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March 7, 2025

**PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

**Provisional Approval for Baccalaureate Degree**

We were informed that our Building Performance & Environmental Design baccalaureate degree submission received provisional approval from the California Community College Chancellor's Office. This significant achievement is due to the unrelenting commitment of Professors Joseph Lucido and Jessica Newman, Deans Dr. Jenny Ferrero and Nichol Roe, and Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Tina Recalde. We expect to receive final approval of the degree program in May and the first cohort is projected to start in Fall 2026.

The Building Performance & Environmental Design degree is designed to equip the next generation of professionals with the expertise needed to create environmentally and socially responsible built environments.

**A National Stage**

I was thrilled to participate in a panel discussion during the New Trustee Academy at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) conference in Washington D.C. The title of the session "The Development of the Board Book" included best practices for preparing board agendas.



*Dean of Instruction Dr. Jenny Ferrero, Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, Professor Joseph Lucido, Vice President of Instruction Dr. Tina Recalde, and Professor Jessica Newman.*



*Palomar College Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, Florence-Darlington Technical College President Dr. Jemaine Ford, and College of Lake County Governing Board Chair Dr. Torrie Mark Newsome*

### Legislative Advocacy to Support Students

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) hosted a Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. in early February. Our Governing Board President Jacqueline Kaiser, Vice President Dr. Holly Hamilton-Bleakley, Secretary Yvette Marie Acosta, Trustee Roberto Rodriguez, Public Information Officer Julie Lanthier Bandy and I attended. In addition to the concurrent sessions held during the Summit, we were able to meet with U.S. Congressman Scott Peters, U.S. Congressman Mike Levin and Giulia DiGuglielmo Legislative Director for Congressman Darrell Issa to discuss the importance of fully funding the Pell Grant, and student success programs such as TRiO, GearUp and federal work study.

### Campus Engagement

I had the pleasure of joining Vice President of Instruction Dr. Tina Recalde to welcome hundreds of high school students, business owners and leaders to the California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA) Automotive Career Fair held at our San Marcos campus on February 28. Our automotive technology program students were able to connect with future employers, and attend workshops hosted by our talented faculty and manufacturers throughout the day.



*Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, Secretary Yvette Marie Acosta, Trustee Roberto Rodriguez, Vice President Dr. Holly Hamilton-Bleakley, U.S. Congressman Scott Peters, and Public Information Officer Julie Lanthier Bandy.*



*Public Information Officer Julie Lanthier Bandy, Trustee Roberto Rodriguez, Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, Congressman Darrell Issa's Legislative Director Giulia DiGuglielmo, Vice President Dr. Holly Hamilton-Bleakley, and Secretary Yvette Marie Acosta*



We hosted the Annual Summit of the North County Higher Education Alliance (NCHEA). This event was attended by Palomar College, MiraCosta College and CSU San Marcos faculty, staff, and administrators. The agenda featured workshops and discussions that centered on transfer success, Hispanic Serving Institutions, generative AI, and legislative updates. It was a pleasure to participate on a panel discussion with leaders from MiraCosta College and CSU San Marcos.



*Palomar College Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, MiraCosta College Vice President of Student Services Dr. Alketa Wojcik, and CSU San Marcos Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Dr. Mary Oling-Sisay*

### **Community Engagement**

In early February, I attended the annual San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA) Trustee dinner with Governing Board Trustee Roberto Rodriguez and Vice President of Instruction Dr. Tina Recalde. Hosted by our Imperial Valley College colleagues, the event was an opportunity to hear about the vibrant lithium industry in the Imperial Valley and network with colleagues.

The PUENTE 2025 Community College Statewide Conference was held in San Diego this past month. I was grateful for the opportunity to join colleagues from throughout California to celebrate and discuss the success of this fantastic educational program. Coincidentally, it was the Puente program that gave me an early start in my career in the California Community College System.

I am incredibly grateful to CSU San Marcos President Dr. Ellen Neufeldt for inviting me for the second consecutive year to present at the National Social Mobility Conference. My presentation centered on the integral role community colleges have in supporting the social and economic social mobility of our students. During the conference, I was able to connect with the Chancellor of the CSU System, Dr. Mildred García.



