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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Recognition for Palomar College Foundation

Congratulations to the Palomar College Foundation for being selected as the 2024 Nonprofit of the Year at the North San Diego Business Chamber Celebration of Business event on June 27. This honor recognizes the incredible work our Foundation does to assure equal access to success for all Palomar College students by inspiring individual, business and foundation philanthropic support that helps remove financial barriers and provides essential educational resources. Throughout this past year the Foundation has achieved significant milestones in its fundraising and has added 25 new annual or endowed scholarships to benefit students.



Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, Foundation Board Member Tiffany Rosik, Executive Director Stacy Rungaitis, Foundation Board Member Susan Miller and Foundation Board Chair Will Rivera.

Welcome to our Newest Leaders

As we mark the close of another successful academic year, I want to recognize a few new leaders joining our administration. Earlier in the spring semester, Dr. Leanne Maunu was named our new Dean of Languages and Literature. Dr. Amrik Johal recently joined us as the Dean of Student Life and Leadership. And on July 1, Dr. John Escobedo started as the Dean of Math, Sciences and Engineering. In addition, on June 11, the Governing Board ratified the hire of Jenny Fererro, as our Dean of Instruction. Ms. Fererro will begin her new role at the end of July.

Pathway to CSU Sacramento

Palomar College is one of 25 colleges in the state, and the only credit offering community college in the San Diego and Imperial County region, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with CSU Sacramento, giving



Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, Dr. Luke Wood, and Dr. Nicole Belisle at the June 13 signing of the MOU.

high-achieving students with an interest in Black history and culture the opportunity to transfer to the new Black Honors College of California (BHC) at CSU Sacramento. The BHC is the first in the nation. The purpose of the agreement is to foster improvement of completion rates and showcase the excellence of Black history, life, culture, and contributions, by providing support for a group of select, motivated students who seek to join the community of scholars at the BHC. This partnership was celebrated on June 13 with an official signing of the agreement with Dr. Luke Wood, President of CSU Sacramento during the 2024 Juneteenth Symposium in Sacramento.

Campus Engagement

In early June, we had a wonderful event to celebrate our classified professionals at the clock tower. Hundreds of Palomar colleagues showed their appreciation and enjoyed delicious food and fabulous prizes. I am grateful to the extraordinary planning committee who really made the event special for our classified team members. Rosalinda Tovar was presented with the CCE Community Champion award for her work to improve our college and the larger community. Wendy Fraga earned the honors of Union Supporter award. This award recognizes an individual who regularly attends union functions and volunteers time when asked. Palomar College is fortunate to have such dedicated professionals serving our students.



Classified Professionals Rosalinda Tovar and Wendy Fraga

We hosted the 3rd annual Pride flag raising ceremony. The event included many moving presentations from Palomar faculty, staff, and administrators. Palomar College continues to build alliances and promote a healthy, safe, and prosperous environment for all students and employees.

Community Engagement

As an important educational partner of National University (NU), we were able to join the NU employees and administrators to watch NU President, Dr. Mark Milliron, throw out the opening pitch at the Padres Game on June 7. It was a great opportunity to connect with other NU partners in the region and gain insight into future opportunities.

I was thrilled to receive a special recognition from Empowering Latino Futures at the 74th Latino Book and Family festival at MiraCosta College. Latino legend, playwright, film director, screenwriter, and writer, Luis Valdez (Zoot Suit, La Bamba, etc.), presented the award. I am grateful for the Palomar College outreach and onboarding team who not only



hosted a booth, but also presented at a workshop. It is these types of events that keep Palomar College at the top of the mind of prospective students and their families.

This year I had the honor of representing Palomar College and presenting at the Chicano Federation of San Diego County Leadership Training Institute. During the event, the graduation celebration of the 2024 fellows was held. All of the fellows presented outstanding capstone projects.

In mid-June, I gained a tremendous amount of insight at the 2024 Baccalaureate Degree Workshop convening, sponsored by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in Sacramento. There are endless possibilities for Palomar College as we look to expand our offerings to include baccalaureate degrees.



Leadership Training Institute Fellows Program Advisory Council members Lidia S. Martinez and Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., and Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey

Over 35 staff members throughout the region supported the inaugural San Diego County Sheriff's Junior Women's Academy hosted at Palomar College. Sixty-five high school students participated in the event. The program included several presentations and an upfront and close view of the Sheriff's helicopter landing and take-off from the athletic practice field. I appreciate Director Edith Sanchez and Captain Claudia Delgado of the San Diego County Sheriff Department for having the vision for this program and for partnering with Palomar College.

Thank you San Diego Gas & Electric for the \$10,000 grant to support our Palomar College Fire Academy and a big thank you to the Padres for seeing the importance of celebrating and supporting our first responders! And a special thank you to our Palomar College Foundation Executive Director Stacy Fricke Rungaitis for always finding ways to best support the mission of our college! Go Comets!



Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey and Foundation Executive Director Stacy Rungaitis

I had the pleasure of joining elected officials and community leaders at the California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) Blue & Silver Fundraising event. CSUSM is such an incredible partner for Palomar College. Their steadfast focus on student success and social mobility is a great benefit to our region.



We hosted a Community Gathering and Mural Celebration at our Escondido Education Center. We were joined by City of Escondido Deputy Mayor Christian Garcia and City Council Member Joe Garcia, Escondido Art Commissioners, Allison Apfeld from U.S. Congressman Scott Peter's office. During the event we celebrated the beautiful mural designed by Rafael Lopez and painted by Oscar Rios and David Mondragon of Grand/Prezto's. Mr. Lopez designed the mural to show the growth of students and their desire for excellence and a bright future. We also presented an update on Palomar and the future plans for the Escondido Education Center.



Mural at the Escondido Education Center

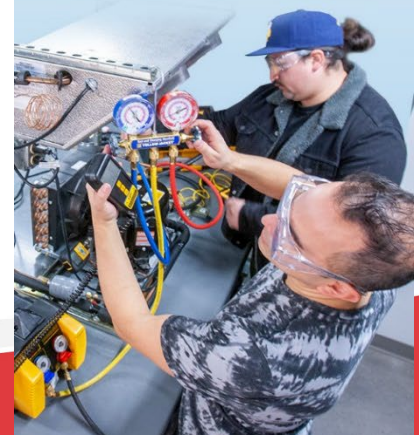
I was joined by Governing Board President Roberto Rodriguez and Governing Board Vice President, Dr. Judy Patacsil at the San Diego Community College District "Building a Future Together," an official welcome to newly appointed Chancellor Gregory Smith. Community leaders and state and local elected officials attended this event. Presenters included California Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber, California Community College Chancellor Dr. Sonya Christian, and President and CEO of the California Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCCBA), Dr. Constance Carroll.



Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, Governing Board President Roberto Rodriguez, Governing Board Vice President Dr. Judy Patacsil and Christine Lee, Director, Community & Higher Education Partnerships at Call Coast Credit Union.

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

The Summer session is going well with strong enrollment at all locations. As participants of the Strategic Enrollment Management Academy, the Palomar College team joined other colleges on June 14 and 15 to hear presentations and meet with their assigned coaches in person. The coaches are peers from other colleges in the state who guide and mentor our team as they proceed in the development of our project. Through this interaction the Palomar team built out a logic model for completing our project which has the following goal: In alignment with the Palomar College Student Equity and Guided Pathways plans,



develop a sustainable and consistent scheduling framework that promotes student success while prioritizing Student Centered Funding Formula metrics to ensure fiscal sustainability. The Palomar team will be collaborating with their assigned coaches to accomplish the goal over the 2024-2025 academic year.

Languages and Literature Division

English as a Second Language (ESL) department is continuing to grow. Due to the demand for courses, we added new classes at the Escondido Education Center and San Marcos campus. ESL Matriculation Coordinator Carmelino Cruz shared information about the department at the Healthy Development Services Health and Resource Fair in Escondido on June 29.

Dual Enrollment

Escondido Union High School District's Middle College at Orange Glen celebrated their first graduating class on May 31. The middle college is composed of 9th – 12th grade students and builds in a minimum of 24 units at Palomar College while in high school. There were 73 high school graduates. Students are continuing their college education at Palomar, CSU San Marcos, UC San Diego, Stanford, UC Los Angeles, UC Berkeley, and at cosmetology schools, and tech schools. Eight of the graduates received associate degrees or certificates.

Poway Unified School District's Poway to Palomar Middle College (PPMC) also celebrated their first graduating class on May 31. PPMC is composed of 11th and 12th grade students and builds in a minimum of 12 units at Palomar College while in high school. There were 42 high school graduates with students continuing their college education at Palomar, CSU San Marcos, UC San Diego, Stanford, and UC Los Angeles to name a few. PPMC students were asked to complete an exit survey. Below are some of the student responses to the exit survey question "How has PPMC changed you?"

"I have been able to organize my free time a lot better at PPMC. This school has also allowed me to become better at conversing with many different people. Taking college classes has allowed me to get a glimpse into the future and create better educational habits."

"PPMC has changed me into a student who is more than prepared for the challenges of college and a person who is better socially and professionally."

"It helped me take a jumpstart on learning my responsibilities of a college life and has helped me realize that there is always an opportunity lying somewhere and its always a good idea to take that opportunity."

"PPMC has made me significantly more comfortable with myself and around my peers. I've grown a lot more confident from feeling supported and accepted in our school's community."

"I've been given a community that I actually feel like an important part of. I am a part of something that values, appreciates, and likes me and what I have to contribute. I have never found something as special as PPMC before; and I'm so grateful for it."

