



BOARD BRIEFS



OCTOBER 2025

September Activities

Highlights

- The SRJC Foundation partnered with the President's Office and multiple departments to produce the **2025 President's Address to the Community** on September 18. Dr. Garcia highlighted SRJC's 2025–2030 District Strategic Plan, emphasizing equity, inclusion, and SRJC's role as a key partner in Sonoma County, driving workforce development and community collaboration. The Foundation also honored Ava and Sam Guerrera as the 2025 President's Medallion recipients. The event was livestreamed to expand access; the recording is available [here](#).
- The District's **Student Equity Plan 2025-28 (SEP 3.0)** has been drafted and shared with the college community for feedback. The plan, developed with broad representation, will guide efforts to close equity gaps and will be presented to the Board for the approval at the November 2025 Board meeting.
- **SRJC Roseland Welcome Day** was held on September 19, with 342 attendees (168 students and 174 guests). Workshops, resource fairs, and a raffle created a welcoming, inclusive start to the semesters, supported by faculty, staff, and student leaders.
- On September 5, nearly 200 high school students attended SRJC's first **College & Career Access Pathway (CCAP) Dual Enrollment Discovery Day** at the Santa Rosa campus. Supported by more than 40 SRJC faculty, staff, student volunteers, and partners from the Sonoma County Office of Education, the event introduced students to campus resources and gave many their first experience of college life.
- **Disability Culture Center (DCC)** celebrated its one-year anniversary, welcoming more than 500 participants, hosting 40+ events, partnering with 20+ community organizations, and continuing the Community Puzzle Wall, reinforcing belonging and support for students.
- As part of the **HERENCIA** celebration, SRJC Latinx Faculty and Staff Association hosted the fourth annual **La Carpa Talent Show** on Thursday, September 25, featuring 16 performances and nearly 30 participants. The event highlighted cultural heritage, creativity, and community connection through singing, dancing, and comedy.
- **SRJC Athletics** launched SCORE (Student-Athletes Creating Opportunities, Results and Empowerment), enrolling more than 300 student-athletes in a program designed to apply the athletic mindset to academic success.
- **Dental hygiene and dental assisting** students provided free screenings and program information at the Dia de los Muertos Health Fair at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on October 5. The event supported the health of immigrant and minority communities and highlighted SRJC's dental programs and clinic.
- **SRJC Petaluma** campus held its first Evening Connections event on September 30, bringing together faculty (EMLS, Adult Ed, Career Education, KAD, and Social Sciences), classified professionals, and managers supporting evening operations. The gathering created space for colleagues to connect, learn about campus resources, and strengthen community ties and will continue each semester.





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Strategic Plan Highlight

- **Student Success & Support:** Following a Student Services planning retreat, the team is developing an implementation plan for **Student Community Orientation** to help connect students with services and spaces of belonging. (Goal 1, Action Step 1)
- **Responsiveness to our Community: Equitable Access:** The District engaged TLCD Architecture to develop a comprehensive room numbering and signage standard, building on the design guidelines in the Facilities 2030 Plan. The first phase focuses on the Petaluma Campus, and the Doyle Library and Bertolini Student Center on the Santa Rosa Campus with multilingual standards incorporated to improve accessibility and inclusion. The proposed package is expected to be reviewed by the District Facilities Advisory Committee by the end of fall semester.
- The **HSI Advisory Group** convened its first meeting on September 29 and will advance the work of the HSI Transformation initiative. In support of **Student Success & Support** (Goal 1, multiple action steps) participatory governance, and the IDEAA Taskforce, the group is also aligned with SRJC's IEPI (Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative) plan, which priorities building the HSI Advisory Group, strengthening noncredit-to-credit pathways, improving strategic communications, expanding professional development, and creating a Latine Student Center and Resource Hub.



Issues For Awareness

- **Annual External Audit:** Fieldwork began September 22 for the FY 2024/25 external audit, with six auditors conducting a two-week review of financial and compliance areas. Follow-up work will continue through mid-November, with the final audit report presented to the Board in December 2025.

On The Horizon

The following is a highlight of some upcoming events on the horizon (not exhaustive). For a complete list of events, please visit the District Event Calendar: <https://calendar.santarosa.edu/>

- a. 10/11/25: [Shone Farm Fall Festival](#) at Shone Farm. 10 AM – 3 PM.
- b. 10/13/25: [Indigenous People's Day](#) at Santa Rosa. 11 AM – 3 PM.
- c. 10/17/25: [High School Counselor Conference](#) at Shone Farm. 9 AM – 3 PM.
- d. 10/13 - 10/17: [Undocumented Student Success Week](#)
- e. 10/18/25: [LumaFest](#) at Petaluma. 11 AM – 3 PM.