

THE MANY BENEFITS OF SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Ismael Ramos, the son of migrant parents from Mexico, was a MiraCosta College student only a few classes away from completing his associate degree in psychology and transferring to a four-year university. When the pandemic hit, that trajectory was at risk because of the longstanding digital divide that exists within higher education. Like so many of his peers, Ramos lacked the resources that were suddenly required for distance learning.



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COMMUNITY COLLEGES ASSOCIATION

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STUDENT BENEFITS

- Small class sizes with top-tier faculty and high-quality academic and student support programs
- More personalized attention and one-on-one interaction with faculty
- Cutting-edge career and technical training certificate programs
- Large selection of evening and online classes
- Excellent classroom buildings and instructional equipment.
- Lower financial cost
- Flexible course to include various types of educational delivery: on ground, hybrid, online, and hyflex

COST COMPARISON

Community College vs. 4-Year University

Average Yearly Tuition & Fees, 2019–20, full-time student

	California Community College	CSU (San Diego & San Marcos)‡	UC (San Diego)‡
California Resident	\$1,380	\$7,611	\$14,451
Non-California Resident	\$9,270	\$18,298	\$44,205



BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Following the passage of Assembly Bill 927 introduced in the 2021, California community colleges are now authorized to continue offering, and even expand, baccalaureate programs. In 2015, San Diego Mesa College launched its health information management program where graduates stand to earn between \$70,000 to \$120,000. Since its launch, Mesa has graduated 82 students with a bachelor's degree. In fall 2017, MiraCosta College began offering bachelor's degrees in San Diego County's growing biomanufacturing industry and of the two cohorts graduated 76 students.

‡Includes campus-based fees

Community College League of California, Fast Facts 2021
 University of California, San Diego Undergraduates Cost of Attendance for 2019–2020
 The California State University, 2019–20 Estimated Undergraduate Cost of Attendance

STATE FUNDING PER STUDENT 2019-2020

UC
\$33,070

CSU
\$19,467

K-12
\$12,118

CCC
\$9,316





VOICES OF OUR STUDENTS

JENNIFER

Southwestern College, graduate

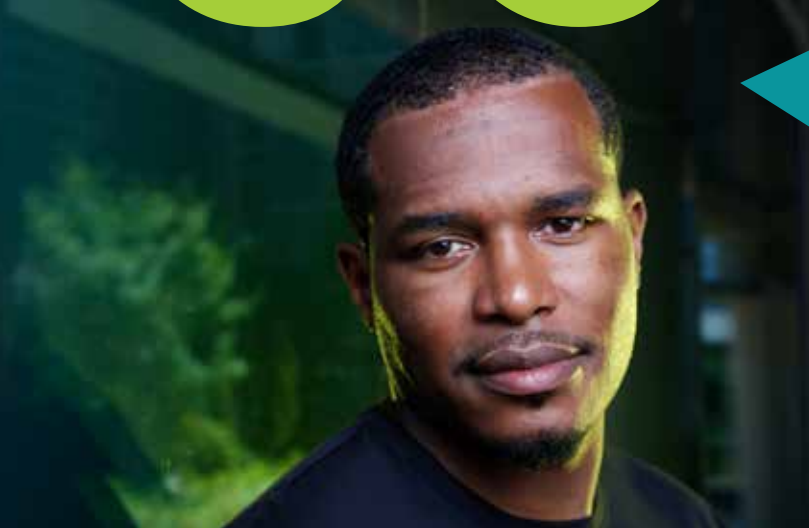
"Southwestern gave me the tools and confidence I needed to be successful as a student and leader. As a formerly incarcerated student, I found teachers to be supportive, compassionate, and eager to help me succeed. Advisors and staff were invested in my future and I have maintained strong relationships to this day."



JOSHUA

San Diego Mesa College, current student

"Mesa has been phenomenal. Project Restart and EOPS have been hands-on and supportive and provide you with the structure you need. It can be intimidating. Not so at Mesa. They've been welcoming since the day I stepped on campus. They've pushed me, they've made me get involved, they've welcomed me with open arms."



DANNA

Grossmont College, former student, successfully transferred to San Diego State University

"The instructors at Grossmont have a passion for teaching. It's not just a job for them. They inspire you. They have people there helping you every step of the way, whatever it takes, whatever you need."

LYDIA

Palomar College, alumni, United States Marine Corp Veteran, mother of two

"Palomar made it possible for me to earn my transfer degree while raising kids and using VA Benefits."