Jennifer Finn, Supervisor of Dual Enrollment, and Dr. Glyn Bongolan, Interim Associate Dean, Dual Enrollment, attended the Middle College National Consortium Conference in New Jersey. During the conference, they had the opportunity to meet with schools from Michigan, Ohio, New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, and California. The experience provided them with a design principles rubric that may be used to evaluate components of implementation of our middle colleges.



Escondido Education Center

A community gathering and mural celebration was held on June 20. The event was attended by elected officials and community leaders and featured the newly completed mural at the Center and an update from Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey.

Rancho Bernardo Education Center

The Palomar College Foundation hosted the President's Associates and community leaders on June 24 at the Rancho Bernardo Education Center. During the event, the newest academic program, Fashion Merchandising and Design was featured. The program joins the Architecture and Interior Design programs that started at the Center in 2022.



Students enjoying the new Fashion Merchandising and Design classroom in Rancho Bernardo

STUDENT SERVICES

Outreach

Combined, ten application workshops will be held in June and July. These workshops are designed to assist students in applying to Palomar College and for Palomar Promise. To date, the workshops have been well attended.

During the 2023-24 academic year, Outreach provided 189 tours for 3,239 students. We had 125 off campus events reaching 7,750 prospective students and community members.

Student Life & Leadership

The new Dean of Student Life and Leadership, Dr. Amrik Johal assumed his new role on June 10. On June 25 he attended a Meet N' Greet event with our newly elected Associated Student Government executive board and student trustee. He has been meeting with colleagues throughout the college and becoming acquainted with district operations and that of Student Life & Leadership.

Summer Student Activity Card hours will be held at each Education Center in July. Pippa Pierce and Brooke Beckett attended the CCCSAA (California Community College Student Affairs Association) Professional Development Conference June 12-14. Student Life & Leadership held a student staff retreat/training to prepare and plan for the rest of the summer and discuss the upcoming academic year

For the 2023-24 academic year, 377 new students registered for services at the Anita & Stan Maag Food & Nutrition Center. 42,961 pounds of food were distributed during this same time period. Grab n' Go stations across the San Marcos campus are fully operational. The weekly replenishment service of light snacks and fresh fruit resumed at the Education Centers on June 25.

Student Health Services

Our medical providers as well as our licensed therapists and behavioral health interns team remain available to provide services for our students who are enrolled in summer classes. Our hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



The Student Health Center and Behavioral Health Counseling Services have been preparing for our mock emergency evacuation drill scheduled for July 10.

Student Services Communications Systems & Technology

On June 24, the California Virtual College “Teaching College” initiative went live. All Palomar College fully online courses are now offered to community college students throughout the state. In the early part of July, a communications campaign will begin and is designed to increase awareness of this new benefit to students.

In preparation for the Vision Aligned Reporting requirements for data reporting, Student Services has identified and started to work on five data collection tools. The team is exploring the feasibility of these tools to assist with the reporting requirements.

The classic PeopleSoft Student Center is officially no longer available. Student facing employees who were unable to attend training on the new MyPalomar platform are being trained accordingly. In addition, a demonstration of a SARs Early Alert tool designed to assist with retention was received by the team.

Several targeted text campaigns to address financial aid topics, including completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and applying for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG) were implemented throughout the month.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal Services

Fiscal Services is appreciative of the college community for quickly submitting year-end invoices, approvals, and CalCards reconciliations as well as year-end time sheets. A special note of thanks to our colleagues in Human Resources, Business Services, and Student Services for their assistance with the current FY 2023-24 audit.

The budget office is working diligently to prepare the adopted budget. The team appreciates the high level of engagement from colleagues in this budget cycle and looks forward to working with everyone to support the operational needs of the departments and divisions.

