



March 2026 *(covering February activities)*

Highlights

- The [Undocu-Immigrant-Dream Center \(UIDC\)](#) partnered with [First Gen Empower](#) and [Undocu Scholars LLC](#). to offer a series of trainings this semester for college employees and students. These sessions focus on resources to navigate rapid policy changes, foster an informed and inclusive campus climate for immigrant and undocumented students, and provide guidance to achieve post-college success. Trainings will be offered in virtual formats. More information is available on the [UIDC website](#).]



- Black History Month: In February, the Sawubona Black Learning & Opportunity Center (BLOC) hosted a [vibrant series of events](#) to celebrate Black History Month. The events centered joy, reflection, and community connection. Highlights included a kickoff kickball game to build camaraderie, “Trust the Tea” with Trustee Bailey for candid dialogue on leadership and advocacy, and a lively Campus Feud celebrating collective wisdom and Black brilliance. The month also featured a wellness-focused Reiki-infused sound bath and the culminating “Still Becoming: BLOCed in Time” time capsule event, inviting participants to honor the past, reflect on the present, and envision the future. Together, these events reflected the BLOC’s ongoing commitment to creating culturally affirming spaces that foster belonging, healing, and celebration for Black students and the broader campus community.



- Student Financial Services launched **Financial Aid Awareness Month** with a high-energy kick-off event in partnership with the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), bringing together students, campus leaders, and community partners to advance access, equity, and holistic support. Remarks from Trustee Maggie Fishman, representatives from 10,000 Degrees and the CSAC, and college leadership emphasized affirming students’ aspirations, normalizing the need for financial support, and reinforcing that seeking assistance is a powerful and responsible step toward achieving educational goals. The well-attended event featured meaningful dialogue and on-site resources, reflecting the college’s continued focus on ensuring students feel supported and empowered to pursue their goals.
- We are excited to share that the [Belonging Without Othering Book Club](#), inspired by the work of Dr. John A. Powell, is currently underway as a collaboration with Dr. Brenda Flyswithawk, Dr. Purnur Ozbirinci, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), and Human Resources, and as part of our ongoing commitment to institutionalizing and demonstrating a culture of belonging at SRJC. A culture of belonging is foundational to shaping a positive campus climate and strengthening our overall district culture—it influences how we collaborate, how we support one another, and how effectively we serve our students. This effort aligns closely with our district-wide work to redesign the employee experience with a focus on wellness and belonging, recognizing that employee climate directly impacts student success and institutional effectiveness. Through collective learning and shared accountability, this collaboration supports our values of community engagement, cultural competency, trust, embrace of differences, and interconnectedness, and we welcome colleagues to join as facilitators or participants in strengthening the climate and culture of our campus community.



Strategic Plan Highlight

- SRJC is finalizing a proposed Student Community Orientation (SCO), a dynamic, student-centered experience designed to ensure new students begin their journey with clarity, connection, and confidence. Grounded in SRJC’s Strategic Plan and Student Equity goals, SCO will provide structured exposure to academic supports, identity-based and culturally responsive programs, and essential student support services—all within a model that fosters belonging from day one. Through interactive sessions, resource engagement, and community-building activities, SCO reflects SRJC’s commitment to access, advocacy, and achievement by strengthening early connections that support persistence and long-term student success.



Figure 1: Sample Rosco figurine

On The Horizon

The following is a highlight of events in March (not exhaustive). For a complete list of events, please visit the District Event Calendar:

<https://calendar.santarosa.edu/>

- **Spring Break** | March 16-20
- **Women’s History Month**
- **Roseland Welcome Center Ribbon Cutting** | March 28 | 10-11:30am; RSVP at [SRJC Roseland Welcome Center Ribbon Cutting](#)
- **Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta Day** | March 31 | No classes, District closed