*Superintendent President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey and CSU System Chancellor Dr. Mildred García*

Later in the month, I went to the North Economic Development Council Chairman's Dinner. This event was a great opportunity to connect with elected officials and



business leaders from throughout the region. The topics discussed are always valuable as we continue to work to support the workforce needs in San Diego County.

## OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

During the month of February, Instructional Services focused on providing professional development opportunities for faculty and administrators focused on enhancing performance and learning new strategies to advance and support college initiatives. These opportunities included sending teams to conferences hosted by the Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCBA), Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCA), Middle College National Consortium, and Dual Enrollment Equity. The teams have returned to campus and are excited to share the information that they have learned.



*ACCA Conference attendees: Dean Diane Studinka, Dean Leanne Maunu, Dean Jenny Fererro, Chief Diversity Officer Nicole Belisle, Manager Joseph Allen, Director Mandi Horn, Manager Andrew Mertig, and Dean John Escobedo*

In collaboration with Institutional Research, Planning, Effectiveness and Grants, the Program Review and Planning cycle launched with training for the instructional comprehensive review, instructional annual review, and non-instructional review processes. Support will be provided over the next few months to assist people with reviewing their data, identifying strategies to address gaps, setting goals, and identifying resources needed to support achieving the goals.

Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Tina Recalde and Superintendent/President joined automotive technology program faculty members who hosted a career fair in collaboration the California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA) at the San Marcos campus. Local high school students and our own automotive technology program students were able to connect with future employers and attend workshops.



*Palomar College Vice President of Instruction Dr. Tina Recalde, President of the San Diego County New Car Dealers Association Scott Webb, and Palomar College Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey*



**Languages and Literature Division**

American Sign Language (ASL) professor David Hamilton has been selected as the head basketball coach for the United States Deaflympics basketball team. Professor Hamilton has earned five Deaflympic gold medals as a player and assistant coach and has received the honor of also being inducted into the Deaflympics Hall of Fame. The team will be heading to Tokyo later this year to compete in the Deaflympics, where they will benefit from Professor Hamilton’s leadership and dedication to the team and the sport.

ASL Professor Liz Mendoza received a CTE/Perkins grant that covers the \$32 per student cost for access to GoReact, a video recording and analyzing software. Thanks to the grant, our interpreting students are able to take classes at little or no cost.

On the weekend of February 21-23, Palomar College had the honor of hosting the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association (PSCFA) Spring Championships Tournament. Using over 80 rooms that showcased the beauty of the San Marcos campus, 29 universities and colleges from California, Utah, and Arizona competed in debate and individual events. Four hundred students competed across the three days. Professors and coaches from visiting institutions marveled at our gorgeous facilities, and the efficiency of the tournament itself. The Palomar Speech and Debate team had a strong showing at the event, including bronze, finalist, first place, third place and sixth place finishes.

**Arts, Media, and Business Administration Division**

The Performing Arts department will host approximately 400 middle and high school students this spring at select performances of the Concert Hour, a free music enrichment series offered every Thursday to the public. In collaboration with the Palomar Foundation, up to \$500 in transportation costs will be granted, allowing students to tour the campus and visit the performing arts complex before the performances. While visiting, students will learn more about enrolling at Palomar.

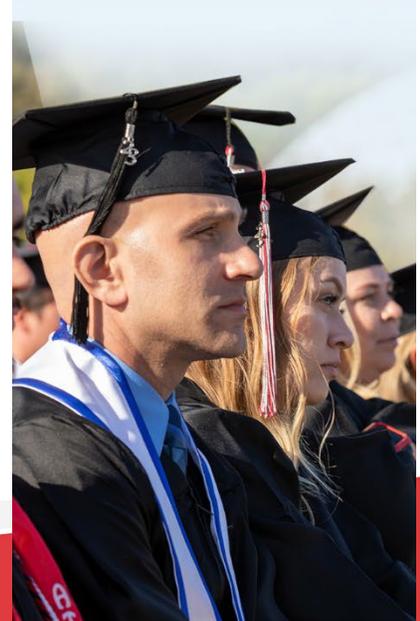


*Ceramicist Paige O'Toole is the Spring 2025 Artist-in-Residence.*

The Art Department welcomes acclaimed ceramicist Paige O’Toole as the Spring 2025 Artist-in-Residence. O’Toole will create original works for her March solo exhibition at the Boehm Gallery while conducting research in our sculpture and glass studios. Students will benefit from her expertise through a public lecture, ceramics demonstrations, and exhibition walk-throughs, providing valuable opportunities to engage with a working professional and gain insights into artistic career paths.