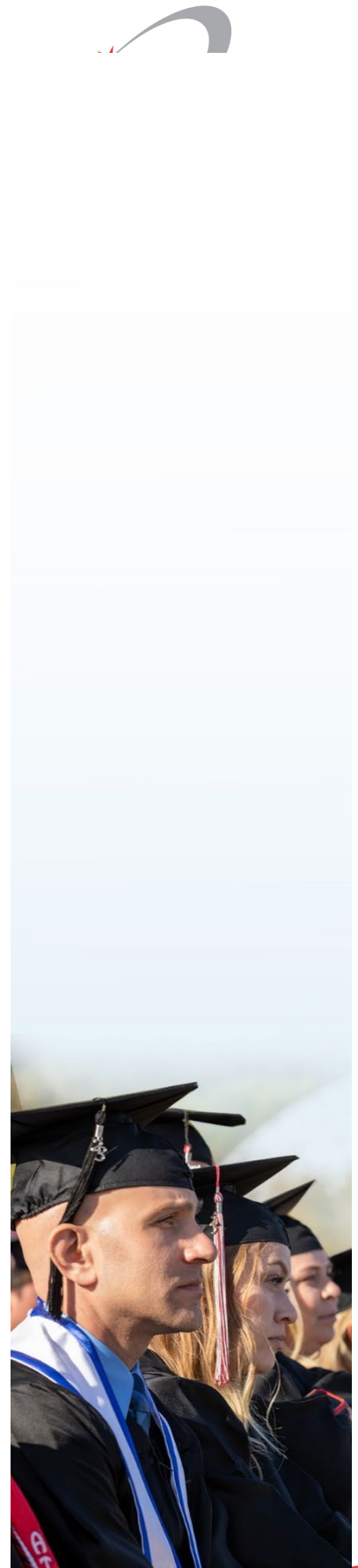
Business Services

The Fallbrook 40 bid will be advertised and out to contractors on July 2. Bids will be due to the District on August 15, with award recommendations for each bid package and a guaranteed maximum price for this project presented to the Governing Board for approval at the October 2024 meeting.

Campus Police

The Campus Police attended the Pride flag raising event on June 4. After hearing stories of how the flag was a symbol of a welcoming environment, the Pride flag sticker was added to the entrance of campus police building lobby.

On June 12, Maureen Lopez, a full-time police officer was added to the department. She is the second female officer in the history of the department. Maureen served with the San Diego Sheriff for 34 years and has extensive investigative experience. This recruitment is in perfect alignment with our efforts to increase female police officers as per our commitment to the 30x30 initiative. Officer Lopez is a welcome addition to our department.



Campus Police assisted San Diego Sheriff with their first Junior Women's Academy hosted at the San Marcos campus. We facilitated areas for equipment and the Sheriff's helicopter to land. It was a great opportunity to promote women leaders in law enforcement.

Environmental Health and Safety

Emergency procedures for various buildings across the district continue to be finalized, with plans to conduct six emergency evacuations at buildings on the San Marcos campus this fall. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) team continues to meet to review and revise the Emergency Operations Plan for the district. The final version of the EOP will be shared with the Governing Board in the fall.

In collaboration with Human Resources and Campus Police, a draft of the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP) is complete. Training and reporting processes will be identified accordingly. In addition, a process to respond to requests for risk assessments was developed with Campus Police. A testing plan for all lockdown and panic buttons across the district is in progress. Finally, training to promote safety at work and safe work practices was conducted and updates to the District's Industrial and Illness Prevention Plan are in progress.

Facilities Operations

The building services, grounds, and custodial teams are working on maintenance projects that are more manageable during the summer session. Some recent projects include cleaning and maintenance of floors, the installation of raised rock planters at the San Marcos campus, and new plants grown in our nursery have been planted, and trees have been trimmed at all district locations. The team replaced five HVAC systems. In collaboration, with Palomar College student interns, work was completed on the digital map that shows specifically which trees and plants are located on the San Marcos campus. This map is scheduled to be publicly available on the palomar.edu website this fall.

In addition, the team provided garden tours to faculty, staff, school clubs, and community members. Finally, a tour of the San Diego Zoological Society's Seed bank at the Safari Park in Escondido was done to see how they are cleaning and storing seed of rare and endangered species. This tour will help the college improve our approaches with our seed bank at the San Marcos campus.

Construction & Facilities Planning

Prop M Projects

The work on the punch list items on the softball field and softball fieldhouse projects is continuing. The synthetic turf installation in the football stadium is complete as are the landscaping and irrigation portions of the project. The completion of the football press box is scheduled for July. The total change order rate for the project to date to 7.85% including Change Order #10 which will be presented to the Governing Board in July.

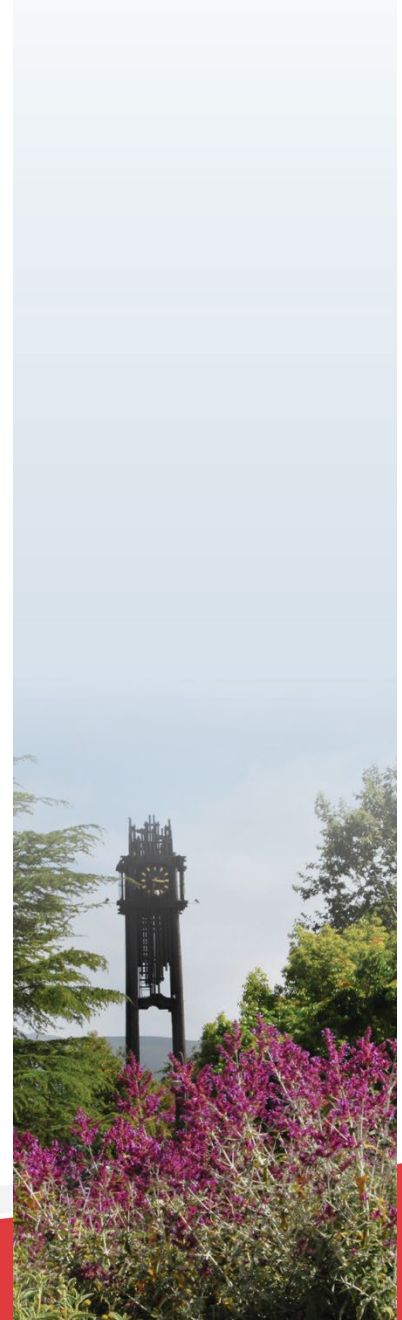
Work is progressing on finalizing the bid package for Fallbrook 40. The bid advertisement is scheduled for July 2. It is projected that the bids will be presented to the Governing Board in October.

