

SUPERINTENDENT/ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Superintendent/President

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We are honored you have chosen to be a Southwestern College Jaguar, where we are committed to helping you achieve your academic, career, and personal goals. With campuses in Chula Vista, National City, San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, and the Crown Cove Aquatic Center in Coronado, Southwestern College is truly YOUR community college. Business and industry in San Diego continue to expand from BioTech, Construction, Healthcare, Education, and more, Southwestern College has the programs to direct your pathway to these amazing career opportunities.

Each year, we enhance our courses, programs, and services to provide clear pathways and robust support to help you succeed. You'll find classes offered in a variety of formats—in-person, online, and hybrid—to fit your schedule. Whether you prefer to study early in the morning, during the day, or in the evening, we offer credit, noncredit, and career education courses to meet your needs. We also continue to expand our weekend course offerings, with Saturday and Sunday classes currently available at our National City Higher Education Center and more weekend options coming to other campuses based on student demand.

Our dedicated faculty and staff are here to ensure your time at Southwestern College is meaningful and rewarding. Our **SWC Cares** program is designed to support your basic needs, offering assistance with food, transportation, textbooks, technology, and even emergency cash grants. With dozens of student clubs and organizations, you'll have plenty of opportunities to connect, get involved, and explore your passions. And when it comes to navigating your academic journey, our counselors are ready to help you create a personalized plan to reach your transfer or career goals—starting with a counseling appointment today.

Planning to transfer? Our **Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)** program guarantees admission to the California State University (CSU) system with 30 different major options. We also offer bachelor's degree pathway programs right on our Chula Vista campus in partnership with California State University, San Marcos, Arizona State University, San Diego State University, National University, and Point Loma Nazarene University. By completing your lower-division coursework at Southwestern College, you can save thousands while building a strong foundation for your future.

Southwestern College, we are your college. We're proud to be part of your journey and excited to support you every step of the way. Welcome to the Jaguar family—let's make this year incredible!

Mark Sanchez, Ed.D.