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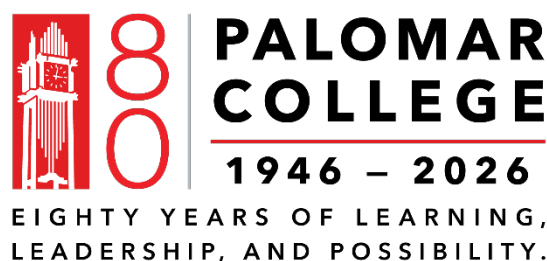
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Welcome to Fall 2026 – Our 80th Anniversary

As we welcome students to the fall semester, we begin the year with even more to celebrate. It was 80 years ago on September 23, 1946, when Palomar College opened its classroom doors with exactly 100 students enrolled in classes in science, mathematics, music, art, social sciences, commerce, English, physical education, and foreign languages. We unveiled our 80th anniversary logo during All College Day. You will see the logo in use throughout the 2026-27 academic year. An anniversary isn't only an opportunity to look back; it is an invitation to imagine what comes next. We're looking forward to another amazing year of student success and achieving milestones together.



An image of the Palomar College 80th logo

All College Day

With 360 employees in attendance on August 21, All College Day was a perfect opportunity to renew our commitment to student success through an active discussion on what Palomar College means to students and employees and the possibilities of change as we work to continually improve the student experience. Thank you to Governing Board President Dr. Holly Hamilton-Bleakley for her thoughtful opening remarks. I also appreciate Governing Board Secretary Dr. Judy Patascil and Trustee Roberto Rodriguez for joining us.



Governing Board Trustee Roberto Rodriguez, Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Tina Recalde, and Governing Board President Dr. Holly Hamilton-Bleakley.

All College Day would not be possible without our incredible planning team: Luis Guerrero, Matt Grills, Bob Fulmer, Valerie White and our amazing facilities department. Their contributions were significant and very much appreciated. In addition, we sincerely appreciate all the faculty and staff who presented sessions during Flex Week. It is always great to see so many insightful and well-done educational opportunities made available to our employees.

Welcome Day and Cool Connections

On August 13, I joined the Promise, EOPS and TRIO SSS Welcome Day Campus Quest event held for incoming students. It was a rewarding day for all involved, as students met with staff and faculty from throughout the college become familiar with our support services and resources.

Having to experience the first days of the semester in the unrelenting heat is never ideal. To ease the impact of the hot weather, we hosted *Cool Connections* in front of the student union. We distributed cold beverages and popsicles to grateful students. It was an ideal opportunity to welcome and engage our students, and provide them with a few words of encouragement at the start of the semester.



Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Amrik Johal, Student Life and Leadership Supervisor Stephanie Linnander, Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Tina Recalde, Office of the Superintendent/President Executive Assistant Valerie White

Rising Scholars Summer Program Completion Celebration

The 9th summer cohort of Rising Scholars came to an end on August 6. We have 25 new and continuing students who were acknowledged for their hard work and dedication. It was a pleasure to celebrate with the students and their families. Throughout the summer, the Rising Scholars gained knowledge, new perspectives, and built everlasting bonds that will carry them through to their end goals. Our students are fortunate to have Dr. Nora Kenney and a dedicated faculty and staff to support them on their journeys.

Inaugural BPED Cohort

On August 10, it was an honor to welcome our first cohort of 24 students in the Bachelors of Science in Building Performance and Environmental Design (BPED) program. The students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to pursue their chosen field without having to take on the costs of a similar program at a 4-year institution. Faith and Irena Sun are two sisters who stated that they would not be pursuing an advanced degree if it wasn't for the affordability and convenient location of the Palomar BPED program. It is stories like theirs that exemplify the 'why' in what we do



Students in the first BPED cohort, sisters Irena and Faith Sun



each day as we provide equitable and affordable educational pathways for students throughout our district. During the orientation, the BPED students received the great news that they would be receiving \$500 in direct support to cover supplies required in the 2-year program. The funding was donated by Hunter Industries and included a blazer with the BPED logo. The blazer is designed to assist students with their wardrobe when engaging with potential employers.

College Council Retreat

College Council held its annual retreat on August 17 to set direction for the year ahead, covering participatory governance recommendations, strategic planning, and accreditation. The Council reviewed newly approved governance structure recommendations and an update on revisions to the Governance Handbook. It then discussed the facilities plan and needed refinements, reviewed student journey data, and assessed progress on Vision 2035's Annual Implementation Plan. Based on these discussions, the Council identified an initial set of college priorities and draft goals for 2026-27.

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

Having students back on campus is a genuine pleasure. The start of the academic year carries new opportunities and a fresh start for students taking their first college class, students in their final semester, and for faculty who spent the summer rethinking a course and now get to see that work pay off with their students.

