



2026 ANNUAL **REPORT**

President's MESSAGE

This annual report highlights the remarkable accomplishments of our students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators whose collective efforts have shaped a year of growth and achievement. From record-setting graduation outcomes and exceptional student persistence rates to nationally recognized academic programs, innovative cohort models, and meaningful community partnerships, EVC has remained steadfast in its focus on equity, access, and excellence.

The college awarded 1,953 degrees and certificates, supported nearly \$16 million in financial aid disbursements, celebrated outstanding transfer and workforce outcomes, and continued to invest in programs that remove barriers and create opportunities for students from all backgrounds. EVC's impact extended beyond the classroom through hundreds of outreach events, cultural celebrations, academic conferences, leadership programs, and partnerships that strengthened connections throughout Silicon Valley and beyond.

As we reflect on this milestone year, we honor the legacy of those who have built Evergreen Valley College over the past five decades while looking ahead to the future with optimism and purpose. The accomplishments documented in this report demonstrate the power of education to transform lives and reaffirm EVC's role as a cornerstone of opportunity, innovation, and community advancement.

Together, we continue to build upon a legacy of life, learning, and leadership that will serve generations of students to come.

Vinicio J. López, Ed.D.
President, Evergreen Valley College



Priority WORK GROUPS

This past year EVC's managers were divided in four distinct workgroups aligned with the District priorities.

In a survey of 170 faculty and 337 students, the workgroup identified key scheduling priorities, including a shared emphasis on flexibility, preferred instructional times between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and demand for multiple course modalities.

The Completion Work Group focused on tutoring services, piloting new strategies to increase the number of comprehensive education plans with EOPS, assessing the efficacy of a peer-mentor program (ASPIRE+PLUS), and planning the expansion of First Year Experience.

The Microcredentials Priority Workgroup created short, career-focused credentials that help students build skills valued by local employers. This gives students more ways to demonstrate what they know and prepare for jobs in fields such as Business, Nursing, and Translation and Interpreting.



Employee Recognition

Paulina Lee Reza, Classified Employee of the Year
Nasreen Rahim, co-Faculty of the Year
Martha Hardin, co-Faculty of the Year
Fahmida Fakhruddin, Associate Faculty of the Year
Robert Gutierrez, Administrator of the Year
Kara Has, District's Bridge to Equity Award
John Ruys, District's LGBTQ+ Award Winner

Tenured Faculty

Bobby Seals, Long Tran, Juan Gill, Adam Green,
Will Thai, Grace Tong, Kim Stiles

About the GRADUATES

1,953

TOTAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

800+

TRANSFER DEGREES

Top Degrees

- General Studies -Health Sciences
- Business 2.0
- Economics
- Psychology
- Child & Adolescent Development
- Nursing
- Math
- Studio Arts
- Administration of Justice

Top Certificates

- CSU General Ed
- Cal-GETC
- Auto Tech - Foundational Skills
- Auto Tech - Drivetrain & Chassis
- Translations & Interpretating
- Engineering Fundamentals 1
- Engineering Fundamentals 2
- Tesla START

91

Engineering certificates and degrees after an average of three per year prior.

44

Students earned Art degrees.

62

Students earned an Auto Tech degree or certificate.

70

Students in Aspire earned a degree, and another 54 earned a certificate.

50

EOPS students are graduating; 30 are transferring.

18

10 men's soccer and 8 women's soccer players earned degrees.

4

Foster Year students transferring to four-year universities.

5

Students from Adaptive PE, all transferring to four-year universities.



Our ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Math program finished third at the two-round American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) event, its fourth straight top-10 finish.
- For the sixth straight quarter, EVC Nursing achieved a perfect NCLEX pass rate in Spring 2026. During the 2025-26 year, 60 EVC students passed on their first attempt.
- EVC Accounting students, as part of the VITA program, helped one hundred members of our community with free tax help. It resulted in \$87,772 in refunds on 81 returns.
- 93 percent of First Year Experience (FYE) students in cohort six have persisted from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026. Over half have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- The Bridge to STEM partnership connected 22 first-generation STEM students with mentorship, professional development, and STEM career exploration through the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley.

Digital Footprint

2.0 million views

across social media
in first 6 months of 2026

30,000 +

followers on EVC's social
media platforms

1 million views

for twelve year old Phung-Hieu
Diep's story about graduating
with a Mathematics degree has
been translated into Vietnamese,
Chinese, and Spanish.

1 million views

views on our website
in 2026



SOCCER

Women's Soccer tied a program record for wins and had its deepest playoff run in program history by reaching the third round of the 3C2A Playoffs behind a 16-7-1 record.

Men's Soccer finished the year 15-4-3 and one win shy of the state Final Four, reaching the fourth round of the 3C2A Playoffs.



