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PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

Countdown to the 2025-26 Academic Year

After a successful summer term, we are looking forward to the start of the 2025-26 academic year. Throughout the summer, facility and information system improvements continued at all of our sites. We also reviewed results of a variety of initiatives, and finalized our plan for upcoming year. The Executive Cabinet held its annual planning meeting on August 4 – 5, which included a robust discussion with our Deans. The College Council will host a planning meeting on August 19.

Congratulations to Paramedic Program Cohort 64 Graduates



Palomar College Paramedic Cohort 64 Graduates

As of July 1, 21 newly trained paramedics are now serving the emergency response needs within our region. We are grateful for the paramedic academy faculty and staff who support and guide our students through their rigorous course work and practical requirements. Many of our students become leaders in their field and are able to lead future generations of first responders.

CEO Collaboration

I had the pleasure of attending the CEO Leadership Academy hosted by the Community College League of California. The Academy is designed to bring community college and district leaders together to discuss emerging issues and strategies to positively impact student success and the long-term fiscal stability of our districts. It was a great chance to connect and learn from colleagues from throughout the state.

Impacting Future Generations

As a member of the Board of Directors of the San Marcos Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, I attended the annual planning meeting. It was an ideal opportunity to engage in strategic conversations on supporting a mission of inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential. It is inspiring to know that Palomar College is perfectly aligned to support the future generations of students in our region.



San Marcos Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors 2025 retreat participants

Future Media Story

On July 18, two Palomar College students joined me for an interview with KGTV-Channel 10 ABC news. The story will air prior to the start of the fall semester and features our students' perspective on pursuing their degrees at Palomar College and the important connections they have made along the way.



KGTV Channel 10 reporter interviewing Palomar College Rising Scholar Cynthia Murillo

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

The summer has been a busy time for the Office of Instruction. As classes filled and waitlists grew, classes were added to the summer course schedule to meet the needs of our students. A similar approach will be utilized for the fall semester. Classes have been added to the fall schedule in areas where classes have filled quickly and instructors are available to teach. In addition to adjusting the class schedule to better serve our students, the Office of Instruction has been exploring growth strategies for the Rancho Bernardo Education Center as we prepare to launch our new baccalaureate program in the fall 2026, and we continue to discuss how we can improve our scheduling process.



KGTV Channel 10 reporter interviewing Palomar College ASG President, Yaretzi Hernandez

We are looking forward to having our faculty return to campus this fall, and to welcoming our new and returning students as they continue their educational journey. We would also like to welcome Deborah Chow, DNP, FNP, RN, our new Associate Dean of Nursing



Education. In addition to her role as Associate Dean, she will be serving as the Program Director for our Nursing Program. We are excited to have her join our team.

Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) Division

The Early Childhood Education Lab School (ECLS) continues to provide enriching, hands-on learning experiences for children, most recently through the successful hatching and care of baby chicks at the Escondido Education Center site. This project nurtures children's curiosity about the natural world while supporting key areas of development. Caring for and observing the chickens fosters responsibility, empathy, and teamwork, while also introducing early science concepts like life cycles and animal care.



Chickens enjoying their space at the Escondido Education Center Early Childhood Education Lab School

Also, at the ECLS Escondido Education Center site, the kitchen renovation is complete, with excellent results. The renovation significantly enhanced the size and functionality of the room while increasing the quality of nutrition services provided to children. The ECLS site at the San Marcos campus recently completed its annual unannounced site visit from Community Care Licensing. The site received high praise from the analyst, including a note of the exceptional quality of its program and operational standards. These accomplishments reflect the dedication and excellence of the ECLS staff at both sites.

Arts, Media, Business Administration Division

The Art History program will be welcoming several new adjunct faculty this fall Isobella Payne, Lauren Bothe, and Jane Kluck as well as Liz Eells in the spring. In other Art department news, Professor Briana Stanley will serve as a resident artist at the Sitka Center for Art & Ecology in early spring.