Instruction has been adding sections to meet student demand since enrollment opened in May, and that work has produced more than 3,300 additional enrollments. Now that the term has started, we're focused on accelerated pathways and fast track classes that start in the second half of the semester. Both initiatives provide students who enrolled late or who need one more course to take advantage of the options available to them. Enrollment is also up sharply in three of the college's strategic priority areas: noncredit is up 21.2%, the Rancho Bernardo Education Center is up 18.8%, and dual enrollment is up 9.1%. Growth in these areas show how our investments are reaching students who might not otherwise have found their way to Palomar.

Our apprenticeship work is expanding as well. The Military Leadership apprenticeship program gives active-duty Marines enrolled in the United States Marine Corps Sergeant School at Camp Pendleton and Twentynine Palms the opportunity to turn their professional military education into college credit and earn two nationally recognized apprenticeship credentials. To date, this program has served thousands of Marines at no cost to them. The Marine Corps has since asked us to build a second program on the same model, this one for Marines whose specialty is instruction. Beyond the military work, we're identifying apprenticeship opportunities outside the building trades. The state is investing heavily in non-traditional apprenticeship in healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and technology.

Math, Science and Engineering Division

The Nursing Education Department continues to make progress in filling critical vacancies. Recent hires include two classified professionals, a Clinical Coordinator and Administrative Department Assistant, as well as two part-time faculty members. In addition, we are looking forward to welcoming three full-time faculty positions, which are pending acceptance of offers.



Professional Development

Flex Week was another phenomenal success due to so many workshop and meeting facilitators. Prior to Flex Week, the third A.I. Literacy workshop was held for 30 attendees and our Nuts and Bolts of Palomar: Deans Edition was also hosted. During our dedicated week of training, nearly 100 sessions were offered during the 5-day period. Training ranged from topics in mental health, campus safety, A.I, accessibility and much more.

Over 360 employees gathered at All College Day to hear division updates and participate in a collaborative exercise centered on the theme of The Time is Now: Reimagining the Palomar Experience. Thank you to all who made Flex Week and All College Day a success. Your time and commitment will positively impact the success of our students.

STUDENT SERVICES

Counseling Services

To meet student demand, 8 group educational planning workshops serving 120 students were facilitated throughout August for students planning to enroll in fall classes. The workshops provided hands-on support with navigating MyPalomar, with a brief overview of the educational planning process, first-semester course recommendations, and open Q&A time with a counselor. Counseling also increased the number of drop-in sessions, providing students with quick counseling support for last-minute questions. Between August 17 – August 29, 316 drop-in sessions were made available.

Student Success

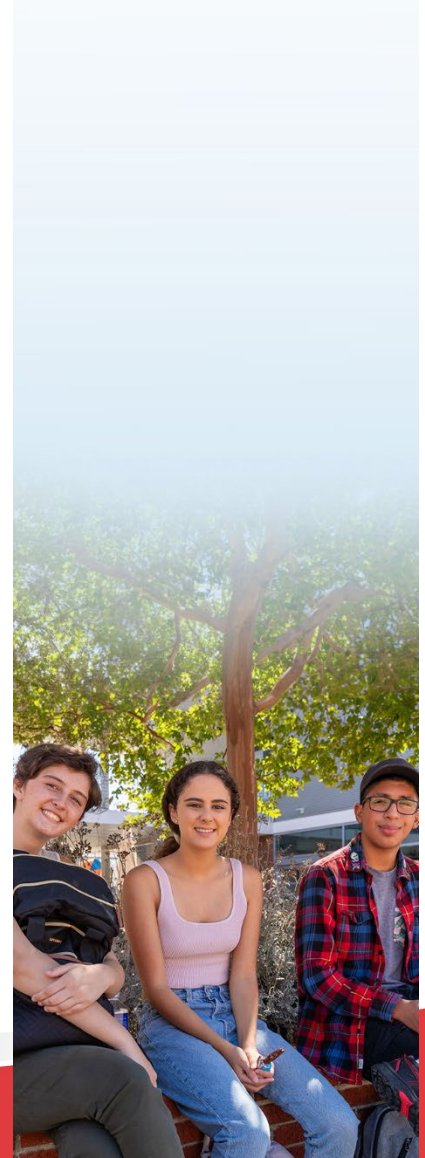
The Latino Student Success (LSS) team officially launched this summer, providing targeted workshops, outreach, and personalized support to help students successfully transition to and navigate college. On August 20, the team hosted its inaugural Steps to Success: New Student Orientation, welcoming new students and introducing them to campus resources, support services, and strategies for a successful transition to college.

