spectacularly at the organization's 2025 State Competition on April 9-12 in Ontario, California. 52 out of the 64 Hancock students who competed won medals. A total of 38 students earned gold medals, 11 earned silver medals, and three took home bronze medals. Congratulations to these amazing students. The gold medal winners will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA National Competition in June.



## Folklorico Dance Showcase

Hancock will host the 2025 Folklorico Invitational concert and dance performance on May 1-3 at 7 p.m. in Boyd Concert Hall on the Santa Maria campus. Performers include Hancock students, as well as talented dancers from Righetti HS, PVHS, SMHS, and members of our local community. Tickets are \$10 each and are available online. We hope you will join us for this unforgettable celebration of culture and dance.



## Black Student Success Week

Next week on April 21-25, Hancock will participate in the sixth annual Black Student Success Week. This statewide initiative invites colleges to reflect on and strengthen our commitment to the academic success of Black and African American students. This year's theme, "Lift Up, Level Up: The Rise of Black Serving Institutions", will focus on how colleges can better serve students and foster success beyond the classroom. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to take part in a series of daily webinars throughout the week. The sessions will explore key topics related to educational equity, student achievement, and leadership development. More information and registration details are available at [blkstudentsuccess.com](https://blkstudentsuccess.com).



## Blood Drive Results

Thanks to the faculty, staff, and students who donated during the blood drive on April 8-9 at the Santa Maria campus. Our partners at Vitalant collected 33 units of donated blood, which has the potential to save as many as 99 lives. This drive also saw 17 first-time blood donors.



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Black Student Success Week**

April 21-25, Various times  
*Virtual Event*

## **2025 Grad Fair**

Wed., April 23, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*SM campus, Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Poetry Reading**

Wed., April 23, 2-4 p.m.  
*SM campus, Library Patio (bldg. L)*

## **Student Art Show Reception**

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*SM campus, Foxworthy Gallery (bldg. L)*

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*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F)*

## **CORE Custody Graduation**

Wed., April 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Folklórico Invitational Concert**

May 1-3, 7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Student Film Festival**

Fri., May 2, 7-10 p.m.  
*SM campus, Screening Room (bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser**

Mon., May 5, 11 a.m.- 2p.m.  
*SM campus, Mechanics Banks Student Center*

## **Noncredit Recognition Ceremony**

Fri., May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Fire Academy Graduation**

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*LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Jazz Band Concert**

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*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Transfer Celebration**

Fri., May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex Courtyard*

## **EMS Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Symphonic Band Band Concert**

Mon, May 19, 7:30-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, May 20, 6-8 p.m. *SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)*

## **2025 Commencement**

Fri., May 23, 10:30 a.m. *SM campus, Football Field*

## **College Closed**

Mon., May 26, All Day *All Campuses*

## **Women's Fire Camp**

Sat., May 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *PLVC, Public Safety Training Complex*



# Weekly Update

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
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APRIL 25, 2025



## Earth Day Celebration

Hancock faculty, staff, and students celebrated Earth Day on April 22 on the Santa Maria campus. The day's festivities included displays about the environment and conservation by several of our student clubs, food, fun activities, a free film screening, and a tree-planting ceremony organized by the members of the AHC Alpha Gamma Sigma Honors Society. You can view photos from this event on Hancock's [Flickr page](#).



## Grad Fair

On April 23, the college invited our 2025 graduates to a Grad Fair in the Mechanics Banks Student Center at the Santa Maria campus. The grads who attended were able to RSVP for commencement, buy their caps and gowns, write thank-you letters to faculty and staff, speak with our University Transfer Center, take fun photos, and more. This is the second year we've hosted the grad fair, and it is quickly becoming popular with our Bulldog graduates-to-be! You can view photos from this year's Grad Fair on [Flickr](#).





## Lee Herrick Poetry Reading

Hancock was honored to host California Poet Laureate Lee Herrick at the Santa Maria campus library on April 23. Herrick read from his deeply personal work and participated in a Q&A session with staff and students. Photos are available [here](#).