Other Projects

The work on the Escondido Campus Safety and Security Fencing project is 98% complete. Work on a punch list is in progress. The project has a current change order rate of 5.94%.

Information Services (IS)

Information Services (IS) is happy to announce that as of June 24, Palomar College is officially a "Teaching" College in the Chancellor's Office CVC-OEI Course Exchange. This program



allows any active student in the California Community College system to easily and quickly enroll in an online class being taught at Palomar College, without having to file an additional CCC Apply application.

The IS systems and programming team has made several more enhancements to support fraud detection in our student application processing. This has resulted in improvements in the processing and load time of student applications.

After providing audio-visual equipment and support at numerous academic and other year-end activities, the IS technical services and audio-visual team initiated several planned upgrades and enhancements of these systems in classrooms and other large gathering spaces.

The IS network and data center team continues to work closely with contractors on the final installation and configuration of infrastructure and equipment needed to support all technical infrastructure, systems, devices, and equipment for both the Stadiums and Escondido Safety and Security project. In addition, this team recently completed the installation of security cameras and emergency notification speakers around the exterior of our Performing Arts Center (PAC) on the San Marcos Campus.

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES (HRS)

Human Resources is pleased to welcome Mercedes Lopez as our Interim Title IX Officer. Ms. Lopez begins her work with Palomar College on July 1, 2024. As a result of close collaboration, VP Pedroza and VP Recalde are excited to implement a monthly updates and a training program for the deans.

Negotiations

Human Resources is continuing to collaborate with CAST to update their handbook. Similarly, meetings are scheduled with AA leadership to review and update their handbook.

Recruitment

Human Resources is analyzing current hiring practices to identify areas for improved efficiency.

Recruitment figures as of 7/1/24:

33 permanent recruitments in progress

7 – Admin/CAST

24 – Classified

2 – Faculty

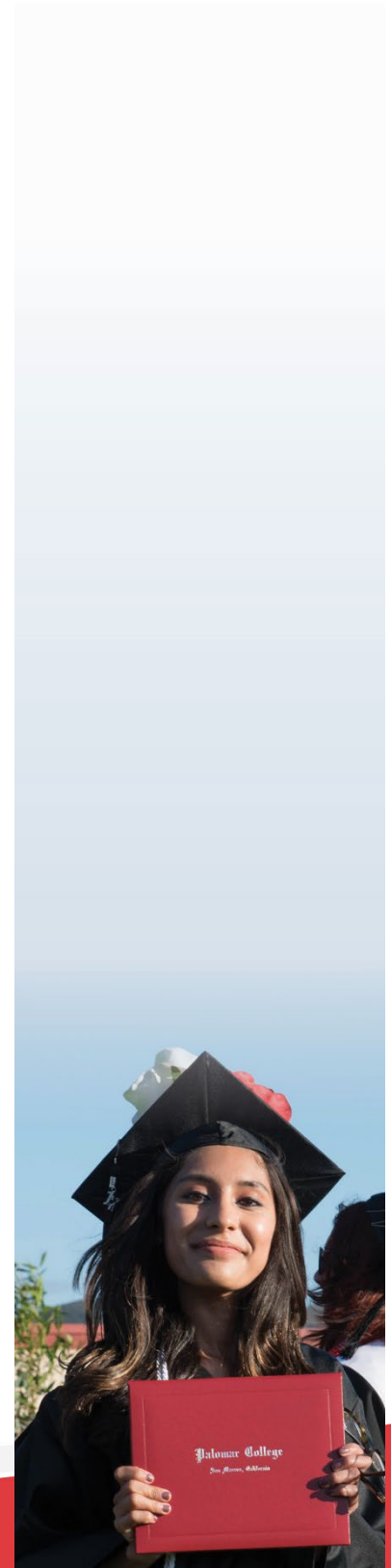
63 part-time faculty recruitments in progress

18 additional part-time faculty postings have closed, and departments are still hiring from those application pools.

DEIAA OFFICE

Community Engagement

The CSU Juneteenth Symposium hosted by CSU Sacramento, was designed to elevate the celebration and recognition of African American history and achievement while promoting



and sustaining the anti-racism work underway across the 23 CSU campuses. Community colleges across the state were also invited to attend the symposium and to commemorate their partnership with CSU Sacramento on the newly formed Black Honors College. Palomar College was one of 15 community colleges present for the signing event.