Throughout the summer, LSS also offered several workshops designed to guide students through various subjects. Topics included guidance on completing the California State University transfer application, exploring majors and career pathways, and math and English course placement and associated course selection decisions. In addition, a Navigating Identity workshop for first-generation Latino/a/x students on exploring how culture, identity, and belonging shape their college experience was also held. These efforts provided students with practical tools, individualized guidance, and increased confidence as they prepared for the fall semester.

The Black Student Success (BSS) team continues to leverage data-informed practices to proactively connect students with counseling and support services. During the summer, an outreach campaign was launched to encourage students to engage with counseling services and review their educational plans prior to the start of the fall term.

Using student engagement data, the team conducted targeted outreach to over 700 current students who are in various phases of developing their education plan. These efforts focused on promoting educational planning, connecting students with available resources, and encouraging early engagement with student support services. The team also launched a social media campaign introducing Black Student Success counselors and highlighting the culturally responsive support available to students.

To further expand access to services, the Black Student Success and Latino Student Success teams are launching a collaborative Evening Student Support Initiative beginning August 25.



On Tuesdays and Wednesdays through September 16, with plans to continue throughout the Fall 2026 semester, students will be able to receive quick evening assistance with registration, course selection, prerequisite questions, campus resource navigation, referrals, and counseling appointment scheduling application assistance, and referrals to emergency housing and community resources. To further strengthen food safety practices, all Basic Needs staff recently completed food handler certification training.

Palomar Promise

On August 13, we welcomed 222 new students to our Welcome Day Campus Quests event, hosted in collaboration with EOPS and TRIO SSS. Students participated in a self-guided campus quest, collecting passport stamps as they explored departments across campus and learned about the many student support programs, resources, and services available to them.

The event featured an Academic Pathways Expo with participation from academic departments, along with several information sessions throughout the day. During lunch, students enjoyed a meal, while connecting with employers at the mini job fair hosted by the Career Center and visiting the Basic Needs Farmers' Market.

Students received a backpack filled with Palomar College swag and had the opportunity to take care of important college business, including obtaining their student ID, receiving assistance with their digital parking permit, purchasing books and supplies, and paying outstanding fees.

Survey results demonstrated a very positive student experience with 99% of the participants strongly agreeing or agreeing that Welcome Day was an enjoyable experience. 96.4% strongly agreed or agreed that attending Welcome Day helped them feel better prepared for the start of the school year.

Over a three-week period, more than 1,000 student attendees from Palomar Promise participated in the Welcome Day Workshop Series, featuring 27 workshops presented by our campus partners across the college. Sessions introduced students to a wide range of student support services, programs, resources, and campus opportunities. Workshop topics focused on key areas of college success, providing students with practical information and strategies to help them prepare for a successful first semester.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

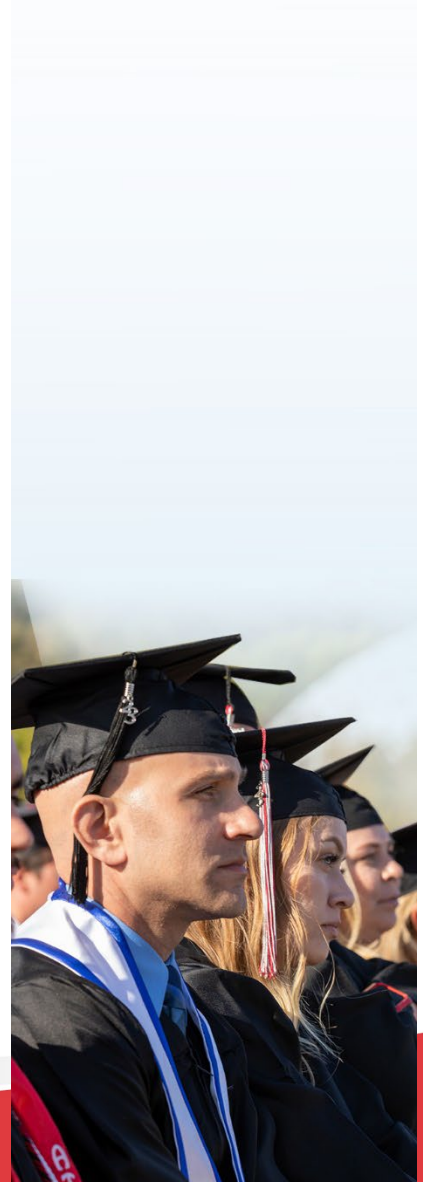
Fiscal Services

Budget and Accounting Office

The budget and accounting office are working on the FY26-27 Adopted Budget and statewide reports for FY25-26. In preparation for the start of the fall semester, the cashier's office provided continuous student account payment services and transit passes throughout the summer.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable continues to work on improving the Concur travel system. Recent improvements have been launched and include an expanded approval workflow in Concur to include manager approval, department approval, and project manager approval in some instances.