Our EVENTS

Celebrating the Arts



- "50 Years of Life, Laughter & Learning," a self-written play by John Kaufmann about the history of EVC. (October)



- Persian New Year's concert (March) and monthly musical ensembles
- Annual reveal of Leaf by Leaf literary Magazine (going strong since 1990)



- Mariachi music for Latinx Heritage Month



- "Roots & Wings," 50th anniversary art exhibit, welcomed back 20 art alumni. (March)



- ASG hosted "Hawks Got Talent" musical event (April)
- Spoken Word and Open Mic events
- Aztec dancers for Cinco de Mayo and TRiO Conference



- Twice-yearly Artist Alley and Juried Student Art Exhibit

Key Speakers

- Retired jurist LaDoris Cordell
- NASA astronomer Dr. Patrick Miller
- Aaliyah Stewart on overcoming adversity and reclaiming one's life.
- San Francisco State Ethnic Studies professor Dr. Larry Salomon, keynote speaker at graduation



- Latina Coalition's Gabby Chavez-Lopez on leadership in Silicon Valley.
- Elected Berryessa Unified School Board (and EVC alumna) Jairah Jaung.
- Careers in AI Exploration
- Careers in Law Enforcement



Major Community Events

CELEBRATED 50 YEARS OF HISTORY AT EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE

50th Anniversary Kick-off and “Snapshots at 50” art exhibit (September). It saw the return of the college’s “First Family,” first President Gerald Strelitz’s wife and daughter, EVC’s early staff, musical performances, an art exhibit, and elected officials.



- EVC hosted a CAPS registration and community day on April 18. Over 40 community booths, classic cars, a kids’ zone, registration elements, and more than 1,000 community members participated.
- Sold out [her] itage [her] encia Women’s Conference co-hosted with Supervisor Sylvia Arenas’ office (March)



- The TRiO CenCal Leadership Conference brought together 17 Northern California chapters. (February)
- High school-focused automotive career day sponsored by CNCDA (October)
- Top University Night featuring a half dozen top colleges around the nation (October)
- Alliance of Black Educators, bringing 150 middle schoolers to campus (May)
- Annual high school counselor breakfast (December)

Workshops & Services for Students

- Thirty-four (34) Financial-related workshops for students hosted by Financial Aid
- Financial literacy for undocumented students and the general population
- EOPS opened a Kids Closet
- Parenting workshops hosted by EOPS
- ASPIRE+Plus hosted a mentorship and mentee program in its final year of grant funding.
- Career mentorship (22) and mental health (41) workshops through ASPIRE+Plus.
- Digital literacy courses for 501 ASPIRE+Plus students
- HAWKSTOP Vending Machine
- Launch of the EVC Studio Q Pride Center
- Expansion of HawkTalk Services
- Launched DSP orientation for the first time.



Other Events

- 120 students participated in the Spring Research Symposium
- Ghana Naming Ceremony
- Sponsored EVC Men's & Women's Soccer Pride Nights
- Monthly Starry Evergreen at the Montgomery Observatory
- Job Fair, Wellness Fair, Transfer Fair, Spooktacular, Filipino-American Month, Lunar New Year's, Cinco de Mayo, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Veterans Week, Disability Awareness Week events.

Other Facts and Figures

\$15.9 million

aid disbursed for the current year

\$116K +

in scholarships were awarded to 53 students (95 total scholarships) for 2026-27

298

Outreach engagements across schools and community spaces over the past 13 months

309

hosted events/meetings by Facilities (55 percent internal). ITSS supported 90 of those events.

803

RN applications (574 completed)

103

LVN-RN applications, with 83 students invited to the Challenge Exam process.

Transforming Our Campus

- Deep cleaning of Student Services, Library, Visual and Performing Arts, and MS3
- Process of moving the website to Modern Campus
- HD screens on campus are now operated by Optisigns for better visibility / communication.
- Modernized office printers to HP across campus.

Our ACADEMICS

- Adult Education Credential Initiative: Advanced the development and implementation of an adult education teaching credential program to support the preparation and upskilling of instructors, expanding the pipeline of qualified educators in career education and workforce programs.
- NSF Badging Grant Development: Led efforts in securing and developing a National Science Foundation-funded badging initiative focused on skills-based micro-credentials, supporting student competency validation and alignment with industry-recognized skills.
- One Biology student will be conducting a summer research project at Yale. The Biology Department created an outdoor lab for students in General Biology (21) and the Major's Biology series (4A and 4B).

Students have also created a Native Bee research (BUZZ) program to survey native bees and document the increase in bee diversity on campus.

- By taking a Bio Skills Lab, students have increased their anatomy lab practical score by 60 percent.
- Sixty-two (62) Philosophy students participated in the Student Research Symposium, presenting projects representing current ethical topics and the connection between works of fiction and philosophical topics.
- The ARROW Club, along with WINSTEM, has visited Cal, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and the Exploratorium. They also help set up the portable planetarium, discuss astronomy with K-12 students, and assist with the Natural Science Museum and monthly observatory events.

Outreach & Community Gatherings

- (Three Hundred) 300 Outreach-related events
- K-12 school districts (ESUHSD, SJUSD, CUSD, MHUSD, ARUSD, SCUSD, FUHSD, MetroED, etc.)
- Charter schools & alternative education (KIPP, Latino College Prep, Alpha, Opportunity Youth Academy, San Jose Conservation Corps, etc.)
- Community-based organizations & public agencies
- Public libraries, cultural festivals, and city-sponsored events
- Congressman Jimmy Panetta and Council member Domingo Candelas announced the reopening of the Yerba Buena Bridge.
- Supervisor Sylvia Arenas hosting a Women's Conference in March.

- Forty (40) members from the San Jose Conservation Corps+Charter School for EVC visit and tour
- Thirty (30) case workers and two managers from the County of Santa Clara visited EVC for the first time since before the pandemic. The visit included tours of the Nursing and Automotive departments and presentations on EVC certificate programs.





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