**Career Technical and Extended Education Division**

Our students continue to gain hands-on experience through impactful internships that connect them with real-world opportunities. One of our students has been selected for an internship at One Safe Place in San Marcos, a comprehensive resource center that provides no-cost support services for individuals impacted by abuse, violence, and victimization. This



opportunity will allow our students to contribute to vital community services while gaining valuable professional experience. In addition, our Medical Office Specialist program has strengthened its industry connections, with two students enjoying internships at Neighborhood Healthcare. This marks an exciting expansion of our partnership, as we have now placed a total of four students in internships with Neighborhood Healthcare. Our Interior Design program has also experienced a tremendous growth in internship placements. This semester, three students have secured internships with two different organizations, providing them with essential industry experience and strengthening their career pathways. These internships demonstrate the program's strong ties with local businesses and its commitment to equipping students with practical, hands-on learning experiences.

We are excited to share that the Escondido Fire Department has generously donated a fire engine to our Fire Academy. This donation will significantly enhance our training capabilities by providing students with firsthand experience using industry-standard equipment. Access to this engine will allow academy students to develop the practical skills needed for firefighting and emergency response, ensuring they are well-prepared for careers in the fire service. We appreciate the ongoing support from our regional fire departments and their commitment to strengthening our program.

### **Dual Enrollment**

On February 6, the Dual Enrollment team held a hybrid campus forum to review the Dual Enrollment Strategic Plan. Nearly 50 people attended with additional requests to review the material after the event. Attendees shared their "Hopes and Fears" about dual enrollment and provided feedback on the vision, mission, values, and goals. Recommendations will be incorporated into a final version of the strategic plan and shared with all constituent groups in late March.

Nine College and Career Access Pathway (CCAP) MOUs will be placed for board approval this semester. Six of the nine agreements are new agreements including partnerships with Ramona Unified School District, and justice impacted students in San Diego County Office of Education/Juvenile Court and Community Schools. Dual enrollment is also exploring a potential opportunity for an additional Middle College high school.

### **Professional Development (PD)**

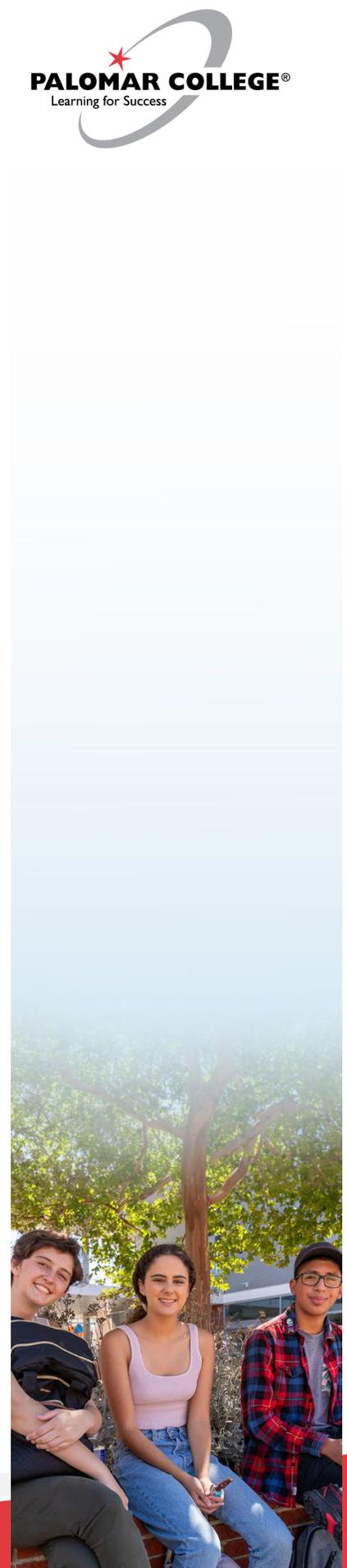
Flex Week in January was very successful with nearly 70 workshops and training sessions. This is in addition to nearly 270 colleagues attending All College Day. February was Black History Month and PD assisted our colleagues in the promotion of special events for this month. In addition, PD will be supporting Women's History Month in March. Team Life activities continue with yoga and weekly stretch breaks. On the horizon for Team Life are meditation offerings and guided painting sessions. This is in addition to the nearly 6,000 asynchronous training sessions offered in the PD Portal.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

### **Student Recruitment**

In February, there were 21 events impacting 509 prospective students, and over 50 students have received campus tours. There was a 17.5% increase in high school applications.