Payroll Department

During the last three months, the payroll department transitioned from a paper-based process to a more efficient electronic system for managing timesheets and payroll-related documents. Using Microsoft Power Automate, the department developed an automated process that captures and saves time sheets and other payroll documents that are sent or copied to the payroll department via email. The documents are electronically organized and tracked by email address, and date and time the email was received. This provides the Payroll Technicians with a centralized and searchable resource for locating and researching concerns more efficiently. This transition has helped reduce reliance on paper records while improving organization, accessibility, and efficiency within the payroll department.

Campus Police Department

Campus Police facilitated two behavioral threat assessment courses. The courses were co-facilitated by part-time faculty GI Wilson and Chief Chris Moore, who are Department of Homeland Security master trainers. Over 30 people attended both sessions.

Facilities Operations

Construction & Facilities Planning

The Fallbrook 40 project continues to take shape with exterior wall finishes and walkway guardrails. The HVAC is online and the work on interior finishes include paint, tile, and ceiling tiles. Underground utilities, landscaping, irrigation and paver installation are all in progress in the courtyard and west entrance to the campus.

On the Athletics Phase 2 project, exterior concrete and brick paver installation under the west canopy are complete. The home-side restroom toilets and partitions are in progress, which will be operational for home football games during the fall 2026 season. Interior finish work underway includes flooring, painting, tile, and ceiling tiles.

Custodial Services

Custodial Services has continued replacing exterior waste receptacles with new recycling and landfill bins throughout the San Marcos campus. In addition, new recycling and waste stations have been placed in office areas throughout the NS and H buildings to improve waste diversion. Completion of some final detailing projects continue across campuses, including carpet cleaning and the sealing of floors. Campus events that were supported in August included Welcome Day, We are Cultura, Athletics Welcome Back BBQ, football scrimmage, and All College Day.

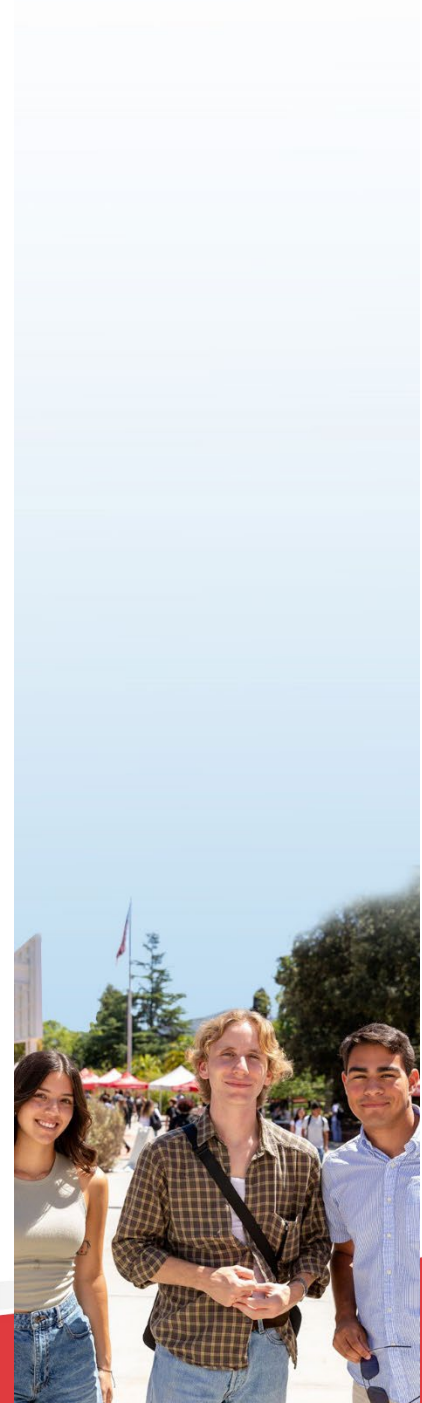
Building and Ground Services

Building Services executed HVAC replacements in room 19 of the Student Union, M building, and Q building. In addition, the flooring in the Food Court and ST-I were completed. American Disability Act upgrades were also finished in the pool locker rooms.

Grounds Services completed tree pruning and trimming in various locations across the San Marcos campus and Rancho Bernardo Education Center. Turf repairs were completed at the softball field along with irrigation repairs at the baseball and football practice fields.