PHILLIP

San Diego City College, graduate

"The Honors Program allows people like me, a Navy veteran and single parent who came from a non-traditional college background and didn't do so well in high school, to be afforded the opportunity to take classes with the academic rigor needed to prepare you to go to a top, four-year college or university."



AIRA

San Diego Miramar College, graduate

"I realize now how lucky I was when I was going to Miramar College. You get the same experience you would at a four-year university, but at a lot less cost."



MARCUS

Imperial Valley College, current student

"Here at IVC they understand that everybody comes from different walks of life. With a positive state of mind, you never know what doors will open for you. It's not always about where you've been, or what you've been through, more importantly it is what you're doing and where you're going."

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCAL IMPACT



An overwhelming percentage of our working graduates are satisfied with the skills and knowledge they gained while attending community college.*

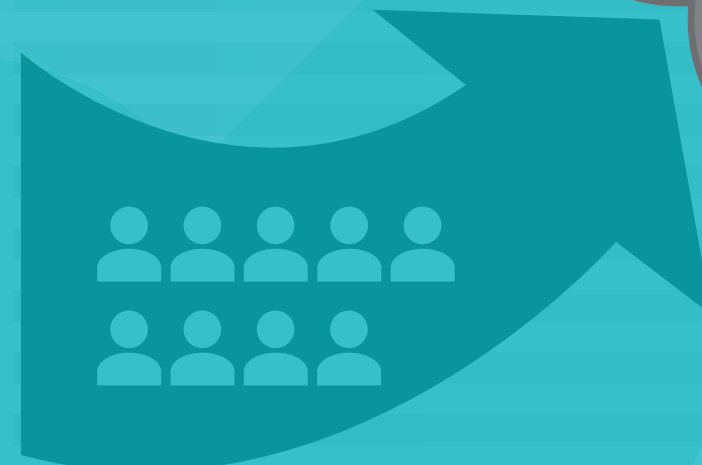


San Diego and Imperial County community colleges contribute \$8.1 billion annually to California's economy.†

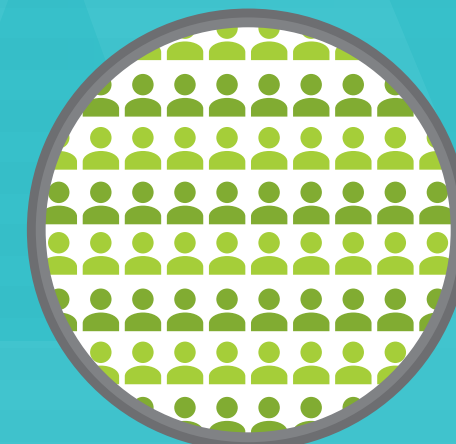
- Our community's overall rate of return on investment in local community colleges is 10.2 percent.†
- Nine out of 10 SDICCCA graduates transfer to a university or are in the labor force.
- For every \$1 of support, taxpayers see a cumulative return of \$11.50 in benefits in the form of higher tax revenues and social savings related to reduced crime, lower unemployment, and increased health and wellbeing across the state.†



Our colleges also offer lifelong learning opportunities to tens of thousands of San Diego and Imperial County residents each year.



We serve **238,000** students each year.



* Survey of more than 1,400 spring 2014 graduates conducted by San Diego State University's School of Journalism & Media Studies on behalf of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association.

† To see full documentation of the 2016 economic impact report, please visit mylocalcc.org.

mylocalcc.org

SDICCCA Member Institutions

GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District

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Cuyamaca College

900 Rancho San Diego Pkway, El Cajon, CA 92019

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Grossmont College

8800 Grossmont College Dr., El Cajon, CA 92020

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IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Imperial Valley College

380 E. Aten Rd., Imperial, CA 92251

760.352.8320

imperial.edu

MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MiraCosta College

1 Barnard Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056

760.757.2121

miracosta.edu

PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Palomar College

1140 W Mission Rd., San Marcos, CA 92069

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SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

San Diego Community College District

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619.388.6500

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San Diego City College

1313 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101

619.388.3400

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San Diego Mesa College

7250 Mesa College Dr., San Diego, CA 92111

619.388.2600

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San Diego Miramar College

10440 Black Mountain Rd., San Diego, CA 92126

619.388.7800

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San Diego College of Continuing Education

4343 Ocean View Blvd., San Diego, CA 92113

619.388.4956

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SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Southwestern College

900 Otay Lakes Rd., Chula Vista, CA 91910

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