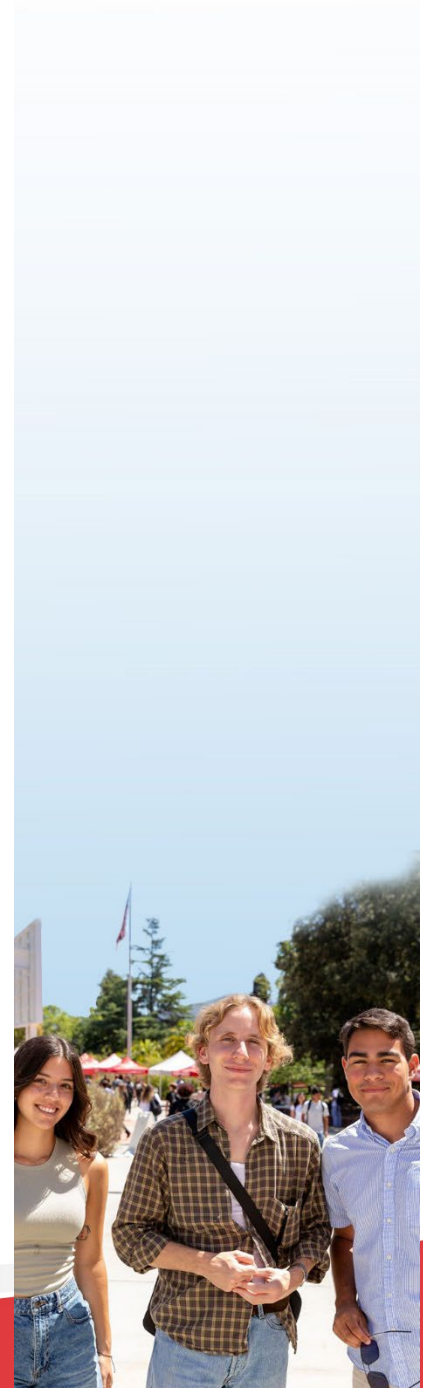
The Palomar Choral Academy, now in its fourth year, was held June 16-21 and welcomed 75 participants from 11 schools, including middle and high schools, Palomar College, and the community. The immersive vocal program included rehearsals, private lessons, and guest presentations. Twenty-seven students from the Media Studies program entered their photos at the San Diego County Fair this summer. Several were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place honors. These placements were in addition to four students receiving "Best of Class" awards.

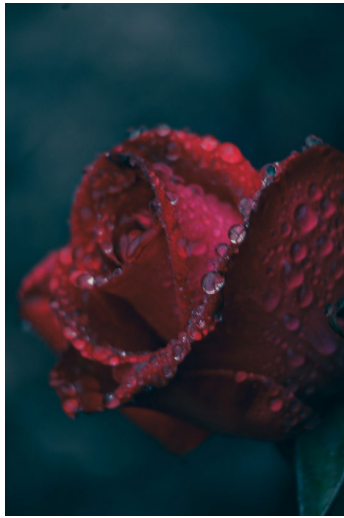


Best of Class: Jesus Flores - triptych: views of Porsche, "Machines" Category



Best of Class: Gloria Hada - eggs and whisk in a bowl, "Macro/Micro" Category.





*Best of Class: Gabriel Lee – Velvet Rose,
“Nature” Category*



*Best of Class: Rachel Rigsby – view of pier at sunset,
“Landscape” Category*

Language and Literature Division

Professor Holland Smith from the Speech & Forensics department will introduce a new public speaking workshop during FlexWeek in August. The workshop is designed for employees who present at campus events, such as All College Day, commencement or board meetings. The workshop aims to build confidence and support professional development for those who may not regularly teach or speak in public settings.

The English as a Second Language (ESL) department is expanding its multi-site programs and increasing hyflex course offerings to better serve students. This summer, the team also participated in community outreach, sharing information about upcoming classes at two back to school brunches hosted by Community HousingWorks in Fallbrook.

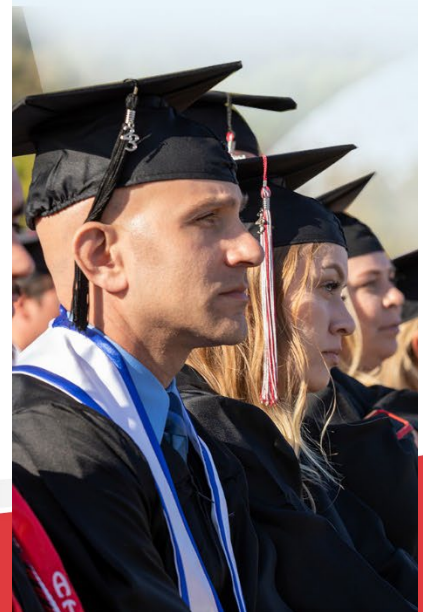
Career Technical and Extended Education Division

As part of a statewide effort to modernize and enhance physical fitness training for peace officer recruits, Palomar College Police Academy was chosen, along with a few other academies across the state, to participate in a Lifetime Fitness pilot program in collaboration with our accrediting agency, the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

Our academy successfully completed the pilot program, which served as a benchmark for a new curriculum aimed at promoting long-term physical wellness, injury prevention, and performance readiness through a more comprehensive, progressive fitness model. Based on feedback and results from all participating academies statewide, POST will recommend the permanent integration of the Lifetime Fitness curriculum into Modules III and II, ensuring consistent and cumulative physical fitness across the state police academies.