Environmental Health & Safety / Risk Management

Risk Management generated \$360,343 in insurance-related financial recoveries, equity distributions, and safety incentives during the July–August reporting period. This includes a \$265,443 Statewide Educational Wrap-Up Program (SEWUP) equity distribution and a \$7,900 first-party property loss settlement received in July, along with \$58,000 in Protected Insurance Program for Schools and Community Colleges Member Equity and a \$29,000 Safety Incentive Award received in August by the Protected Insurance Program for Schools and Community Colleges. The Safety Incentive Award recognizes the district's successful



completion of the FY25-26 program requirements, including required risk management and safety training. Collectively, these funds reflect effective administration of the district's insurance programs, proactive risk management, loss prevention efforts, and responsible stewardship of district resources.

Environmental Health & Safety provided respirator safety training to the facilities department and instructional employees working in programs with potential respiratory hazards. Training addressed proper respirator use, donning and doffing, cleaning and storage, medical evaluations, fit testing, and annual regulatory requirements. This is in addition to updates to the district's emergency procedures guides, posters, and evacuation maps for all sites. These items were posted in classrooms at the San Marcos campus to strengthen emergency preparedness and provide consistent emergency response information. All scheduled fire alarm and sprinkler system inspections and required repairs for FY25-26 across the district were completed.

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES (HRS)

Human Resource Services continues preparations for the start of the fall semester, with a focus on employee onboarding, workforce support, and ensuring departments are staffed and ready to serve students. Throughout the summer, Human Resources successfully onboarded 72 new employees, including faculty, classified professionals, and administrators, to support district operations and student success. As the fall semester begins, Human Resources remains focused on supporting new employees through onboarding and orientation activities that promote a smooth transition.

Human Resources recently presented the district's annual Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Report, highlighting ongoing efforts to support equitable employment practices and an inclusive workforce. Looking ahead, Human Resources will begin work this fall with the EEO Advisory Committee on the development of the district's updated EEO Plan, which will help guide future recruitment, retention, and diversity initiatives in alignment with the California Community College Chancellor's Office requirements and institutional goals.

Benefits

The annual open enrollment period for the benefit program is nearing completion. The benefits team conducted a series of open enrollment workshops and informational sessions across the district. This effort provided employees with opportunities to learn about available benefits and make informed enrollment decisions. Participation and engagement were strong in both the workshops and information sessions, reflecting employees' commitment to understanding and maximizing their benefit options.

Recruitment

Human Resources remains actively engaged in recruitment efforts across the district to attract and hire the most qualified candidates to support our students.

Recruitment figures as of August 24, 2026:

- 39 permanent recruitments in progress
 - 8 – Admin/CAST
 - 19 – Classified
 - 12 – Faculty, including 2 temporary full-time faculty
- 71 part-time faculty recruitments in progress
22 additional part-time faculty postings have closed, and departments are still hiring from those application pools



CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICE

Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Nicole Belisle has been elected co-chair of the JEDI Council along with Dr. Jonathan Henderson from Southwestern College. The Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Council is a collaborative of equity practitioners across Region 10 (San Diego and Imperial Counties) of the California Community Colleges.

Closing out the summer and leading up to the fall semester, the Chief Diversity Office supported the Reclaiming Joy professional learning opportunity during flex week, discussed servingness in line with Palomar College priorities at the College Council retreat, and provided a welcome and information to students while tabling during Welcome Days and Information Stations.

Dr. Belisle led efforts to support the district's compliance with Assembly Bill 2821, which is focused on disability access and compliance training. In collaboration with Human Resource Services and the professional development team, this training will be launched districtwide during the fall semester. The accessibility website and accessibility issue form were updated for ease of use. The district will be partnering with the California Community College Chancellor's Office Accessibility Center to participate in the Accessibility Capability Maturity Model (ACMM) annual review.

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, PLANNING & GRANTS (IRPG)

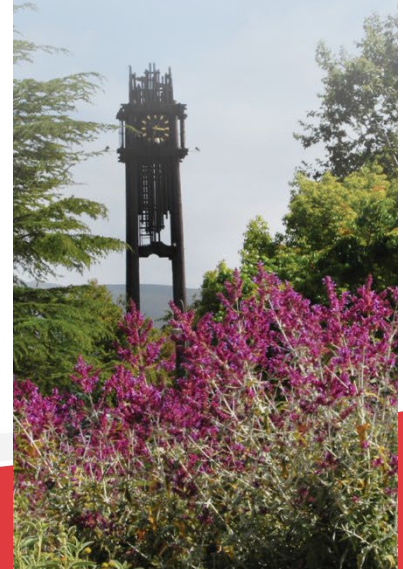
Accreditation

The Accreditation Writing Leadership Team (AWLT) has organized its work and is launching the district's efforts to prepare the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER). AWLT has created a timeline, identified participants to support review teams, and built a workspace with supporting resources for each team. It is now developing training for those teams. Over the next month, AWLT will attend participatory governance council meetings to launch the work and seek participation from council members. During the fall semester, standard review teams will discuss and document how the district meets the standards to which they are assigned. During the spring semester, AWLT will prepare the first draft of the ISER.

