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**A Sacramento City College education
can put you on the path to success**



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GREETINGS,

current and future
Sacramento City
College students:

On July 24, as Sacramento City College concludes its centennial year celebrations, I join the college as its 14th president. This college is very special and I look forward to supporting its mission of providing career-focused education to a diverse population of over 23,000 students. Our faculty and staff reflect this rich diversity of the local community we serve.

SCC also received state funds for Student Success, Equity, Basic Skills, and Strong Workforce. These funds allow us to enhance a variety of student support services and to provide innovative, high-quality instruction in skills that equip students for high-wage, high-demand jobs. More than 100 of our career technical certificate and degree programs meet workforce demands in industry sectors such as: Arts, Media and Entertainment, Building and Construction, Health Care, Information and Communication Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation and Public Safety and Service. Students on these pathways to paychecks can complete their educational goals within a two-year period at relatively low cost.

I am proud to join SCC as we venture together into the next century.

-Michael Gutierrez
SCC President



Sacramento City College gives students an education that works

Sacramento City College offers career education programs in a variety of industry sectors so students can get a start on a new career quickly and affordably.
PHOTO BY ANNE STOKES

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At Sacramento City College, it doesn't take decades or a small fortune to gain a life-changing education. For the past 100 years, Sacramento City College (SCC) has been helping students achieve their professional goals without breaking the bank.

"We really see ourselves as a vehicle for all prospective students to achieve their potential and to do better in their lives and careers," says Dr. Steven Boyd, vice president of instruction.

SCC meets the needs of students who plan to transfer to a four-year university as well as those who are entering straight into the workforce.

"Many careers in the future will require something more than high school, but less than a four-year degree. We are uniquely positioned to accomplish those goals," Boyd says, adding that 85 percent of community college transfer students graduate with a baccalaureate degree within two years.

"That's a higher success rate for community college transfer students at CSUs [California State Universities] than [for] students who started at CSUs," he says.

SCC's Career Technical Education programs are an affordable way to enter the workforce armed with skills employers need. Coursework includes hands-on training, taught by faculty with industry experience, of industry-specific techniques and current technologies. Internship opportunities give students the skills and confidence to pursue new careers. Collaboration with industry

representatives and advisory boards ensures curriculum responds to changing trends and business needs.

"It's like the difference between hiring somebody who's read about riding a bike versus somebody who's actually ridden a bike," says Dr. Deborah L. Saks, dean of Business and Computer Information Science.

"Our programs are really about teaching students to ride the bike."

Michael Poindexter, vice president of student services, says that SCC's student support services guide students and put them on a pathway to success, no matter what track they choose.

"Our students need to be ready for tomorrow," he says. "We are keeping up-to-date by connecting with companies and corporations that are identifying what their needs will be in the future."

According to Gabriel Meehan, associate vice president of instruction, SCC truly appreciates the Strong Workforce Initiative

launched by the state Legislature and funded by Gov. Jerry Brown to strengthen career education programs.

"This funding has allowed SCC to increase student access to training in high wage, high demand jobs such as those in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) as well as health care and computer technology," Meehan says. At SCC, students have options, support and guidance to help them begin successful and rewarding careers.

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Early Childhood Education
program gives students
hands-on experience

Teaching the Teachers

BY ANNE STOKES

When Brooke Steurer-Lopiccolo took Laurie Perry's Early Childhood Education class on social competence, she was a single mother below the poverty line working to untangle herself from an abusive relationship.

Originally intending to go into social work, she changed her focus to education. Today, she's a transitional kindergarten teacher and is working on a bachelor's degree in child development at Sacramento State University.

"I remember ... wanting so much more for my daughter's life and for myself and wanting to give her more of a foundation of possibility," she says. "[Sacramento City College] just opened a doorway to make those things feasible."

Sacramento City College's Early Childhood Education program prepares

students for a career in early care and education by providing both an academic foundation and hands-on experience working with children at the on-campus Child Development Center. The program is ideal for students who want to start their career right away as well as those, such as Steurer-Lopiccolo, who plan to continue their education to qualify for positions including administrator or program supervisor with private programs or community agencies, such as First 5.