Water Technology Professor Jacob Shiba was awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant for nearly \$500,000. It is titled, “Tomorrow’s Water Technicians: Innovative Curriculum, Increasing the Pipeline and Boosting Career Readiness.”

Cabinet Furniture Technology Professor Jordan Clarke participated in the Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers (AWFS) Fair in Nevada. AWFS is a major international trade show for the woodworking and furnishings industry which showcases the latest tools, materials, and solutions. Jordan hosted a booth, mentored students, and engaged in meetings with industry partners.



The Palomar College English as a Second Language and Child Development programs welcomed 30 new apprentices in July for Jump-Start Orientation Workshops to learn about college success. These students are part of the third cohort in our Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship with MAAC.

Math, Science and Engineering (MSE) Division

Professor Wing Cheung of the Earth, Space and Sciences Department was recently awarded the “Distinguished Geospatial Educator Award” from the National Science Foundation-funded National Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence. This award recognizes Professor Cheung’s significant contribution to geospatial education over the past two years.



Professor Wing Cheung accepting his Distinguished Geospatial Educator award

Palomar College alumnus, Nick Sensno has been accepted into the University of Missouri-Kansas City’s medical program. Nick began his academic journey in advanced anatomy courses at Palomar, later transferring to Cal State University San Marcos (CSUSM). His success highlights the strength of the academic foundation and student support provided at Palomar College.



Former Palomar College student, Nick Sensno performing a craniotomy on a cadaver in an advanced anatomy class in 2018 and closing his first surgery by himself in medical school in 2025.

STUDENT SERVICES

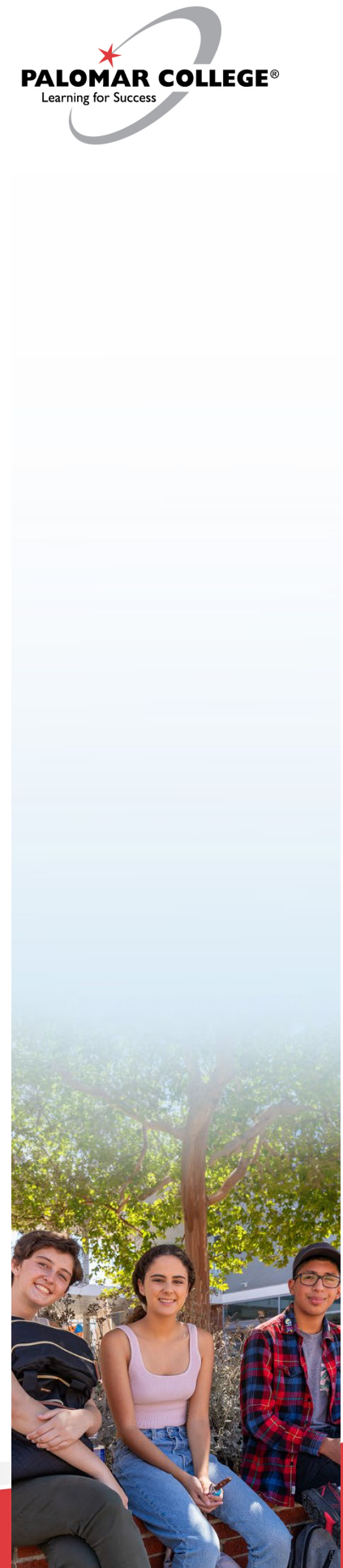
Palomar Promise and EOPS

This month, Palomar Promise and Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) will be launching our Welcome Day workshop series from July 29 through August 7, offering a mix of online and in-person workshops to support incoming students in their transition to college. These workshops will introduce students to vital campus resources, support services, and student success programs, and provide meaningful opportunities to connect with staff, counselors, and peers.

The series will culminate with an in-person Welcome Day event on August 14, with the theme: “Campus Quest: Find Your Adventure – Explore, Discover, and Belong.” The goal of this event is to help students become familiar with the campus environment, build confidence and a sense of community, and take care of any last-minute college business before the semester begins.

Student Life & Leadership and Basic Needs

The Basic Needs team improved the registration process for our Campus Care lockers. The Campus Care lockers are designed to increase access to food and essential items and are available at the San Marcos campus (inside the Student Union, inside the parking structure, and in front of Lots 1 and 2) at all three education centers. The lockers, which



include refrigerated units, are for students who cannot access the Anita and Stan Maas Food and Nutrition Center during regular operating hours, are not at the main campus, or prefer more discrete access to food and essential items. Each set of lockers includes a QR code that takes students to the updated registration form.