Integrated Planning

The College Council held its annual retreat on August 17. The Council reviewed data on student journey metrics and discussed how those metrics align with the Palomar College equity metrics and accreditation institution-set standards. It also reviewed progress on the annual objectives of the Vision Plan and identified priorities for FY26-27. Finally, the Council discussed labor market data and how the instructional programs and facilities align with job sectors forecasting growth and demand in the community.

During All College Day, the campus community reflected on the work we do to support student success. Participants explored how they experience Palomar College and how they perceive the student experience. They also reviewed the College Vision Plan 2035 and the 2025-2028 Equity Plan and discussed what they need to support student success. Feedback from the engagement session will be reviewed and used to inform the district's planning priorities for the year.



Institutional Research

The research team is putting the final touches on its new data dashboard focused on noncredit students and enrollments. This dashboard allows users to examine noncredit enrollments by specific noncredit category (e.g., enhanced, non-enhanced, career), and provides an overview of noncredit student demographics.

With the launch of the new baccalaureate program, IRP&G has worked with the program's faculty to develop an initial student survey that will gather information on students' reasons for enrolling, their current job status, and areas of needed support. This survey will be administered as students enter the program. It will be paired with a second survey administered at the end of the program, and a third administered shortly after completion to gather data on the program's impact on student outcomes and post-completion careers.

The team is also working on modifications to enrollment reports to accommodate the new attendance accounting methods, and continued work on a student cohort dashboard that will allow users to select special student groups and review student progress and achievement data throughout their journey. Finally, the team continued to work on a potential method to collect post-education outcomes through the Employment Development Department.

Grants

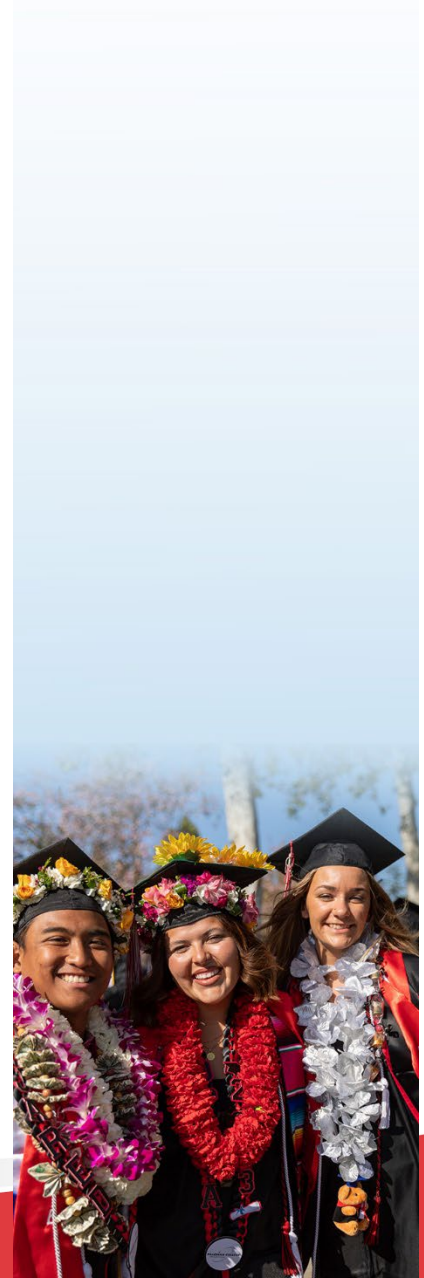
The FY25-26 Annual Grant Report is now posted on the [Grants webpage](#), highlighting \$60.9 million in competitive grants, 25 district awards, and 6 subawards, all supported by outgoing grants manager Pauline Moroz. The data within the Annual Grant Report is a fitting tribute to Pauline as she retires this year after joining Palomar in 2021. When she came to IRP&G, she took on a grants function that never had a dedicated leader, and in just a few short years she established procedures and structures to support every stage of the grant lifecycle, including pre-award, award, and post-award. Pauline is recognized across her field and served on the National Grants Management Association's regulatory comment subcommittee.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Marketing/Advertising/Promotion

The integrated marketing campaign designed to support Fall enrollment goals and increase awareness among our target audiences will continue through mid-September. The campaign includes the Palomar Makes It Possible digital advertising strategy, inclusive of academic area advertising as well as brand-related enrollment-focused ads, generating over 556,000 impressions in August while remaining cost-efficient.

