SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE

Report to the Community

2016 – 2017

For the
2015–2016 Academic Year

MY CITY

MY JOURNEY

MY FUTURE
Being a part of a college that has provided more than 100 years of quality education to hundreds of thousands of students is an honor. City College staff and faculty are committed to providing opportunities for all our students to achieve their goals. With more than 200 majors and certificates, our offerings are as diverse as our nearly 17,000 students. Every day, we are City College proud.

Encompassing over 60 acres in the heart of one of the most vibrant cities in the world, San Diego City College stands as the largest postsecondary educator in downtown San Diego. Located in the urban core, the college is a leader in providing work force training. Also, our commitment to transfer has enabled many of our students to attend some of the most prestigious institutions in the country. A recent study reported that San Diego City College was among the highest paid community college graduates in the country.

Additionally, our alumnus, Barry Cordero, was named a 2016 Distinguished Alumni of the Year by the Community College League of California. This prestigious award honors community college alumni who achieve their educational and professional goals and serve their communities. Our alumni are City College proud.

With so much happening at City College, we invite you to come to campus to share in our excitement. Please join us on Thursday, April 20 for our Annual Community Open House Day. I look forward to seeing you on campus.
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Three Outstanding Scholars Awarded

JOSEPH HEIDE, a sociology major, and an Honors Core student and High Honors graduate (3.75 – 3.99) is pursuing his studies in sociology and feminist studies at UC Santa Barbara. He hopes to become a community college educator. A six-year Navy veteran, Joe began classes at SDCC in 2014 and was active in the Visionary Feminist Club, helped with weekly food distribution to the homeless and led weekly meditation sessions at the Metropolitan Correction Center. Joseph said, “Receiving this scholarship is just amazing. I went from not knowing how I was going to pay for my education to be totally covered. I can now go to the college of my choice.”

KATYA ECHAZARRETA, an electrical engineering major, transferred to UCLA with plans to obtain a Ph.D. in engineering physics and to work in the development of space craft technology with a position at either NASA or NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. On the dean’s list with a 4.0 GPA, Katya received numerous awards and scholarships including the UCLA Regents Scholarship. Only the top 1.5% of freshman applicants to UCLA are invited to apply for this prestigious Regents Scholarship. At SDCC since 2013, Katya served as vice-president of the Society of Women Engineers, a mentor with the Price Scholarship and the First Year Experience programs, and was an active member of the MESA (Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement) program. This summer, Katya conducted research at Rutgers University in the RiSE (Research in Science and Engineering) Program as part of NASA funded New Jersey Space Grant.

WENDY HUERTA, a psychology major, graduated with High Honors (3.75-3.99) as a first generation college student. Wendy plans to pursue her studies in psychology at UC Berkeley toward a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. She plans to conduct research on schizophrenia to further help those who suffer from this debilitating psychiatric illness. Wendy was a Psi Beta Tutor, active in Associated Students Government, and a community volunteer. Wendy said, “This JKC Scholarship means everything to me and provides me the opportunity to pay for my education.”

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarships

Three San Diego City College students, Katya Echazarreta, Joseph Heide, and Wendy Huerta have been awarded the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Each scholarship is worth up to $40,000 a year to complete a bachelor’s degree at a four-year college or university. Cooke Scholars additionally are eligible for graduate school funding up to $50,000 per year for up to four years.

From a very competitive national pool, 75 Scholars were selected from record number of nearly 2,400 applications. As one of only 11 community colleges in the nation with more than one JKC Scholar, San Diego City College Interim President Denise Whisenhunt said, “With multiple JKC scholars over the years, we are proud of our faculty and staff for providing students with the best education foundation possible.”

“San Diego City College has been the best decision I could have possibly ever made in my life. City College provided me the tools to discover my potential.” KATYA ECHAZARRETA

Joseph Heide | Katya Echazarreta | Wendy Huerta
Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Recipients
San Diego City College is home to the top community college student in the nation. Issanna Loughman is just one of 20 students from more than 1,900 nominations selected to the 2016 All-USA Community College Academic Team. She was also named a 2016 Coca-Cola New Century Scholar.

San Diego City College is one of 11 community colleges in the nation in 2016 that had multiple students selected for the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarships - we had three! Joseph Heide, Katya Echazarreta, and Wendy Huerta will each earn a scholarship up to $40,000 to complete their bachelor’s degree and up to $50,000 for graduate school funding.

Twenty-five members of the Class of 2016 are recipients of UC San Diego Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship. Through the Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship program, the university offers to provide $10,000 a year for four years at UC San Diego to each eligible student.

San Diego City College is the recipient of a $2.6 million, five-year grant through the U.S. Department of Education’s Title V Hispanic Serving Institutions Program. With Latino enrollment (more than one-third are first-generation college students) at City College growing from 28% in 2003 to 50% in 2016, this grant will help increase student success and retention rates over five years.

San Diego City College is one of 22 colleges nationwide to receive a 2015 Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention grant. The Mental Health Counseling Center is using the three-year, $272,000 grant to help prevent suicide and suicide attempts, reduce stigma surrounding mental illness, foster help-seeking behavior, and increase students’ access to treatment.