## Student Fashion Show

On April 25, students in Hancock's Fashion & Design Club hosted their annual Student Fashion Show at the Fine Arts Complex on the Santa Maria campus. This free event was created in partnership with Goodwill Industries and the AHC Studio Arts Club.



## Hancock Choir Performance

Hancock's choir will perform alongside the Santa Maria Philharmonic Orchestra on May 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church in Santa Maria. The performance, titled "The Scared and the Profane" explores the range of human expression through pieces by composers Darius Milhaud and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Tickets are available [online](#).



## CSC Women to Watch Series

The College Sports Communicators (CSC) recently featured Hancock Assistant Athletic Director and Sports Information Director Shelby Scott in its Women to Watch series, which highlights the contributions of women in the athletics communications and creative fields. You can a [Q&A](#) with Shelby on the CSC website.



## PCPA Presents "Waitress"

Sara Bareilles' hit musical, Waitress, is now playing at Marian Theatre through May 11. Don't miss the chance to enjoy this show, which explores themes of friendship and self-discovery. Tickets are available at <https://pcpa.org>.



## Student Film Festival

Hancock will host a 90-minute-long showcase of the best documentaries and short films made by students in our film and video production program. The film festival will take place on May 2 at 7 p.m. in the screening room of the Fine Arts Complex (bldg. F, Room 257). This event is recommended for ages 17 and older. Tickets are \$5 and available [online](#).

# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **CORE Custody Graduation**

Wed., April 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **AAPI Heritage Celebration**

Wed., April 30, 12-1:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Mechanics Bank Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Sate of Education**

Wed., April 30, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
*SM Fairpark, 937 S. Thornburg Street  
Santa Maria*

## **Cultural Movie Night**

Wed., April 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Screening Room (bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Folklórico Invitational Concert**

May 1-3, 7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Prof. Mark Miller Holocaust Presentation**

Fri., May 2, 1-3 p.m. p.m.  
*SM campus, Forum (bldg. C, Room 40)*

## **Student Film Festival**

Fri., May 2, 7-10 p.m.  
*SM campus, Screening Room (bldg. F, Room 257)*

## **Choir Performance**

Sat., May 3, 7:40-9:30 p.m. p.m.  
*Grace Baptist Church, 605 E McCoy Ln,  
Santa Maria*

## **Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser**

Mon., May 5, 11 a.m.- 2p.m.  
*SM campus, Mechanics Banks Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **CycleMAYnia**

Wed., May 7, 10 a.m.  
*SM campus, outside bldg. B*

## **Noncredit Recognition Ceremony**

Fri., May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m. SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)

## **Fire Academy Graduation**

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*Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Jazz Band Concert**

Fri., May 16, 7:30-9 p.m. SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)

## **Transfer Celebration**

Fri., May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. SM campus,  
*Fine Arts Complex Courtyard*

## **EMS Graduation**

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## **Symphonic Band Band Concert**

Mon, May 19, 7:30-9 p.m. SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, May 20, 6-8 p.m. SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)

## **2025 Commencement**

Fri., May 23, 10:30 a.m. SM campus, Football Field

## **College Closed**

Mon., May 26, All Day All Campuses

## **Women's Fire Camp**

Sat., May 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. PLVC, Public Safety Training Complex





# Weekly Update

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
KEVIN G. WALTHERS, PH.D.

MAY 2, 2025



## AAPI Celebration

On April 30, Hancock's Associated Student Body Government hosted its annual Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) celebration in the Mechanics Bank Student Center at the Santa Maria campus. The festivities included food, live music, an inspiring keynote speech by Hancock Associate English Professor Chellis Ying Hood, and a student discussion panel. You can view photos from this fun and educational event on the college's [Flickr page](#).