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, PLANNING & GRANTS (IRPG)

Accreditation

The Accreditation Writing Leadership Team (AWLT) is currently gathering information to include in the Palomar College midterm report. This report will address our progress on self-improvement plans outlined in our previous Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER), as well as

institutional effectiveness recommendations from our visiting team. It will also evaluate disaggregated student outcomes and student learning outcomes data, and highlight how these efforts will prepare us for our next comprehensive evaluation report.

Integrated Planning

The California Community College Chancellor's Office has approved the College's Letter of Intent to seek center status approval for the Rancho Bernardo Education Center. This milestone clears the path for the College to proceed with the comprehensive Needs Study. IRP&G is collaborating with ALMA Strategies to finalize and submit this study by July 31, 2024.

Institutional Research

Throughout June, the IRP&G research team has been actively pursuing its robust research agenda and responding to various data requests. Completed projects includes, but is not limited to, submission of a regional data request on apprentice programs, analysis and production of the Palomar College governance self-evaluation survey report, development of a Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) dataset and dashboard for the SEM Academy attendees, and updates to daily enrollment dashboards. The office remains focused on gathering and organizing data for the Career and Technical Education program report, as well as designing a new distance education data dashboard.

Grants

The Grants Manager, in collaboration with Student Services, is finalizing several TRIO grant proposals. The Federal TRIO Programs aim to support individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities complete their postsecondary education. Additionally, the Manager is working with a small team from Instruction to draft a preliminary proposal for the National Science Foundation Enabling Partnerships to Increase Innovation Capacity (EPIIC) opportunity. If selected, this initiative would engage the College in a mentorship program, fostering collaboration with other institutions of higher education to develop a full proposal. The preliminary proposal seeks to establish an integrated work-based and



CSU Sacramento Dr. Luke Wood and Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey confirm the signing of the partnership agreement.



experiential learning program, featuring industry panels/events, job shadowing/internships, and capstone research projects.

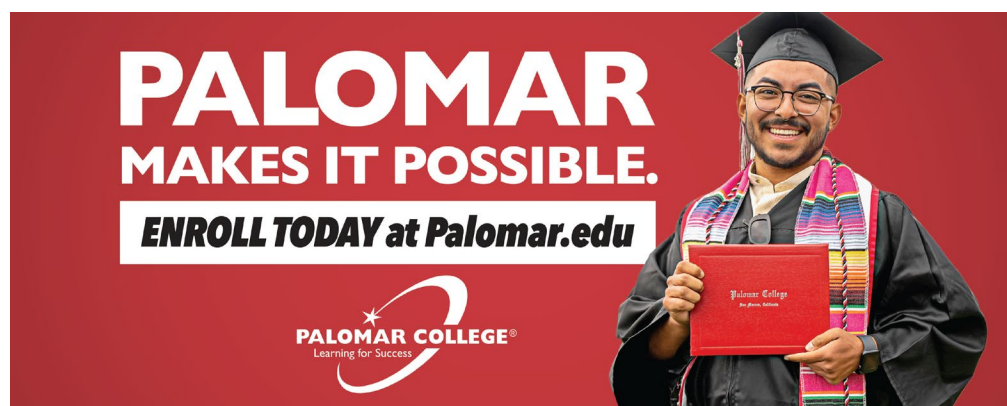


PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Marketing/Advertising/Promotion

The Palomar Makes It Possible digital advertising strategy inclusive of programmatic advertising as well as brand related enrollment-focused ads continued. This integrated digital advertising strategy generates qualified traffic to the associated landing pages and the palomar.edu website. In the month of May, the campaign generated over 501,000 impressions, while remaining cost efficient.

The integrated marketing and communications campaign to support summer and fall enrollment goals continued. The campaign includes outdoor and transit advertising, as well as an updated web streaming campaign with endorsement ads featuring alum and radio personality Jesse Lozano and Over-the-Top (OTT) video advertising. The OTT ads are targeted to platforms and programming that align with our student demographics. Ads specific to our Camp Pendleton education site also continued.

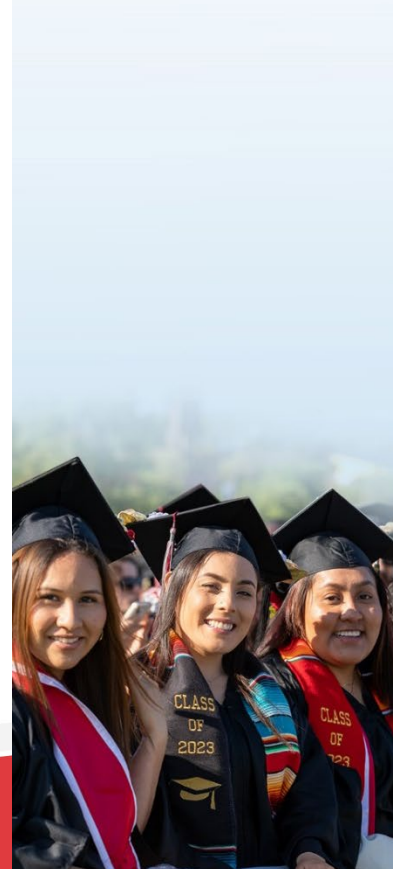


July through August Billboard Advertising

The Palomar.edu website continues to perform well. Compared to the previous June we experienced a 4.2% increase in users and a 4.2% increase in new users on the palomar.edu website. These statistics are indicative of the effectiveness of paid and earned media campaigns.

