



PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD



DECEMBER 2025

November provided important opportunities for connection and engagement across the District as the semester moved toward its conclusion. Throughout the month, SRJC hosted a range of districtwide events and activities that highlighted student talent, faculty and staff expertise, and the strength of our partnerships with the community. These moments of engagement reflect how the College continues to advance student success, foster belonging, and remain responsive to the needs of those we serve.

Pop-Up with the President & Student Government Assembly at SRJC Roseland

On the evening of November 18, I joined students and families at SRJC Roseland for a Pop Up with the President, held in coordination with the Dream Center's Know Your Rights workshop. This gathering reflected our commitment to meeting students where they are and ensuring they have access to accurate information, resources, and support. Participants connected with representatives from the Undocu Immigrant Dream Center, Financial Aid, and Student Government Assembly to learn about essential services, opportunities for involvement, and pathways to enrollment, including hearing from Student Government Assembly President William Garcia, who shared how his journey at SRJC began as a noncredit student. Events like this reinforce the role of SRJC Roseland as a welcoming space where students and families can access support, build community, and engage with the College.

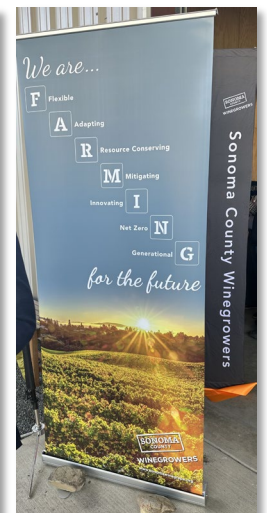


SRJC Roseland Roundtable

On November 10, I engaged with elected officials, education partners, and community leaders during SRJC's second community roundtable, held at the SRJC Roseland campus. These conversations are an important part of listening to and learning from the community we serve. The discussion centered on increasing awareness of SRJC programs, aligning educational pathways with regional workforce needs, and understanding local priorities as the SRJC Roseland campus continues to grow as a trusted access point for students and families. Insights from this dialogue will help inform how we strengthen partnerships and ensure SRJC remains responsive to the community.

Sonoma County Farming for the Future

Santa Rosa Junior College is collaborating with the Sonoma County Winegrowers and Reservoir Farms to establish a collaborative site focused on innovation, research, and design for grape farming and viticulture. A ribbon-cutting event at Sonoma County Winegrowers marked the launch and brought together more than 60 farmers, agricultural business leaders, partners, and community members. A highlight of this event was meeting an SRJC student who took non-credit courses, currently works for a local vineyard, and is eager to learn how to stay current in the industry. Through this collaboration, SRJC Shone Farm students will gain opportunities to connect with ag-technology innovators and industry partners working to support the future of Sonoma County's grape and viticulture industry.





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CCC CEO/Trustee Joint Board Meeting

SRJC continues to be represented in statewide leadership through Trustee Battenfeld's service on the California Community Colleges Trustee Board and my appointment to the CEO Board. During the Community College League of California (CCLC) conference, the two boards convened for a joint meeting to discuss fiscal priorities, legislative developments, and systemwide educational initiatives. The conversation highlighted the growing need to better support part-time students, advance financial aid reform, and strengthen student success outcomes. These discussions position SRJC to contribute meaningfully to upcoming statewide policy efforts that impact students across Sonoma County.

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.

Academic Quality: GenAI Task Force

The GenAI Task Force, charged with conducting a year-long assessment of the evolving role of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) across instruction, student services, operations, and institutional decision-making, held an extended working session on November 21 to advance its charge. During the meeting, members refined the scope and priorities of the task force's strands, including Teaching, Learning, and GenAI; Ethics, Equity, and Sustainability in Student Support; Supporting the SRJC Workforce, Technological Operations, and Tools. Facilitated breakout discussions focused on clarifying goals, key questions, intended outcomes, and expectations for each strand. This work advances the Strategic Plan by strengthening academic quality through the thoughtful integration of GenAI into teaching, learning, and institutional practices. The outcomes will guide next-steep planning, including identification of major milestones, shared themes, and implementation priorities, and will inform the development of standards and best practices for the responsible and effective use of GenAI at SRJC.

Campus Climate & Culture: IDEAA Task Force

The IDEAA Task Force is in its second year addressing district-wide matters related to inclusion, diversity, equity, accessibility, and anti-racism. In its first year, the taskforce made recommendations that complemented the scope of the Student Equity Committee, the Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee, and reviewed the themes outlined from the fall 2024 Facilitated Discussions completed by Rooted In Love. The task force is working on two major goals this year: 1) Review SRJC's data on the National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates (distributed in spring 2024) and provide recommendations for action and 2) Recommend how IDEAA is grounded in SRJC's participatory governance structure. Members of the task force represent a diverse representation of the SRJC community and expects to share its final recommendations by April 2026 to College Council.

Calendar Highlights

1. Attended an inaugural Community College President Retreat with the Kern Family Foundation, focused on leadership, values, and character in public higher education; Wisconsin.
2. Attended the COLEGAS Annual Conference with a large group of SRJC staff and faculty, including our college providing the opening ritual ceremony and land acknowledgement for the conference; Sacramento.
3. Attended a gathering of CEOs for local businesses throughout Sonoma County, discussing career pathways and partnerships for hiring SRJC students and graduates; Hosted by Troy Anderson, Exchange Bank.
4. Attended the Community College League of California (CCLC) Annual Convention, CEOCCC Board Meeting; Orange County.
5. Participated in the third session of the Aspen Institute's Presidents and Trustees Collaborative with Trustees Chaaban and Bricker; Virtual.
6. Attended several athletic events and community outreach events in southwest Santa Rosa.
7. Hosted the Roseland Roundtable in SRJC Roseland for District Trustee Area 4 – West Santa Rosa.