## CORE Custody Graduation

Twelve cadets graduated from Hancock's CORE Custody Academy on April 30 at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. All 12 graduates of CORE Academy Class #19 completed a comprehensive California Standards and Training for Corrections course consisting of 260 hours of instruction and will move on to work as custody deputies for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office. Congratulations to the graduates of CORE class #19! You can view photos from the ceremony on [Flickr](#).





## Dance Student Earns Scholarship

This week, we learned that Rhiannon Kaye, a student in Hancock's commercial dance program, earned a full scholarship from the prestigious AMDA College of the Performing Arts. Rhiannon will start at AMDA in spring 2026 and will have the opportunity to learn from industry professionals—Broadway performers, directors, choreographers, and producers—while gaining the skills that will last a lifetime. Congratulations Rhiannon!



## EOPS+ Awards Banquet

Hancock recognized students from its EOPS CARE, NextUp, CalWORKs, Phoenix Scholars & Rising Scholars at the program's annual banquet on April 30. This celebration was held at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge and honored students who participated in the department's various programs, including several 2025 graduates. Congratulations to all of these amazing students. Photos of the banquet are available on the [AHC Flickr page](#).



## State of Education Event

This week, I had the privilege of speaking at the Santa Maria Valley Chamber's State of Education event, where local leaders came together to highlight their collaborative efforts supporting student success across our region. I was proud to share how Hancock continues to lead in expanding access to higher education through programs like the Hancock Promise and strong partnerships with K-12 schools. It's clear that when educators, elected officials, and community partners unite around a shared mission, we can break down barriers and build a brighter, more equitable future for all students. You can read more about this event [here](#).



## DREAM Club Fundraiser

Hancock's DREAM Club will hold a *Cinco de Mayo* Fundraiser on May 5 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on the Commons at the Santa Maria campus. The club will be selling watermelon-pineapple *michelaguas* and *chicharones*. Stop by and support the important work of this student club.



# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Folklórico Invitational Concert**

May 1-3, 7 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Student Film Festival**

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## **Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser**

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*SM campus, Mechanics Banks Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **CycleMAYnia**

Wed., May 7, 10 a.m.  
*SM campus, outside bldg. B*

## **Nutrition Day**

Wed., May 7, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Mechanics Bank Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Noncredit Recognition Ceremony**

Fri., May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Fire Academy Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Jazz Band Concert**

Fri., May 16, 7:30-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Transfer Celebration**

Fri., May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, Fine Arts Complex Courtyard*

## **EMS Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. LVC, Public  
Safety Training Complex

## **Symphonic Band Band Concert**

Mon, May 19, 7:30-9 p.m. SM campus, Boyd  
Concert Hall (bldg. F)

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, May 20, 6-8 p.m. SM campus, Lahr  
Family Boardroom, (bldg. B, Room 100)

## **2025 Commencement**

Fri., May 23, 10:30 a.m. SM campus, Football  
Field

## **College Closed**

Mon., May 26, All Day All Campuses

## **Women's Fire Camp**

Sat., May 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. LVC, Public  
Safety Training Complex

## **Law Enforcement Graduation**

Wed., June 11, 10-11:30 a.m. LVC, Public  
Safety Training Complex

## **West Coast College Wine Festival**

Sat., June 14, 1-4 p.m. SM campus, Buildings  
A & B Courtyard



# Weekly Update

FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT  
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MAY 9, 2025



## CycleMAYnia

On May 7, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) partnered with Hancock's Sustainability Committee to host a CycleMAYnia event at our Santa Maria campus. Students, faculty, staff, and the public were able to learn more about the benefits of e-bikes, take a test ride, and enter a drawing to win an Aventon Level 2 e-bike donated by E-Bikery. Thanks to the committee and SBCAG for bringing this fun and informative event to Hancock.



## Nutrition Day

Hancock celebrated Nutrition Day on May 7 at the Santa Maria campus. Students were able to enjoy healthy snacks, watch cooking demonstrations, and explore our degree and certificate programs in nutrition and culinary arts and management.