Comet's Closet will remain open during the summer. This free clothing program provides up to two full outfits per semester to currently enrolled students.

In June, the Anita and Stan Maas Food and Nutrition Center welcomed 27 new students and supported 292 duplicated and 79 unduplicated households. A total of 1,421 pounds of food were distributed. Through our ongoing partnership with Feeding San Diego, we have also established a new connection with Stater Bros. in Carlsbad, who will be donating excess food to the Food and Nutrition Center to further support students.

Grab-and-Go stations continue to be stocked regularly. In June, 825.5 pounds of snacks and produce were distributed through the Grab-and-Go stations at the San Marcos campus. An additional 130.5 pounds were distributed at the Escondido, Fallbrook, and Rancho Bernardo Education Centers at Grab-and-Go stations.

Systems Technology & Projects

We are continuing to work with the California Virtual College (CVC) program to finalize a resolution for prerequisite clearance and how to resolve courses that have co-requisites required for enrollment. This will improve the CVC student user experience.

During July, we assisted Institutional Research Planning and Grants (IRPG) and the Rising Scholars program with identifying and updating Rising Scholar MIS student information within PeopleSoft. We also implemented a web-based student self-serve check-in/check-out system for the Pride Center and the NSPIRE program. This is in addition to the establishment of an overview documentation of processes for Enrollment Reporting for the National Student Clearing house.

Rising Scholars Program

In collaboration with IRPG, the preparation of the NOVA report is in progress and the early findings indicate that the Rising Scholars program is thriving. In the three years since the grant started, the program has experienced growth each academic term. Nearly 700 Rising Scholar students were served in the 2024-25 fiscal year. Rising Scholar students have earned 102 awards and 33 have transferred to 4-year institutions.

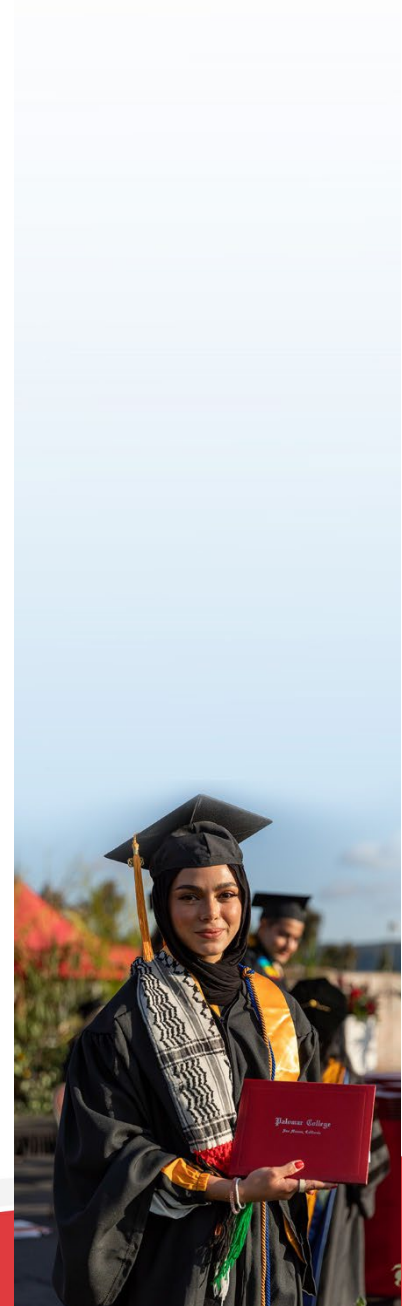
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal Services

SAP Concur is our new travel management system. It is an automated expense reporting system that allows the district to take advantage of state-negotiated discounts. It automates expense reporting, saving time for departments, purchasing, and accounting. We have processed our first expense report. Congratulations to Cheryl Kears for being the first user!



Accounting Technician Andrea Valdez Navor presents an expense check to Curriculum Specialist Cheryl Kears



Facilities Department

Facilities Operations

Utility Cost Management (UCM) was hired to analyze and identify utility cost-saving opportunities across the district. As a result of UCM's recommendations, changes were implemented across several utility accounts, leading to significant financial savings. In the third quarter, the district saved over \$77,000 in utility expenses. This brought the total utility savings for the fiscal year through May 1 to more than \$151,000.