The annual High School Counselor Conference will be held on March 14 on the San Marcos Campus with a focus on our Career Technical Education programs. There are over 100 high school counselors and administrators registered to attend.



### **Student Services Communications Systems & Technology**

Dr. Joseph Allen, Manager of Systems, Technology, and Projects completed the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) Mentoring Program and graduated at the 2025 ACCCA Conference. Dr. Allen was mentored by Jim Lancaster the Vice Chancellor of Workforce & Economic Development at Los Angeles Community College District.

The Placement Tool, which is required due to new legislation and guided by community college best practices is under construction in partnership with the math department, the division of Student Services, Information Services team, and VB Consulting

We have started meetings with California Reconnect Work Group for Data to coordinate and provide for the re-engagement efforts of students who have stopped taking classes at Palomar College.

We have engaged with Highpoint and Palomar's business system analysts to begin the implementation process of Course Auditor Technology Solution.

Seventy-five enrollments have been received through our designation as a California Virtual College "Teaching College."

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Fiscal Services**

The Cashier's Office and the Accounting team have been working with the Financial Aid department to implement [direct deposit](#) refunds for certain types of financial aid. Direct deposit will start the first week of March with our direct loan group and proceed for other areas of financial aid.

S&P Global has reaffirmed the District's California General Obligation bond rating at AA. This rating reflects the District's large and growing tax base, broad and diverse economy, growing enrollment and strong reserves. Tempering this, S&P does note our upcoming projected deficits, limited revenue flexibility due to the state funding formula, and potential increased debt upon passage of a new bond in future years.

### **Facilities Department**

#### **Construction & Facilities Planning**

For the Fallbrook 40 project, all utilities have been rerouted and reconnected to the existing campus, except for data, which is pending installation by AT&T and Spectrum. The preliminary Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Athletics Phase II project will be presented to the Governing Board for approval in March, with mobilization expected to begin in early April.

Our progress in sustainability and certification as a Level 2 Arboretum is highlighted in the [Energy Resource and Sustainability Partnership Q2 Newsletter](#). The newsletter is distributed to chief business and facilities officers in the community college system. The website also serves as a resource for the California Community College and California State University systems, focusing on energy and sustainability in facilities.

#### **Facilities Maintenance**

The roof and HVAC replacement project at the AA/ST building is complete, and all occupants have moved back into their offices. Three HVAC units were replaced in the main server room at the San Marcos campus, and the roof of the HC Building was replaced.



### Environmental Health & Safety

During Flex Week, CPR certification training was conducted, and fire extinguisher simulation training took place as well. The 5-year Statewide Association of Community Colleges (SWACC) Insurance Property Inspection and Evaluation for the District was completed. An Incident Command System (ICS) training/workshop was hosted for the District's Executive Policy Team and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel. Additionally, the annual fire alarm and sprinkler inspections and testing were finished at the Rancho Bernardo Education Center.

### Custodial Services

Several ST Building carpet cleaning projects were completed across numerous offices. SSC Building restorative floor projects were conducted in specific rooms. In addition, the set-up and preparations were made for various events, including the Black History Month Fair, Service-Learning Fair, Club Rush, Speech and Debate Tournament, and many others.

### Business Services

Business Services posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Managed Food, Catering, & Vending Services. This RFP was advertised in early January and closed on February 5. Although fourteen firms viewed the RFP, three firms submitted responses. Of the three firms responding, two firms were deemed responsive as they submitted all required information and forms. Firms were asked to propose several variations of proposals, including food/catering services, coffee station, and vending; food/catering, and coffee station, food/catering only, vending only. One of the firms proposed food/catering, coffee station, and vending, the other firm proposed food/catering and coffee station. The submissions were evaluated by a subset of the Auxiliary Services Committee and two firms were selected for in-person interviews and food tasting, which took place on February 17. The subcommittee will evaluate each interview and food tasting, and deliberate which firm will be submitted to the Governing Board for approval. The selected firm is anticipated to be approved at the Governing Board meeting in April.