## SkillsUSA Year-End Celebration

On May 5, Hancock hosted a year-end celebration for students in our SkillsUSA program. These talented students spent this academic year training with their faculty mentors to compete in local, regional, and state SkillsUSA competitions. Many of these talented students will be heading to Atlanta, Georgia, in June to compete at the SkillsUSA national competition. Photos of the event are available on Flickr.



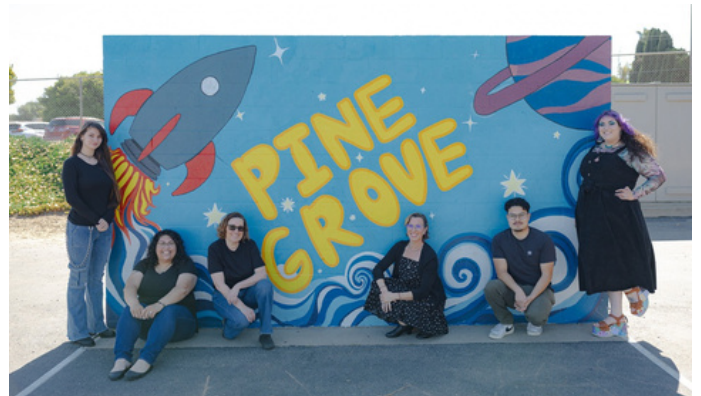
## Culinary Grad Makes a Difference

Hancock culinary graduate Chef Taylor Tate is leading a meaningful mental health initiative. On May 12, her event, "Cakes for a Cause," will debut at peasants FEAST in Solvang. This unique edible art show features custom cakes inspired by Central Coast chefs. Proceeds from the silent auction and cake sales will benefit CHOW (Culinary Hospitality Outreach and Wellness), an organization supporting mental health in the hospitality industry. Chef Taylor exemplifies how our alumni are making impactful contributions to both their professions and communities.



## Rodeo Season Update

Hancock's rodeo team finished its 2025 season with an impressive list of accomplishments and accolades. The team's final competition took place at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's (NIRA) West Coast Regional Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada. Hancock student Molly Pole placed fifth out of 88 breakaway ropers. Student Cody French and his teammate, Haleigh Grant, won the team roping category. In addition to their stellar performance in Nevada, the West Coast Region Coaches also voted Hancock's inaugural Spring RoundUp competition as "College Rodeo of the Year". You can read more here.



## Pine Grove Mural

Students in Hancock's Studio Arts club recently completed their latest community art project: a large wall mural at Pine Grove Elementary School in Santa Maria. This colorful mural joins others the club has designed and painted in the Town Center Mall. The club is also hosting a bake sale fundraiser on May 12 from 12-4 p.m. at the Santa Maria campus. Stop by and support their amazing work in our community!

# SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## **Symphonic Band Band Concert**

Mon, May 19, 7:30-9 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Foundation Scholarship Awards**

Thurs., May 22, 5:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Joe White Memorial Gym (N)*

## **2025 Commencement**

Fri., May 23, 10:30 a.m.  
*SM campus, Football Field*

## **College Closed**

Mon., May 26, All Day  
*All Campuses*

## **Women's Fire Camp**

Sat., May 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Law Enforcement Graduation**

Wed., June 11, 10-11:30 a.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **West Coast College Wine Festival**

Sat., June 14, 1-4 p.m.  
*SM campus, Buildings A & B Courtyard*

## **Board Meeting**

Tues, June 17, 6-8 p.m.  
*SM campus, Lahr Family Boardroom,  
(bldg. B, Room 100)*

## **Noncredit Recognition Ceremony**

Fri., May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*SM campus, Boyd Concert Hall (bldg. F)*

## **Studio Arts Club Bake Sale**

Mon, May 12, 12-4 p.m.  
*SM campus, Mechanics Bank Student Center (bldg. G)*

## **Fire Academy Graduation**

Fri., May 16, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
*LVC, Public Safety Training Complex*

## **Architecture Student Showcase**

Fri., May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*SM campus, bldg. O100, Room O115*

## **Transfer Celebration**

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