Construction & Facilities Planning

At the Fallbrook 40 project, crews successfully placed all new building foundation concrete, and the installation of structural steel was completed for both the central plant/mechanical yard and the battery energy storage system enclosure. The project's Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) will be submitted to the Governing Board for approval at the August 14 meeting.

Progress on Athletics Phase 2 continued with masonry walls installed for the grounds storage building. Concrete retaining walls for the fieldhouse building were placed, waterproofed, and backfilled. Reinforcing steel for the building foundation at the lower elevation was installed, and concrete was poured. Additionally, domestic and fire water lines were rerouted around the column foundation to accommodate the cantilever roof at the upper level.

On the planning side, the team finalized the selection of a furniture vendor for multiple Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) requests submitted through the PRP process and began updating the District's State Scheduled Maintenance 5-Year Plan, which is due for submission to the California Community College Chancellor's Office by October 27.

Environmental Health & Safety/Risk Management

Risk Management launched a new golf cart branding program, introducing a uniform Palomar College decal for all district golf carts to clearly identify them as district property. An audit of district fleet vehicles was completed to ensure all appropriate vehicles are insured under the Property & Liability insurance plan. The Risk Management team also participated in the new hire orientation program, providing new employees with important safety information including evacuation maps, required training, and workplace safety procedures.

The Environmental Health & Safety team completed an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) assessment following an emergency chemical ignition incident on the second floor of the NS Building. After hazard mitigation, the area was deemed safe and reopened for normal use. Semi-annual hazardous waste shipments were completed across the education centers in Rancho Bernardo, Fallbrook, and the San Marcos campus. Fire safety compliance efforts included the completion of our five-year sprinkler inspections as well as annual fire hydrant inspections and flow testing at the Escondido and Fallbrook education centers.

Custodial Services

Custodial Services supported ongoing maintenance projects throughout the campuses, including carpet cleaning in the NA, LRC, and ECELS buildings, as well as floor stripping and resealing in the ST and PAC buildings. The team provided essential cleaning services to support summer classes, with a particularly busy schedule at the Escondido Education Center. Custodial staff also assisted with logistics and cleaning for performances held at the Howard Brubeck Theatre, ensuring that event spaces were well maintained.

Building and Ground Services

Building Services focused on facility improvements and repairs, beginning with painting and new flooring installation at the future Basic Needs Center. The team integrated the football



field's fire alarm system into the district's main fire alarm system, enhancing safety coordination. Additionally, the kitchen at the Early Childhood Education (ECE) facility at the Escondido Education Center underwent remodeling to improve functionality and service to staff and students.

Grounds Services coordinated the safe relocation of two bee colonies from the San Marcos campus parking structure. This effort required temporary area closures to ensure the safety of the campus community, and we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during this process.

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES (HRS)

Human Resource Services is looking forward to the new academic year and continuing to provide meaningful resources, training, and support to our employees. Our focus remains on building strong foundations that foster a high-quality employee experience from recruitment through retention.

Over the summer, the Human Resources team has remained actively engaged in supporting the district's staffing, development, and compliance needs.

We are actively updating training materials for hiring committees and compliance officers to ensure alignment with best practices and regulatory requirements. Additionally, we are developing training for managers that clearly outlines their roles, responsibilities, and leadership expectations.

Currently, new employees receive a one-day orientation. Human Resources is working to develop a more comprehensive year-long onboarding experience aimed at strengthening employee engagement throughout their first year. This enhanced approach will include regular check-ins, feedback from both managers and new hires, and intentional development milestones that foster early success and connection.

Human Resources continues to manage a high volume of recruitment and hiring requests. We are supporting departments across the district with recruitment efforts, processing new hires, and coordinating closely to ensure a smooth and timely onboarding process for all new employees.

Benefits

The benefits team is reviewing plan offerings and developing communications to help employees make informed benefit choices for the year ahead. Individuals who qualify for district paid benefits will have the ability to make plan changes in August and the changes will go into effect on October 1.

Recruitment figures as of July 29:

37 permanent recruitments in progress

- 10 – Admin/CAST
- 25 – Classified
- 2 – Faculty

66 part-time faculty recruitments in progress

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



INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, PLANNING & GRANTS (IRPG)



Accreditation

At their June 21 Retreat and July 8 Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board received a presentation from the Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) covering:

- An overview of accreditation and the Palomar College reporting cycle
- The upcoming Midterm Report
- The revised ACCJC accreditation standards
- The role of the Governing Board in accreditation

The Accreditation Writing Leadership Team (AWLT) continues to draft the Midterm Report, which will be finalized in early September and routed through the governance review process.