Laurie Perry, Early Childhood Education coordinator and faculty member, says that direct experience working with children is very valuable for students. She adds that it's an opportunity that many four-year programs do not offer.

"[Students] can read about it in books, but unless they actually try it with real children,

"It makes a world of difference having those moments *working in the environment.*"

Brooke Steurer-Lopiccolo

Former Sacramento City College Early Childhood Education program student

they're not going to know how it works," Perry says. "Preschool children are pretty unpredictable creatures. When [students are] actually with kids, they can see how the kids' thought processes happen."

Steurer-Lopiccolo agrees, saying that working with children was a vital part of her educational experience at SCC.

"It makes a world of difference having those moments working in the environment, having those interactions and having all of the situations thrown at you," she says. "You don't know how you're going to react until you're in the moment."

Steurer-Lopiccolo says caring faculty and small class sizes — as well as the program's affordability — enabled her to pursue the career that's right for her.

"I was able to have more of a connection with the professors," she says, "They seem to be able to foster more of a relationship with their students and are able to support them as individuals."

Learn more about the Early Childhood Education program at www.scc.losrios.edu/fts/ece

TRANSFER STARTS **ON DAY ONE!**

For students looking to transfer to a four-year university, the process takes planning and guidance. The best way to start? Talk to a counselor who can help you navigate the best path forward.

Community college students who earn a career education certificate or degree may also transfer to a university to

continue their education as upper-division students.

At \$46 a unit (compared to the thousands of dollars it costs for a full unit load at universities), it's an affordable way to complete your first two years of coursework.

Sacramento City College offers transfer pathways in several disciplines. Students can follow a set list of classes to complete admittance requirements into the university system of their choice.

Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG)

Guidance and preparation to enter the UC system

CSU Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)

An associate degree in arts (AA-T) or science (AS-T) paves the way for admission into the CSU system

2+2+3 Program

Law school pathway for students who want to earn a J.D.

Learn more about transferring at www.scc.losrios.edu/transfer

Reaching New Heights

Retired law enforcement officer goes back to school to pursue dream job

BY KATE GONZALES

Reuben Meeks has always had a career focused on keeping people safe.

From the early 1980s to 2009, Meeks worked as a law enforcement officer with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, serving as Rancho Cordova's chief of police for the last three years of his career.

"I retired young and had a lot more to do with my life, professionally," says Meeks, now 54. "Aviation has been in my blood since I was 13, when my father first took me flying."

After that initial flight, he began saving the money he earned delivering newspapers and washing airplanes to fund his flying habit. He earned his private commercial flight instructor license by age 19.

"When I first went up at [Sacramento] Executive Airport, there was no stopping me," he remembers.

While Meeks' bread and butter did not come from an aviation career, his passion for

aircraft never waned. Although he'd already earned a bachelor's degree in management and a master's in business administration, he felt his résumé could use a boost after he retired from law enforcement. He decided that further aviation training at Sacramento City College would give him that leg up.

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Operational control specialist, CALSTAR Air Ambulance

"I always wanted to get that dimension of maintenance into my résumé," he says. "That does open up some more doors."

Beginning in 2015, he pursued the combined Airframe and Powerplant



Maintenance certificate of achievement. The two-year program, approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, includes courses in theory and hands-on experience at McClellan Airfield in North Highlands. It's one of four aeronautics certificate training programs the college offers.

Since earning the certificate in 2016, Meeks has become an operational control specialist for CALSTAR Air Ambulance. He signs off on the weight and balance of aircraft, checks weather conditions, and ensures the overall readiness of flight crews and aircraft before they're dispatched statewide.

"The Airframe and Powerplant certificate helps me in the event that pilots have some

in-flight issues," he says. "My gained knowledge will help me in helping them diagnose their issue."

Meeks says the training offered at Sacramento City College is affordable, allowing students to start a career without a heavy debt load.

"I see many of my classmates are going on right into the industry," he says. "I go back to the hangar every now and then to see how the other students are doing, and I tell them to stay in the program, stay focused, stay motivated, don't drop out and you'll be getting ahead."

LET YOUR CAREER **TAKE FLIGHT**

The Advanced Technology Division at Sacramento City College has the training you need to start an exciting new career in aeronautics. The department offers a path for students who want to earn an associate degree and one for those who want to earn a certificate approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and launch into a career.