### Campus Police

In response to requests from English as a Second Language faculty, Sergeant Montes and Lead CSO Reza facilitated over a dozen classroom presentations regarding immigration enforcement and the role of campus police. Chief Moore joined Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Belisle for presentations on AP 3415, Immigration Enforcement Activities.

Rape Aggression Defense, RAD, is a program centered on self-defense for women. Officer Monika Forest has led this training for nearly 20 years. Over 85 students and employees have participated in the last 2 years. Most recently 30 employees registered for the training held in February, and an additional 15 employees are registered for the session scheduled in March.

Several safety presentations were provided to various departments, including the Pride Center. On February 18, Campus Police participated in an exercise simulating a wild fire at the Fallbrook Education Center. The exercise was facilitated by Keenan & Associates, our insurance provider. On February 19, the first Campus Police committee was held. The agenda included discussions on campus police staffing and outreach efforts. Campus Police supported a weekend event for the Palomar College Speech and Debate team held at the San Marcos campus.



## HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES (HRS)

Human Resources has been actively working on streamlining the onboarding process for all employment groups. Our goal is to ensure that the paperwork and steps required to hire new employees are clear, efficient, and seamless for both hiring managers and new employees. By refining our procedures, we aim to enhance the overall hiring experience, reduce processing time, and create a smoother transition for incoming employees.

Human Resources also attended the Black History Month event on campus and shared our employment opportunities with attendees.

### Benefits

Part-time faculty benefits open enrollment ended on March 3. The benefits office has been holding drop-in support twice a week during open enrollment. Benefits for the spring 2025 semester will take effect April 1, 2025.



Human Resource Services Senior Recruitment Specialist Celina de la Torre and Recruitment Technician Mary Riveros

### Recruitment figures as of February 24:

26 permanent recruitments in progress

- 9 – Admin/CAST
- 3 – Certificated/ECE Lab School
- 13 – Classified
- 1 – Faculty

59 part-time faculty recruitments in progress

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

## DEIAA OFFICE

The Association of California Community College of Administrators annual Conference was held in late February. Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Nicole Belisle was honored for being a part of the first cohort of ACCCA's Social Justice and Career Advancement Institute. Dr. Belisle also moderated a panel discussion, "Leading Authentically - Building Social Justice in Community."



Panel for ACCCA Presentation: Leading Authentically - Building Social Justice in Community with Danielle Guise, Beatriz Tijero, Ricky Gonzalez, Toni Trejo Parsons, Molly Morin, Reagen Dozier, "JT" Jasmine Marie Torres, and Dr. Nicole Belisle

In partnership with Campus Police and the Dreamer Success Program, guidance on the implementation of Administrative Policy (AP) 3415



Immigration Enforcement Activities was designed and presented during two sessions. An additional session is scheduled for March 3. A recording of a previous session is available on the PD Portal.

At the beginning of the month, the California Community College Chancellor's Office Accessibility Center held a kickoff meeting for Palomar College. During this meeting, they introduced accessibility and information and communication technology as well as an overview of the accessibility capability maturity model.

The Palomar Black Faculty and Staff Association (PBFSA) hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Black History Month celebration. This year's theme is African Americans in Labor. The well attended kick off fair was held in the student union quad in early February. Additional events and workshops were provided throughout the month as well.

## INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, PLANNING & GRANTS (IRPG)

### Accreditation

Work to complete the Palomar College midterm report is continuing. The first two sections are in draft status, with the remaining two scheduled for completion this spring. The first section outlines our progress on self-improvement plans and institutional effectiveness recommendations. The second focuses on student outcomes, including institution-set standards and disaggregated student data.

### Integrated Planning

In late February, the College Council will review a mid-year progress report on the implementation of the Educational Vision Plan. The Institutional Research, Planning, and Grants (IRP&G) team is launching the Program Review and Planning (PRP) cycle, which includes:

- Programming the new instructional form
- Preparing updated data
- Developing and delivering training for instructional and non-instructional forms

Over the next month, all units will assess program effectiveness and create/update goals and plans.