Integrated Planning

The Institutional Research, Planning, and Grants (IRP&G) office is updating the Palomar College Student Journey Metrics to include new data (where available). Metrics include FTES, yield rate, financial aid received, course success, persistence, and completion. This data will be reviewed by the Executive Cabinet and College Council during their upcoming planning sessions to assess progress and prioritize strategies aligned with the Education and Facilities Vision Plan 2035.

Institutional Research

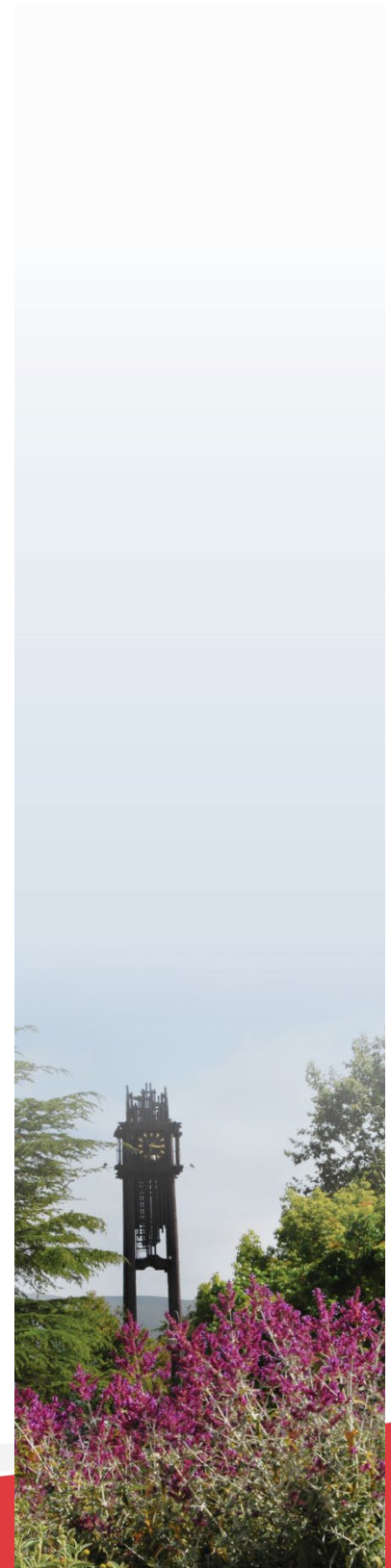
This summer, IRP&G is supporting the review and update of the Palomar College Student Equity Plan. The Principal Research Analyst guided the working group through the latest Disproportionate Impact data from the Chancellor's Office. The team is also developing a standards guide for department-level dashboards and preparing grant-related data reports, including the Rising Scholars program and the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership grant.

Institutional Research Analyst Dr. Rachel Miller has been elected to the Board of the RP Group (Research, Planning, and Professional Development Group for California Community Colleges). The RP Group is the professional development organization for California Community College institutional effectiveness professionals and is dedicated to increasing student success across the system.

Grants

The College recently received three Intent-to-Award notifications, including the National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Grant for \$471,638 over three years to expand workforce training in the Southern California water utilities sector. This nationally competitive grant supports innovative strategies to support the needs of the region's skilled workforce. In addition, the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Rising Scholars Network grant for \$575,724 will be awarded over three years to expand equitable education and wraparound services for justice-impacted students. Also, from the CCCCCO, a Nursing Program Expansion Grant of \$678,037 will be awarded over two years to increase clinical placements, support faculty development, and establish ADN-to-BSN pathways.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that Pauline Moroz, Grants Manager, has been selected to serve on the Leadership Team of the Southern California Chapter of the National Grants Management Association (NGMA), representing Los Angeles and surrounding areas. NGMA is a nationally recognized organization that supports more than 6,000 grants professionals. Pauline's leadership role will help promote excellence in grants management through collaboration and professional development.



Marketing/Advertising/Promotion

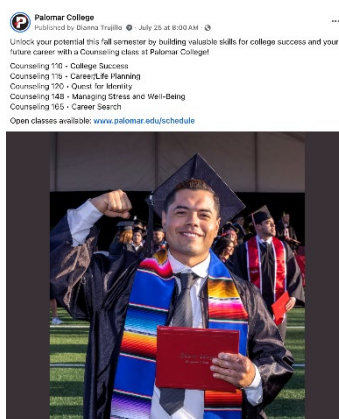
The marketing campaign with a specific focus to support fall enrollment launched in July. The Palomar Makes It Possible digital advertising strategy inclusive of academic area advertising as well as brand-related enrollment-focused ads designed to support enrollment goals continued as scheduled. This integrated digital advertising strategy generates qualified traffic to the associated landing pages and the palomar.edu website. In June, the campaign generated over 608,000 impressions while remaining cost-efficient.