Social media remains the 5th ranked source of all traffic generated to the Palomar.edu website. TikTok, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter generated the majority of the social media traffic to Palomar.edu. The other overall top channels of traffic to the website are direct traffic, organic search, and referral traffic.

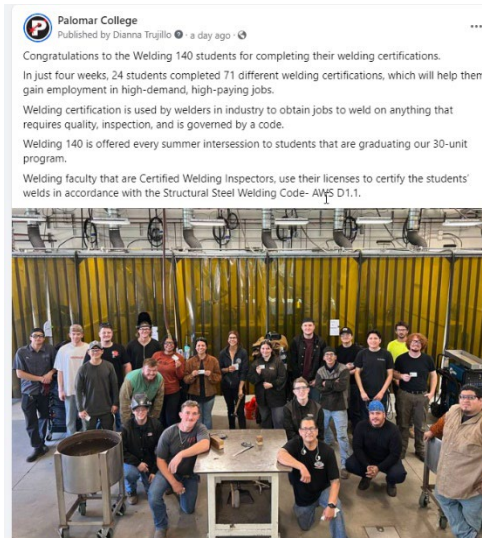
A year-over-year performance comparison of our social media platforms shows steady growth for all channels. Our growth in Facebook “Likes” and Twitter followers increased 1% and 3% respectively compared to last June. Followers on LinkedIn grew 4% compared to June 2023. Instagram is continuing to show a significant increase at 18%. Followers on our TikTok channel grew 50% compared to the previous June and nearly 2% compared to last month.



Throughout the month of June our social media posts centered on increasing awareness for the summer and fall course registration, open 4-week and 8-week courses, application workshops, financial aid deadlines, and student recognition.



Sample Social Media Post in June



Sample Social Media Post in June

Community and Media Relations

PIO Lanthier Bandy attended several community meetings including the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, the and San Diego Imperial Counties Community College Association meeting, and the Government Affairs meeting of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce. She also participated on behalf of the District at the North County Transit District press conference for the launch of their new NCTD+ rideshare program that will positively impact students and employees of Palomar College.

A [press release](#) announcing the hire of three new deans was distributed in June. The release has generated interest from community publications. This release and other stories published in June can be found on the [Palomar News website](#). Palomar College received a total of 247 media mentions in the month of June. This equates to a publicity market value of nearly \$170,000.

Internal/External Communications and Public Affairs

Members of the public affairs office attended the Pride flag raising event on June 4 and the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) meeting on June 21. At the ICOC meeting, she presented the ICOC annual report for approval. The ICOC unanimously approved the report. PIO Lanthier Bandy also attended the Community College League of California monthly government affairs meeting.

A story featuring [a successful Palomar College ballet student](#) was published during the first week of June. Stories on the impact of the [Palomar College GearUp grant](#) and [a new book](#) written by a faculty member were published later in the month on [Palomar News](#).



The Creative Services team centered their energy on supporting collateral redesigns, promotional artwork for the 2024-25 performing arts season, enrollment signage and supporting the signage needs for the new football stadium.

FOUNDATION

Fundraising Activities

Nonprofit of the Year Award

The Palomar College Foundation was selected as the 2024 Nonprofit of the Year at the North San Diego Business Chamber Celebration of Business event on June 27. The event held at the San Diego Marriott Del Mar was attended by 250 regional business and nonprofit leaders. Along with Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey and Stacy Rungaitis, Foundation Board Chair Will Rivera, and Board members Susan Miller, and Tiffany Rosik were in attendance.

Major Gifts and Scholarship Program

The Palomar College Foundation was honored to be part of the Rotary Club of Carlsbad's inaugural Day of Giving, where they provided \$2,000 for First Responder's Scholarships. Development Manager Linda Moynan and two Fire Academy students, Matt and Ryan, attended the meeting to share the impact their donation will make.

The Assistance League of Inland North County has been a very generous supporter of Palomar College since 2008, giving over \$580,000 in scholarships. This volunteer group was the recipient of the 2024 Comet Award. The group hosted an annual luncheon in Escondido on June 26. The Foundation team, along with eight scholarship recipients, attended to thank these generous donors.

The Palomar College Foundation was invited to the San Diego Padres First Responders Day on June 12 for an on-field check presentation by community partner SDG&E. The grant funds of \$10,000 will support the Palomar fire academy in purchasing fire shields for student demonstration use.