The comprehensive advertising campaign features a diverse mix of placements, a digital bulletin along Interstate 15 and a billboard on highway 78. We also placed digital advertising on indoor digital billboard screens at various retail establishments within the district, digital web banner ads in the *UT Community Press*, digital transit shelter ads in the southern portion of the district, and a billboard in Fallbrook. A full-page ad in the North County Informador, accompanied by a web banner, also ran. Ads were placed in the Escondido-Times Advocate, Valley Roadrunner, and Valley Magazine to support the Escondido Education Center. Additional placements included an email campaign to subscribers of Camp Pendleton news and a digital marquee display at the base. To support the Rancho Bernardo Education Center, a cinema advertisement continued to run. The web streaming campaign with iHeart Radio designed to support summer and fall enrollment goals continued. The campaign features Palomar College alumnus and radio personality Jesse Lozano and includes over-the-



top (OTT) video advertising targeted at platforms and programming of campaign audiences, all aimed at driving traffic to the palomar.edu website.

To further promote enrollment opportunities, a campaign designed to engage former students launched in late June and will continue through December. This digital marketing approach will utilize student data and social media platforms to re-connect with students. Students who engage in the campaign will be contacted through our new call center. In addition, the marketing and communications team collaborated with the NSPIRE program to develop a media plan designed to reach Native American students throughout the district. This campaign will launch in phases over the next two months and continue until the end of the fiscal year and includes direct mail, outdoor advertising, as well as online display and print.

Compared to August 2025, new user traffic to the palomar.edu website increased by 46%. These results are positively impacted by the comprehensive advertising strategy implemented in August. Social media traffic was the fifth-ranked source of traffic. Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook generated most of the social media traffic to Palomar.edu. The TikTok traffic was referral generated, which is specific to the iHeart campaign that features Palomar College alumnus Jesse Lozano. Instagram and Facebook traffic to the website is specific to paid ads, which is an included strategy within the comprehensive digital campaign and the iHeart campaign. 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 continuous improvement. Facebook followers increased by 5% and X followers increased by 1% compared to last August. Followers on LinkedIn grew 6% compared to August 2025. Compared to the previous August, both Instagram and our TikTok channel grew 22% and 18%, respectively.

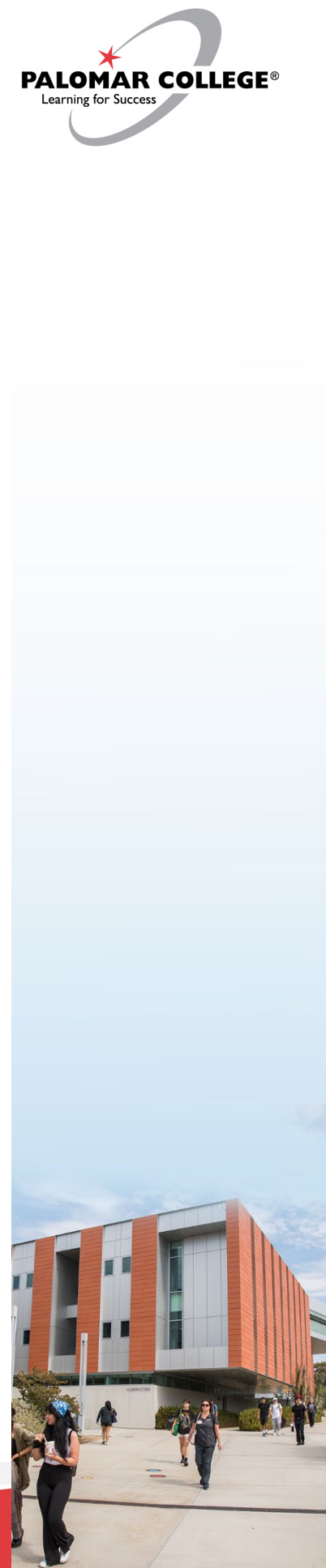
Throughout August, our social media posts focused on fall enrollment, new course numbers, low enrolled courses, student support services, and welcome events held at the San Marcos campus.



Sample Social Media Post



Sample Social Media Post



Community and Media Relations

Two press releases were issued in August. One covered the first cohort of the [bachelor's degree in building performance and environmental design](#) and a second publicized the [start of the fall semester](#). The latter release generated media coverage from both television, print, and digital media organizations. These stories are made available on the [Palomar News website](#). In collaboration with the public information officers of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA) a regional press release was issued to promote the impact community colleges have on the education sector in San Diego County. This release also generated the interest of media partners in both San Diego and Imperial Counties. Palomar College received 349 media mentions in August with an overall monthly publicity value of over \$349,000.

PIO Lanthier Bandy attended the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce executive committee and board of directors' meetings. During the August 20 meeting, San Marcos Chamber of Commerce elected PIO Lanthier Bandy as the chair elect. Her term will begin in January 2027.