The comprehensive advertising campaign designed to positively impact fall enrollment goals includes billboard advertising on highway 78 and interstate 15 as well as digital transit shelter ad placements. In addition, the web streaming campaign launched with iHeart radio featuring Palomar College alumni and radio personality Jesse Lozano. The webstreaming campaign includes Over-the-Top (OTT) video advertising. The OTT ads are targeted to platforms and programming that align with our student demographics and designed to drive traffic to the palomar.edu website.

Compared to July 2024, traffic to the palomar.edu website increased 10%. New users increased by over 12%. These results are positively impacted by the digital advertising strategy. Social media traffic to the website increased 49% over the previous July and remains the 4th ranked source of all traffic generated to the Palomar.edu website. Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram generated the majority of the social media traffic to Palomar.edu. The overall top channels of traffic to the website are direct traffic, organic search, and referral traffic.

A year-over-year performance comparison of growth within each of our social media platforms shows mixed results. Facebook followers increased by just over 1% and X followers decreased 1% compared to last July. Followers on LinkedIn grew 6% compared to July 2024. Instagram is continuing to show a significant increase at 12%. Followers on our TikTok channel grew 16% compared to the previous July.

Throughout July, our social media posts focused on increasing awareness of upcoming enrollment dates, reminders to apply for Palomar College scholarships, student support programs, San Marcos campus construction updates, new course numbering, and campus tours.



Sample Social Media Post in July



Sample Social Media Post in July



Community and Media Relations

PIO Lanthier Bandy worked with a KGTV-Channel 10 reporter to develop a news story that will air prior to the start of the fall semester. The story features Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey and two student leaders with a focus on the impact Palomar College has on education in the northern region of San Diego County.

Three stories were posted to the [Palomar News website](#) in July. Two of the stories featured profiles of students who have experienced success as a result of their education at Palomar College. [Avery Laws](#) received a prestigious scholarship and [Julia Alvarado](#) now works at NASA. The third story centers on the continued recognition of the award winning Palomar College Television [documentary film](#) Almost Home: Life After Incarceration. Palomar College received 246 media mentions in July, including many media clippings from national media organizations reaching nearly 1.9 million people, with an overall publicity value of over \$1.25 million.

PIO Julie Lanthier Bandy attended the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce board of directors and strategic planning meetings. In addition, she is working with the City of San Marcos Mayor's Office to confirm the attendance of Mayor Rebecca Jones at the upcoming Rising Scholars Summer Cohort completion ceremony in August. Mayor Jones will present proclamations to each student who completes the program.

Internal/External Communications and Public Affairs

PIO Lanthier Bandy attended the Government Relations Liaison meeting hosted by the Community College League of California (CCLC) and met with the City of San Marcos on the upcoming Kiwanis Holiday Parade that starts at the Palomar College campus. In addition, she attended the semi-annual planning meeting for the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association Public Information Officers.

Collaboration on the development of two video productions designed to educate students on the common course numbering initiative and the importance of pursuing an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) continued. These videos are scheduled for release prior to the fall semester. With the district's focus on accessibility, PIO Lanthier Bandy is working with colleagues to build a communications plan to support this initiative.

The Creative Services team designed and delivered projects to support a variety of initiatives including the branding elements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Building Performance and Environmental Design program, a signage plan for the arboretum, collateral design for the 2025 Performing Arts season, collateral updates and redesigns, and palomar.edu content.