Here are the Aeronautics Department's offerings:

Certificates

- Aircraft Dispatcher
- Combined Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance
- Flight Technology
- Railroad Operations

Degrees

- Aircraft Dispatcher
- Air Traffic Control
- Combined Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance
- Flight Technology
- Railroad Operations

Career opportunities

- Pilot (charter, agricultural, helicopters and more)
- Flight instructor
- Employment with the FAA's National Air Traffic Control System
- Aircraft mechanic and service technician
- Aircraft dispatcher for government agencies, the military, and major and regional airlines
- Airframe and powerplant technician

Learn more about the Aeronautics program at www.scc.losrios.edu/aero

Jacob Greenberg, center front, is one of the many SCC LIBT graduates working at Sacramento Public Library branches, including, from left, Diane Mitchell, Laurel Owens and Kristi Burrows.
PHOTO BY ANNE STOKES



By the Book

Program opens library doors for students

BY ANNE STOKES

Jacob Greenberg's very first job was as a page at the Shrewsbury Public Library. While he enjoyed it — much more so than bagging groceries or stocking shelves as many of his peers did for a paycheck — he didn't consider it a career. He went on to earn a degree in mass communications from Emerson College, but after working for film and television production companies in L.A., Boston and Sacramento for more than two decades, he felt burned-out. He says returning to the library felt natural for him.

"I'd say the same reason I really loved working in television is the reason I love working at libraries: I love to learn new things," he says. "I get to learn new things, not just in the books and movies we get here, but through the people we talk to."

In the fall of 2013, Greenberg enrolled in Library and Information Technology (LIBT) courses at SCC and quickly realized that he had discovered his second career. Today, he's the circulation supervisor at the Belle Cooledge Library in Sacramento.

"[The LIBT program is] very involved in the technical side of libraries, whether it's cataloging or new technologies," he says. "They want to set people up with real-world hard skills that they can take and immediately apply to working in a library."

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Sacramento City College graduate and current circulation supervisor at Belle Cooledge Library

Kathy Middleton, assistant director of public services for Sacramento Public Library, has hired many LIBT students from Sacramento City College.

"We get very excited when we see that a graduate of the program or someone who's currently enrolled in the program come in for an interview," Middleton says. "They come well-prepared and they not only have a love of libraries and books — which a lot of people have when they come to a public library seeking employment — but they understand the bigger picture."

The program boasts up to an 80 percent job placement rate for graduates. It gives students practical skills they need to be a library technician or assistant, including cataloging procedures, internet research and reference, library operation and management, and hands-on work experience through internships. The program recently gained the Library Support Staff certification from the American

Library Association, which certifies graduates' specific knowledge and skill set for potential employers.

"It's not a big program, but it really gives a lot of one-on-one [care] to the people who are in the program," says Greenberg. "[Students] know they can earn a paycheck, make a living and hopefully make a difference."

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT 101

It's a common misconception that library staff merely sort books and shush noisy patrons. In reality, a career in library science involves management and organizational skills, expertise in information technology and customer service.

At Sacramento City College, "the curriculum prepares students to succeed in a wide range of jobs in the Library and Information Services sector," says Pamela Posz, Library and Information Technology coordinator. Coursework includes:

- Constructing and implementing information retrieval systems
- Cataloging, classifying, maintaining and circulating library materials
- Ethical, legal and socio-political issues surrounding information and information technology
- Philosophical and legal foundations of libraries and the roles they play in the community
- Managing a small library or library department

For more information, visit www.scc.losrios.edu/scclibt or call 916-558-2186

Keeping up with

Industry Needs

Computer Information Science program enables students to get down to business



Shannon Tickner, left, previously tutored students like Stacey Puckett, right. Tickner credits her successful career to the educational foundation she received at Sacramento City College's Computer Information Science program.
PHOTO BY ANNE STOKES

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Shannon Tickner's computer science career got started when she was laid off. She worked in customer service and retail management for several years, but losing her job gave her the opportunity and the push she needed to go back to school.