Internal/External Communications and Public Affairs

PIO Lanthier Bandy attended the government affairs meetings hosted in August by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), California Community College Chancellor's Office, and Community College League of California (CCLC) monthly meeting and a meeting with SDICCCA public information officers.



The Creative Services team designed and delivered the 80th logo artwork and design of the celebratory t-shirts which will be distributed to all employees. The team continued to deliver projects supporting the enrollment campaign, Umoja branding, and interior displays for the Athletics Fieldhouse. Considerable progress has been made in the implementation of the Rancho Bernardo Education Center emergency procedures guide and associated poster, inclusive of new evacuation maps.

FOUNDATION

Fundraising Activities

Scholarships

The Foundation is grateful for the continued generosity and commitment from our donors to Palomar College students. Recently, the Foundation received \$1,500 for the Ward



“Rusty” Myers Scholarship, \$3,000 from the Woman’s Club of Carlsbad, and \$32,000 from the Osher Foundation to support student scholarships. We also received a generous \$35,000 gift from the Fredricks Family Fund through the Jewish Community Foundation specifically to support trades scholarships. We also received a generous \$10,000 gift from Klaus Kirchhoff to support Rising Scholars and the emergency grant program, in addition to the endowment he previously established with the Foundation. Finally, a longtime donor family made an incredibly generous gift totaling \$72,700, including \$57,700 for scholarships, \$5,000 for our Ready, Test, Go program, and \$10,000 as a matching gift for our upcoming Giving Tuesday campaign.

We are especially pleased that each of these gifts comes from returning donors who have seen firsthand the impact of their generosity and have chosen to continue investing in our students. Their ongoing support is a wonderful testament to the difference the Foundation and its programs are making in the lives of Palomar College students.

Annual President’s Golf Classic Invitational

The President’s Invitational Golf Classic continues to gain momentum as we approach the October 19 tournament. To date, we have raised \$86,000 in sponsorships, thanks to the generous support of our community partners and returning sponsors. Our committee continues its outreach as we work toward another successful event and a strong finish to our fundraising efforts.

Hunter Industries’ Impact on Bachelor’s Program

With the start of the fall semester, the college welcomed the first cohort of the Building Performance and Environmental Design baccalaureate degree. A \$12,000 grant for supplies from Hunter Industries provides \$500 in direct support to each of the 24 students while they pursue the 2-year degree program. The funds cover material fees such as textbooks, building performance modeling software, tools, technical equipment, and a professional blazer with the program logo. See more about this incredible program at [Palomar News](#).



Baccalaureate degree students with Professor Jessica Newman, Foundation Executive Director Stacy Rungaitis, Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Tina Recalde, Katie Johanski from Hunter Industries, and Professor Joseph Lucudo

Donor Stewardship

Employee Giving – C.I.R.C.L.E. (Comets Investing in Really Changing Lives Through Education)

On August 21, the Foundation participated in All College Day, where Executive Director Stacy Rungaitis highlighted the Foundation’s impact on student success. We recognized 106 C.I.R.C.L.E. members for their continued generosity and welcomed five new members,



bringing participation to 111 faculty and staff supporting Palomar students through monthly payroll giving.

Foundation Board, Community Engagement & Donor Development Activities

Calver Foundation Golf Cart Tour

The Foundation welcomed the President and Treasurer of the Calver Foundation for a “magic” golf cart tour of the San Marcos campus, showcasing the exciting programs and opportunities available to Palomar students. Following the visit, the Foundation was invited to submit a grant proposal supporting scholarships, emergency grants, and basic needs, an exciting opportunity to expand resources that help students overcome financial barriers and succeed.

Cal Coast Cares Foundation Engagement

The Foundation participated in the craft activity time at the Cal Coast Cares Foundation annual golf event. Foundation Board member Will Rivera and team helped organize the event. It was a great opportunity to network with the Vice President Community Relations & Business Development Kyra Seay and other participants.

Neighborhood Healthcare

Neighborhood Healthcare staff joined Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Tina Recalde, Dean of Student Affairs Amrik Johal, and Foundation Executive Director Stacy Rungaitis for a conversation and campus tour on August 10. Stacy Rungaitis participated in the San Diego Business Chamber Chairman's Circle Breakfast on August 14 as well as the Network for California Community College Foundation's Board of Directors meeting on August 20.

Palomar College Foundation Board of Directors

The Palomar College Foundation Board of Directors held a regular meeting on August 24. In addition, Finance & Investment and the Fund Development committees met earlier in the month.



Foundation Development Director Linda Moynan, Cal Coast Credit Union Vice President Kyra Seay, and Foundation Executive Director Stacy Rungaitis

