



PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD



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The **2025 President's Address on September 18** provided me the opportunity to share how Santa Rosa Junior College continues to deliver a comprehensive community college education to Sonoma County. I appreciate the ways we engage students in community-wide events, ensuring that we remain student and mission centered. One of the many highlights was awarding the **President's Medallion to Ava and Sam Guerra** for their support of SRJC students, as well as seeing the Student Government Assembly leadership team walk into Luther Burbank Theater proudly waving an SRJC flag with the image of Rosco. It was a powerful reminder that regardless of where you come from or how you identify, at SRJC – you are welcome here.



Over the past weeks, I have been invited to provide my thoughts and perspective on the broader sociopolitical issues that are impacting higher education, particularly the reduction and elimination of federal funding. **Regardless of one's political affiliation, the reduction of federal grants that supported our Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) efforts, impacts all SRJC students. These grants** fund innovative practices that expand access, success, and completion. Through HSI support, SRJC has consistently provided high-quality instruction and student supports, funded through HSI grants, that make a difference in students' lives. The U.S. Department of Education recently confirmed that that current SRJC HSI grants would be honored through September 2026. We remain committed to supporting students in their educational journeys and will make to do everything possible to keep them on the path toward completion, transfer, and/or entering the workforce.

Santa Rosa Junior College is one of ten colleges selected to participate in the President Trustee Collaborative of the Aspen Institute for College Excellence. This year-long experience provides research-based strategies to help trustees and presidents actively advance institutional efforts focused on student access, success, completion, and living-wage workforce preparation. While in Washington, D.C., I had the opportunity to meet with the higher education teams of our local congressional representatives, as well as national Higher Education advocates such as *Excelencia in Education*. My goal is to support our Board of Trustees as they continue their learning and leadership in pursuit of equitable student success.

2025 – 2030 Strategic Priorities

***Academic Quality *Student Success & Support *Responsiveness to our Community *Campus Climate & Culture**

The **2025 – 2030 Strategic Plan** serves as our roadmap for how SRJC will continue to provide a comprehensive community college education experience grounded in our legacy of excellence, while ensuring academic programs and student services prepare students for their future goals. In this report, I want to highlight the work of the IDEAA Task Force, which has been charged with making recommendations to College Council on two important matters: 1) a governance structure that meaningfully integrates our IDEAA values, and 2) strategies that strengthen belonging for students and employees. A key task for this districtwide group is reviewing results from the Spring 2024 National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates (NACCC), which includes separate assessments for students, faculty, and



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classified professionals/managers, to inform their recommendations. Building a resilient community calls on us to engage in open dialogue so that we may expand our perspectives of the world in which we live.

Another highlight is how SRJC's "responsiveness to our community" through our work and partnerships with workforce and industry partners. The presentation "Experience is Everything: Career Education at SRJC," offers a comprehensive overview of the impact the workforce advisory councils have on faculty revising curriculum to match the needs of the workforce. SRJC career education graduates receive the education and training necessary to enter the workforce in our local community.



Calendar Highlights:

1. Hosted President's Address to the Community.
2. Attended community events including 2025 STEM Shadow Day Dinner, Lime Foundation Gala, The Comedy of Hamlet (A Prequel) and various Athletics events.
3. Travelled to Washington DC to attend Aspen Institute, Presidents and Trustees Collective.
4. Participated in a Town Hall: Meeting with the President hosted by Student Government Assembly.