Tickner graduated with an associate degree in Computer Science in 2016, but she reaped the rewards of her education even before she graduated. For the past four years, she's worked for Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP (MGO), a professional services firm, providing temporary staffing to government agencies and private companies throughout California. Hired while still a student, she's moved up in the ranks from intern to client services supervisor. She believes that the training and networking opportunities afforded to her at Sacramento City College prepared her for the job she loves.

"I do a little bit of everything. I'm like a Jill-of-all-trades," she says. "I do web design, I do some of our marketing. Everything I do is on a computer, so to some extent, every class I've taken, I think I've benefited from at my job. ... I don't think I could do my job, or be as successful, without the education I got here."

Tickner was drawn to SCC because of its affordable programs, class flexibility and numerous career choices. Once enrolled in classes, she says the support and experience —

one-on-one tutoring, programming projects and internships, for example — were a great way for her to learn.

"All of our programs are aimed at providing employers with exactly what they're saying they need," says Dr. Deborah L. Saks, dean of Business and Computer Information Science. "Employers would like to know students actually touched the machines and got them working as opposed to theoretically understanding how to do it. ... It's a big difference and I think employers really seek that out."

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Shannon Tickner
Client Services Supervisor, MGO

To keep curriculum current, representatives from the school's career education programs meet with advisory boards comprised of industry leaders several times a year to get feedback on industry trends. It was during a computer science advisory board presentation that Tickner connected with her current employer. Now, Tickner herself is in a position to extend the same type of professional opportunities.

"I try to bring over people from the college ... and help them establish a career," she says. "I had such great luck landing my position through the college, so I want that for someone else."

CAREERS IN **COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCE**

When choosing an area of study, it's important to pursue an industry you're passionate about. It's also important that the sector has a demand for employees.

Whether your aim is to jump right into the computer information science sector or you see this training as the next step toward your degree, Sacramento City College offers coursework that can help you get ahead.

Here's a look at the Computer Information Science program's offerings and potential careers:

Certificates

- Advanced CISCO Networking
- Business Information Worker
- Computer Science
- Front-End Web Developer
- Information Processing
- Information Processing Technician
- Information Systems Security

- Management Information Science
- Network Administration
- Network Design
- PC Support
- Programming
- Web Developer
- Web production specialist

Degrees

- Computer Science
- Information Processing
- Information Systems Security
- Management Information Science
- Network Administration
- Network Design
- Web Developer

Career opportunities

- Administrative analyst
- Customer support specialist
- Computer operator
- Office assistant
- Programmer
- Web developer
- Systems analyst

Learn more about the Computer Information Science program at www.scc.losrios.edu/cis/computer-science

We're Here to Help

Counselors help SCC students stay on track to get ahead

BY KATE GONZALES



Maristella Bacod is a counselor with the Counseling and Student Success department at Sacramento City College.
PHOTO BY ANNE STOKES

Whether you're attending Sacramento City College as a freshman right out of high school or as a returning student, you never have to do it alone. Students who meet with a counselor early in their academic careers can save time and money and develop a plan to achieve their goals. Maristella Bacod, Sacramento City College counselor, is one of many staff members on campus who can help you get started!

? What kinds of students do you meet at Sacramento City College?

Diversity is the heart of Sacramento City College. I meet students from a full spectrum of backgrounds — with different ethnicities, life experiences, age groups, global perspectives and cultures. I have a student who will turn 79 years old this year. She is a retired elementary school teacher but takes classes for personal development. There are other students who are recent high school graduates planning to transfer to a university and students who already have professional degrees but are seeking new careers.

? What are some of the goals students share with you?

There are students who plan to take only one class to learn a particular skill and there are students whose goals are to transfer to a university toward a bachelor's degree and beyond. Although a majority of students have academic goals to achieve — such as a certificate, degree, and transfer — many students share personal goals in which a college degree will help to improve their and their families' lives. Identifying a goal and staying committed to it is one of the most exciting decisions that students make! It gives them a direction and path to follow from start to finish.

? What kinds of career education programs does Sacramento City College offer?

We offer a wide range of career education programs — such as Aeronautics, Computer Information Science, and Allied Health programs — that provide immediate skills for employment. The certificate programs allow for short-term goals, but students are then motivated to pursue an associate degree and/or transfer. The great thing is that students can always come back to enhance their job skills.