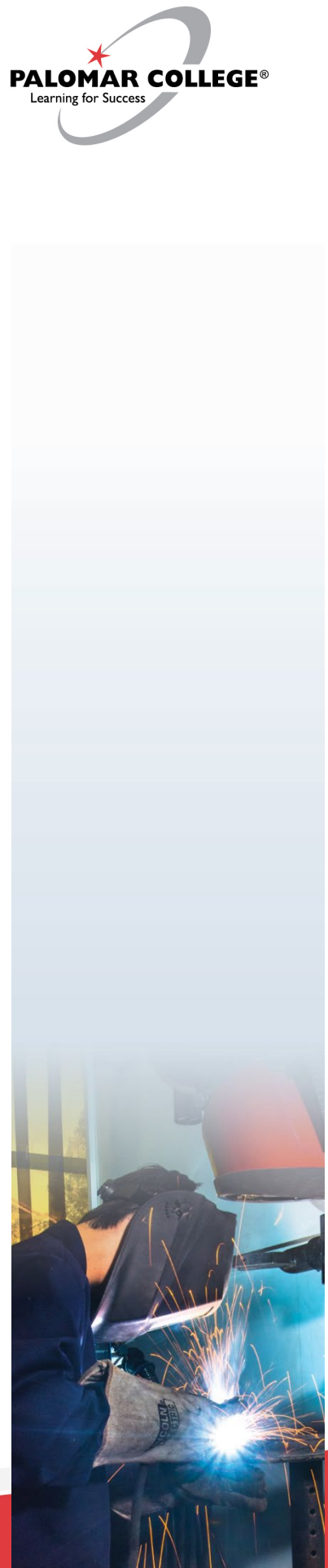
FOUNDATION

Fundraising Activities

Scholarship Program

We are deeply grateful for the continued generosity of our scholarship partners, whose support is changing lives and shaping futures. Ami Martin made a heartfelt gift of \$10,000 to the Andrew Sutton Scholarship, established last year in honor of her late husband. Andrew pursued his career in water technology, thanks to our Water Technology program at Palomar, and Ami wants to help others in that program.

The Woman's Club of Carlsbad, a longtime supporter of education, contributed \$3,000 to provide scholarships for our dedicated nursing students, an investment in both individual potential and the health of our community. We are also honored to recognize the Tri-City Hospital Auxiliary for their extraordinary gift of \$47,500 for nursing scholarships. This



transformational donation will open doors for dozens of aspiring nurses and help meet the critical need for skilled, compassionate healthcare professionals in our region.

A generous \$42,000 contribution to the Palomar College Foundation in support of nursing, the trades, and emergency medical education students was received from the Assistance League of Inland North County. Executive Director Stacy Rungaitis and Development Manager Linda Moynan attended the event to express our gratitude and share the impact of this support. Linda remarked that while our students have a job, they aspire to do by earning their degree, many lack the tools to do so. A tape measure was given to each member as a reminder that their generosity helps students reach new lengths.



Assistance League of Inland North County scholarship chair Maryanna Werner and Palomar College Foundation Development Manager Linda Moynan

Executive Director Rungaitis attended the graduation ceremony of Paramedic Academy 64 on July 1. Fire Chiefs from across the county joined in to support Palomar College students, many of whom they go on to hire. At the ceremony, three students were officially badged by the San Marcos Fire Chief, and one by the Valley Center Fire Chief. The Foundation provides scholarships and emergency grants for each academy from our generous donors. Congratulations to all the graduates as they embark on their careers in emergency medical services.

Grant Program

The Foundation submitted two grant proposals to support the Rising Scholars program. A \$15,000 request was made to The Doyle Foundation to provide laptops, along with student stipends, bus passes, and other basic needs support to help the students stay on track. A second proposal was submitted to the County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program District 5, requesting \$50,000 to expand access to technology, emergency grants, and essential equipment for the growing number of students in the program. Both proposals aim to remove financial barriers and support formerly incarcerated individuals as they pursue their education.

President's Invitational Golf Classic

Excitement is building for the upcoming President's Invitational Golf Classic, on October 20 at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo. This much-anticipated event brings together community and business leaders for a day of friendly competition and meaningful impact.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we have already raised \$117,000 in support of student success

and we're just getting started. Proceeds from the tournament help fund scholarships, emergency grants, and essential resources that remove barriers and open doors for Palomar College students. We look forward to a memorable day on the course in support of a powerful cause.



A promotional ad for the President's Invitational Golf Classic on October 20, 2025



Presidents Associates

The Foundation is pleased to share that three Palomar College employees, Stacy Rungaitis, Julie Lanthier Bandy, and Cathy Splett, are renewing their memberships. We are grateful for their continued support and commitment to the Foundation's mission.



Emergency Grant and Laptop Assistance for Students

Typically, during the summer months we experience a decline in Emergency Grant requests from students. Last year, we received only three. However, to date this summer we have experienced a 300% increase in requests from students seeking financial or laptop assistance. These resources have been critical in helping students stay on track with their educational goals during the summer session. We are grateful to our donors who fund this core program of the Foundation.

Foundation Board & Community Engagement

After a year off due to term limits, Executive Director Rungaitis was re-elected to the North San Diego Business Chamber Board of Directors at the annual Celebration of Business event. This important regional board is comprised of executives from leading businesses throughout San Diego County. We are excited to have Executive Director Rungaitis return to this influential leadership role and continuing to represent Palomar College in the community. She also attended the Chamber's regional connect event on July 9.



Executive Director Rungaitis with North San Diego Business Chamber Board of Directors – Celebration of Business Event