President's Associates

The President's Associates are a group of committed community members who support the Foundation by donating at least \$1,000 annually. Two business organizations including EDCO Waste & Recycling and CTE, a UES Sciences Company, renewed their membership this month.

PC Foundation PA & Community Gathering

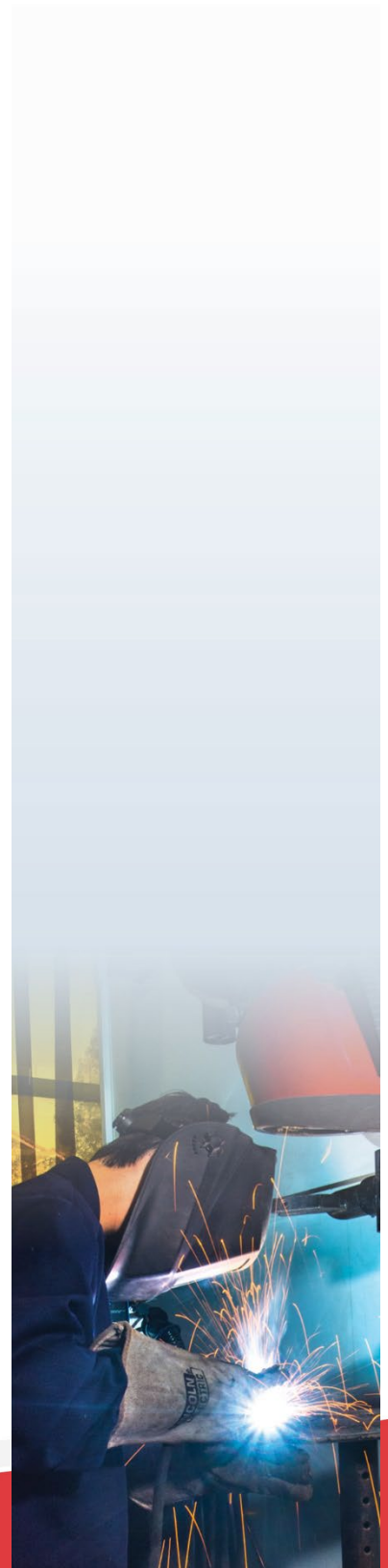
On June 24, the Palomar College Foundation hosted its Community Gathering and President's Associates summer event at the Rancho Bernardo Education Center. Over 50



2024 Nonprofit of the Year Award



Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey with Foundation supporters at the Padres game.



attendees gathered to learn about the Foundation's impact on students, and hear an update on student enrollment growth and the 2026 bond exploration from Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction Dr. Tina Recalde. Attendees were also invited to discover the exceptional anchor programs in architecture, interior design, and fashion design. Tom Medel led a tour of the facility, leaving guests inspired by the offerings at the Center and the lives Palomar College is transforming.

Stewardship

As part of our annual stewardship plan, the Foundation is proud to once again produce personalized photo books for our scholarship donors. These books feature inspirational stories and highlight the profound impact donors have on students' lives. Each book is customized for the individual donor, including photos and heartfelt thank-you notes from the scholarship recipients. This year's book carries the theme "Thank you for being a ripple in our students' academic journey," as showcased on the cover photo below.

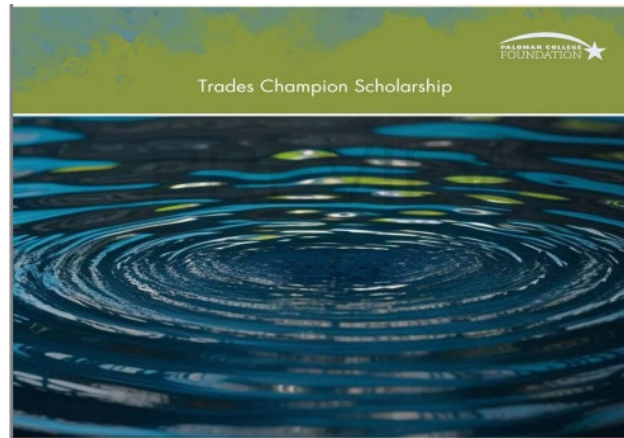


Image of the Foundation's personalized photo book

The President's Invitational Golf Classic

The Foundation's plans are underway for the upcoming President's Invitational Golf Classic, scheduled for October 21. Our amazing volunteer golf committee and our staff have been hard at work and have already raised \$81,500 in sponsorships along with many auction items.

Community Engagement

Executive Director Stacy Rungaitis represented Palomar College at Supervisor Jim Desmond's State of North County Address on June 11. The event was held at the Brooks Theater in Oceanside and featured a call-out to Palomar College for our service and leadership to education in North County.

The Escondido Community Gathering & Mural Celebration was held on June 20 at the Escondido Education Center. Members of the community and Escondido Arts Commission came together to celebrate the mural completed this spring on the Center as well as to hear an update on Palomar College from Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey.