"SCC's support services create a close-knit family type of experience for students, both in the transfer and career education programs."

Michael Poindexter
Vice President of Student Services



? What are the benefits of choosing a public community college for career education?

I was a student at Sacramento City College, so I completely support community colleges as the ideal choice for starting the college journey. SCC provides the opportunity for students to explore their interests and to take lower-division general education and major courses that are transferable to the university. Courses are flexible (day, evening, weekends, online) and eligible students can receive financial aid. Many professors have direct experiences in their fields and have insight on career opportunities. There are also many support services to assist students.

? How do you feel you personally make a positive impact in students' lives?

It goes both ways. I try to make a positive impact on the lives of students and they do the same for me. Meeting with a counselor isn't only about academics; students share stories of their families, struggles and achievements. There is no such thing as a small accomplishment, and acknowledging a student's hard work is always meaningful. I help students to see their potential, identify what motivates them and provide resources to help them make decisions that are significant to their personal and academic goals. My office is a place where students can be honest, comfortable and be themselves.

STEPS TO SUCCESS!

Want to kick your college career off right? Follow these steps to set yourself up for academic success:

1. Application

If you're a new or returning student to Los Rios colleges (which include SCC), complete an online application.

2. Online Orientation

Application complete! Once you receive your student ID number, you can complete the required online orientation. The orientation will help you decide how to choose classes and enroll, introduce you to support services and resources and set you up for success.

3. Assessment

Complete an assessment of your skills in mathematics, English and/or English as a Second Language, at least one week before your scheduled counseling workshop or appointment. This test will help ensure you are placed in classes you will benefit from at your skill level. Prepare for your assessment by reviewing the study guides at www.scc.losrios.edu/assessment/study-guides.

4. Education Plan

Work with a counselor to develop an Individualized Student Educational Plan (ISEP) before school starts. Plan to continue to meet with a counselor each semester to make sure your ISEP is current.

5. Registration

Get into the courses you need! Register for classes during your enrollment appointment, either online or in-person on campus.

Complete these steps to success by visiting www.scc.losrios.edu/counseling/steps-to-success

Opportunity Awaits!

Career education programs at Sacramento City College are designed to give students the skills they need to pursue a rewarding career.

Whether students plan to transfer to a university, launch a new career or update job skills, they leave SCC prepared with skills and experience employers seek. Students benefit from:

- Affordable hands-on training
- Faculty with experience in their field
- Internship opportunities with private companies and public agencies
- Curriculum that's current with industry trends and needs

Sacramento City College offers career education programs in a variety of industries — open the door to your new career today!



CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT SCC

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Field Ecology

Arts, Media & Entertainment

- 3D Animation and Modeling
- Digital Media
- Fashion Design & Merchandising
- Film
- Game Design
- Graphic Design
- Journalism & Mass Communication
- Music
- Photography
- Theatre Arts
- Web Design

Building & Construction

- Civil Engineering
- Energy Auditing
- Design Technology
- HVAC
- Surveying

Business & Finance

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Customer Service
- Marketing
- Office Administration
- Real Estate
- Retail Management
- Small Business & Entrepreneurship

Education, Childcare & Family Services

- Child Development
- Community Studies
- Early Childhood Education
- Family and Consumer Science
- Fitness/Kinesiology
- Instructional Assisting
- Library Technology
- Nutrition & Food Service

Health & Life Science

- Allied Health
- Cosmetology
- CPR
- Dental Assisting
- Dental Hygiene
- Gerontology

- LVN to RN Bridge
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Registered Nursing
- Licensed Vocational Nursing

Information Communication Technologies (ICT)

- Computer Applications
- Computer Networking
- Computer Programming
- Computer Science
- Computer Support Specialist
- Electrical/Computer Engineering
- Geographic Information Systems
- Information Processing
- Information Systems Security
- Management Information Science

- Microcomputer Technician
- Office Technology
- Web Development

Advanced Manufacturing

- Chemical Technology
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Electric Systems
- Welding

Public Safety & Services

- Administration of Justice

Transportation

- Aeronautics
- Air Traffic Controller
- Aircraft Dispatch
- Railroad Operations

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