### Institutional Research

The IRP&G team has finalized data dashboards and datasets for the Instructional Program Review process, covering:

- Staffing
- Student enrollment trends
- Enrollment management metrics
- Course and program completion
- Program matrices
- Labor market data and employment outlook

Programs access PRP data through embedded links in their forms. Faculty are able to use the comprehensive form to analyze each dataset, draw inferences, and set goals based on their findings. For non-instructional program review, IRP&G will release results from last year's Palomar Services Survey during the first week of March, which many units use to assess Service Area Outcomes

### Grants

At the institutional level, IRP&G is providing support to the college leadership regarding changes that may affect federal competitive grants. In addition, the team is actively supporting the audit of grants management practices, as per the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual



Audit Plan, led by Mai Logan, our Internal Auditor. This will help ensure that the College's post award activities follow applicable laws, regulations, and grantor requirements. Grant development activities this month have resulted in the submission of two grant proposals; one to support the Math Science and Engineering Division and the other for Student Services. Both grants were submitted to the California Community College's Chancellors Office (CCCCO) - Educational Services and Support Division and the Workforce and Economic Development Division.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

### Marketing/Advertising/Promotion

The Palomar Makes It Possible digital advertising strategy inclusive of academic area advertising as well as brand-related enrollment-focused ads designed to support spring 2025 enrollment goals continued through February. This integrated digital advertising strategy generates qualified traffic to the associated landing pages and the palomar.edu website. In January, the campaign generated over 745,172 impressions while remaining cost efficient.

The Palomar.edu website experienced a decrease in users in January compared to the previous February, although the average engagement time was up 10%. Social media remains the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked source of all traffic generated to the Palomar.edu website. Facebook, LinkedIn, and TikTok, 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.

Throughout February our social media posts focused on increasing awareness of available courses with low enrollment, late start classes, graduation deadlines, kudos to athletic teams, and campus activities.



Sample Social Media Post in February



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A year-over-year performance comparison of growth within each of our social media platforms shows mixed results. The growth in both Facebook and X followers compared to last February was flat. Followers on LinkedIn grew 6% compared to February 2024. Instagram is continuing to show a significant increase at 12%. Followers on our Tik Tok channel grew 23% compared to the previous February.



## Community and Media Relations

The Public Affairs Office continues to work with student reporters to provide information and schedule interviews for their stories.

Two press releases were issued in February. One featured the great news of the [Rancho Bernardo Education Center](#) receiving 'center status' and the second celebrated the news of a [\\$1.5 million grant](#) to better serve our Native American students. These stories garnered the attention of local media outlets. A story on the expansion of courses at the [Camp Pendleton Brig](#) was also posted to Palomar News. This story and press releases are available on the [Palomar News website](#). Palomar College received 195 media mentions in the first three weeks of February. This equates to a publicity market value of over \$2.8 million for the District.

## Internal/External Communications and Public Affairs

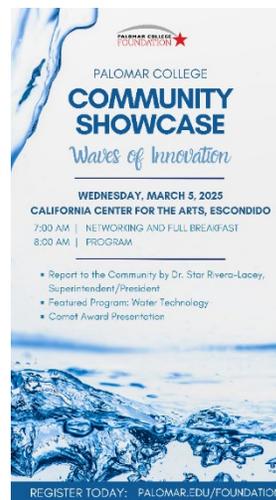
PIO Lanthier Bandy attended the Government Relations Liaison meetings hosted by the Community College League of California (CCLC), California Community College Chancellor's Office and a government affairs webinar hosted by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). In preparation for attending the ACCT Annual Legislative Summit in Washington D.C., PIO Lanthier Bandy scheduled meetings with all of the U.S. Congressional representatives of the District and arranged for the District's participation in a forum with U.S. Senators Schiff and Padilla. The Summit and meetings were attended by Palomar College Governing Board members, Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey, and PIO Lanthier Bandy. PIO Lanthier Bandy also attended meetings with the City of San Marcos Economic Development Department team and a meeting of all Public Information Officers within San Diego County.

