



Reflecting January 2026 Activities

Highlights

- The **President’s Pop-Up at SRJC Roseland** was held on Thursday, January 29, drawing more than 100 students for an engaging and welcoming campus gathering. Students enjoyed hot chocolate from the President’s Office and pizza provided by the Student Government Association, while multiple SRJC departments—including Financial Aid, Career Education, CalWORKs, the Undocu Immigrant Dream Center, VIDAS, Student Life, and Basic Needs—shared information and connected students to key services.



- **Banner Email Rollout (@BearCubs Accounts):** The District launched the rollout of student email accounts associated with the implementation of the Banner Student Information System. As part of this transition, students will utilize their @bearcubs email accounts as the official channel for institutional communications, including enrollment, financial aid, and student support services. Communications to students were sent in December and early January through multiple methods, including email and text messaging, and additional reminders and support resources are being deployed this spring. Targeted outreach, multilingual how-to resources, and in-person assistance through the Welcome & Connect Center are in place to reduce barriers and ensure students are supported. The District will continue to refine communication strategies as the rollout continues. Learn more at the Student Information System website: www.sis.santarosa.edu



- **Governor’s 2026–27 Budget Proposal:** The Governor’s proposed 2026 to 27 State Budget includes full funding of the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) and a 2.41 percent cost-of-living adjustment, which is positive news at the system level. However, because the District is currently under its funded FTES and is therefore receiving COLAs as one-time funding, SRJC will not receive the full ongoing benefit of the COLA. The proposal also includes funding to fully eliminate the remaining statewide SCFF deferral, modest enrollment growth assumptions, and COLA adjustments for select categorical programs. In addition to core funding, the budget proposes targeted investments in student support, workforce alignment, and system infrastructure, including one time funding for student support services, expansion of Credit for Prior Learning, continued development of the Common Cloud Data Platform, dual enrollment growth, and ongoing investments in student basic needs and nutrition programs, as well as one time statewide funding for deferred maintenance, which would be the first such allocation in three years. While the proposal reflects continued state investment in community colleges, ongoing enrollment challenges underscore the importance of the District’s long-term fiscal planning, and the President’s Cabinet will continue to prioritize financial sustainability while aligning resources with student access and success.

- SRJC Astronomy Instructor Laura Sparks will be traveling to Florence this semester to teach in our semester-long **study abroad program**. 108 students, including 40 SRJC students, will spend 12 weeks in Italy for this program. *Photo: Laura Sparks meets with students at the Study Abroad Departure meeting on January 17, 2026, at American River College.*





BOARD BRIEFS



- The Santa Rosa Junior College Beach Volleyball team kicked off its season in impressive fashion, earning two strong victories on opening day with wins over Shasta College and Butte College. The Bear Cubs opened the day with a 4–1 victory over Shasta College and ended the day with a decisive 5–0 sweep over Butte College.



Strategic Plan Highlight

- **Dual Enrollment and CCAP Update:** SRJC continues to advance early college access through ongoing planning for Spring 2026 and Fall 2026–27 CCAP offerings; collaboration with academic departments on course feasibility and staffing; coordination around Early College Credit (ECC) pathways and compliance; and a planned CCAP convening with K–12 and SCOE partners. During a staffing transition, **Vanessa Luna** will support continuity while recruitment begins for an **ECC Coordinator** to sustain and expand this work.

Issues For Awareness

- N/A

On The Horizon

- **SRJC Roseland’s new Welcome Center** is nearing completion. The new Welcome Center will provide an opportunity to increase student support services, provide space for students to meet and socialize, and a Welcome & Connect Center to support students at SRJC Roseland. A ribbon-cutting event to commemorate the expansion at SRJC Roseland is planned for Saturday, March 28, 2026. More details to come.
- The **Undocu Immigrant Dream Center** will co-host spring workshops for students and staff, including: *UndocuWellness*, *UndocuAlly*, *Know Your Rights*, *Family Preparedness*, and *Healing Circles*. Check out our website for more details: <https://dream.santarosa.edu/workshops-events-2025-2026>
- February is **Black History Month**, and this year's program is centered on: *We Are the Blueprint: Legacy, Liberation, & the Futures We’re Building*. Check out all the events planned here: <https://bloc.santarosa.edu/bhm-2025>
- February is also **Financial Aid Awareness Month**. Join us across all SRJC sites and campuses for Financial Aid Fun Fairs with free food, financial aid and scholarship application support, and helpful resources. Check out all the events planned here: financialaid.santarosa.edu/financial-aid-workshops