The Creative Services team is working to finalize the signage package for the Fallbrook Education Center. The 25-26 Palomar Course Catalog was completed and provided to the Office of Instruction for finalization and production. This work is in addition to collateral items for upcoming events, course/program promotion, and the promotional needs of the performing arts department.

## FOUNDATION

### Palomar College Community Showcase

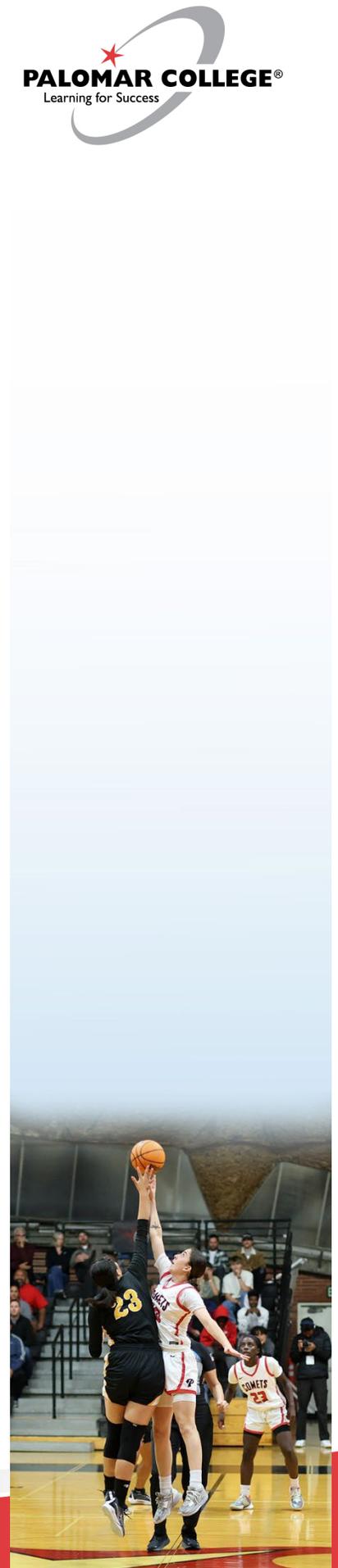
On March 5 the Palomar College Showcase was held at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. In advance of the event, a longtime donor and proud Comet alumni pledged a matching grant, to encourage new and increased sponsorships of the Showcase. This initiative, called the "Ripple Effect Challenge," generated \$5,700 in matching funds. These efforts helped to underwrite the cost of the event.



### Fundraising Activities

#### Scholarship Program

The Foundation received generous contributions totaling \$15,000 in support of student scholarships. We are incredibly grateful for the continued generosity of our dedicated donors, Klaus Kirchhoff and Sue Griffin, whose commitment to student success has made a meaningful impact over the years. Klaus Kirchhoff contributed \$10,000, further strengthening his longstanding support for our scholarship initiatives. His generosity has helped countless students access the education and resources they need to achieve their goals. Sue Griffin



generously donated \$5,000 toward the nursing scholarship, continuing her commitment to supporting students pursuing careers in healthcare. Her contributions play a crucial role in empowering future nurses and addressing the growing need for skilled professionals in the field.

#### Grant Program

The Foundation has secured a \$1,000 grant from the Angel Society of Fallbrook. This support will ease parking fee burdens for 22 students, directly impacting their ability to access education without financial stress.

Additionally, the Foundation submitted a \$15,000 grant application to Hunter Industries to bolster our key initiatives in scholarships and emergency grant funding. These efforts are vital in our continued mission to break down financial barriers and create opportunities for every student.

#### President's Associates

We are excited to welcome three new President's Associates members this month – Chakri Bokka, Sarah Richards, and Peggy Martin. In addition, five President's Associates renewed their memberships including Judy Cater, Cordoba Corporation, HMC Architects, Li Tian, and David Watt.

#### Foundation Board of Directors

The Palomar College Foundation Board gathered for an Annual Retreat on February 19, preparing for another year of removing financial barriers and providing essential resources for students. With scholarships, grants, and textbook and laptop support, we're committed to advocating for Palomar College and ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive.

In addition, several committees of the Foundation Board of Directors met this month including the Finance & Investment Committee, Grant Review Committee, Fund Development Committee, and the Executive Committee.



*Palomar College Foundation retreat participants plan for the future*