For Leadership in Manufacturing, the California State Board of Equalization honored the San Diego City College Machine Technology and Manufacturing Engineering Technology Programs at San Diego City College for “over 30 years of dedication and service to the Advanced Machining and Manufacturing Industry. Thank you for your invaluable work placing thousands of highly qualified technicians, CNC operators, and machinists into the San Diego County Workforce.”

More than 300 students and staff participated in the annual fall and spring Weeks of Service. The “City Cares” program donated nearly 900 hours to serving meals at St. Vincent de Paul, and beautifying our city’s most treasured landmarks, Balboa Park and San Diego Bay.

San Diego City College hosted its 6th annual Student Success Day on June 24, 2016. The Counseling, Admissions, Outreach, and academic departments, in collaboration with student support programs, welcomed nearly 1,000 first-time college students.

With inspirational keynotes and motivating workshops presented by respected Southern California educators, San Diego City College hosted nearly 200 young men of color at the first Hermanos Unidos Brothers United (HUBU) High School Conference, “Empowering Men of Color.”
Issanna, a psychology major, is on the dean’s list and has been inducted into two national honor societies: Psi Beta and Phi Theta Kappa. A dedicated community volunteer, she has created multiple outreach programs including the Hart Healing Art Project for therapeutic art activities, the Vida Joven Preschool Program to help orphaned preschoolers in Mexico, and a college psychology and alcohol and other drug studies tutoring program.

Issanna will pursue advanced studies at UCSD in developmental psychology and clinical psychology so she can offer therapy to children with mental illness and conduct research to support positive policy change concerning the treatment of children in residential psychiatric care.

Issanna overcame many challenges in her journey, including a degenerative disc disease that left her unable to walk for year and required spine surgery.

“Never thought I was smart enough to be an honors student or transfer to a four-year college, but by being at San Diego City College I have been able to do things I never thought possible. I am so grateful to have earned a place on the All-USA academic team and represent City College, because in my opinion there is no better place to go to school than here."

Issanna Loughman

2016 NATION’S TOP SCHOLAR

2016 New Century Scholar
All-California Academic First Team
All-USA Academic Team

Issanna Loughman

2016 Distinguished Alumnus – Barry Cordero

San Diego City College alumnus Barry Cordero was named a 2016 Distinguished Alumnus by the Community College League of California. Since 1964, the League has presented these prestigious awards to honor community college alumni whom have exceeded their educational and professional goals, while also serving their communities. Previous distinguished alumni have included former White House staff members, congressional leaders, superior court justices, CEOs, and community leaders.

Barry started at San Diego City in 2003. Joining City’s Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) Program and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) helped provide Barry the tools to be a successful student, transfer to UCSD for his Bioengineering degree and begin his incredible career.

His leadership training began with six years in the Navy on the USS Nimitz. Now for the past decade, Barry has worked in medical devices in a range of therapies, including spinal implants, cardiac devices, neurostimulators and more recently glucose monitors and insulin pumps. The vast majority of his career has been with Medtronic, where he now leads the continuous improvement strategy as Director of Operations Excellence for Medtronic Diabetes.

SHPE has remained a constant in Barry’s life also. He started as a SHPE Regional Student Representative and within a short time became the National President, leading the Society’s restructure and financial recovery to improve the organization’s overall financial stability.

Now as Interim CEO, Barry continues to change lives in the Hispanic community across the country.

Thinking back on his time at City College, Barry shared, “City College was the first experience I had with making a community impact and it changed my whole career and life afterward.”

Barry has been featured in US News World Report, ABC News Blog’s Second Tour, Hispanic Executive, La Voz Latina and the San Francisco Chronicle for his passion for diversity in STEM.
Student Success

With an unwavering commitment to student success, the Math, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA) is a model throughout the country for helping to ensure students who want to succeed, do succeed! MESA students transfer to top national colleges like UCSD and Berkeley and they earn prestigious research and internship posts at Scripps Institute and NASA. Like many of our City College programs, MESA Program helps students successfully complete their journey with personal attention, exceptional support, and the belief that all is possible.

Transfer Success

| Dominican Brown, Mechanical Engineering | Jessica Maciel, Biology |
| San Diego State University | UC San Diego |
| Alejandra Contreras, Biology | Mechanical Engineering |
| Kerry Conely, Biology | Arian Reyes, Computer Engineering |
| Alexia Reyes, Biology | Andreas Ruiz, Biology |
| Andrea Ruiz, Biology | Sergio Salazar, Biology |
| Sergio Salazar, Biology | Dang Tran, Electrical Engineering |
| Edgar Ramenier, Mechanical Engineering | From L-R: Alan Hurtado, Bioengineering, Biology Professor Michael Laloffe and Jennifer Grant, Earth Science |
| Alejandra Martinez, Mechanical Engineering | UC Riverside |
| Katya Echazarreta, Electrical Engineering | Doreese Ocampo, Actuarial Mathematics |
| Emerald Liu, Pre-Med | UC San Diego |
| Elijah Camarena, Math and Physics | Hiep Ha, Biochemistry |
| Hiep Hoang, Computer Science | Thao Hoang, Computer Science |
| Hilda Mejia, Biology | Hilda Mejia, Biology |
| Alan Patterton, Physics | Shiwei Sun, Biology |
| Shwei Sun, Biology | Ricardo Tenorio, Biology |

Research & Internships

UC San Diego
Julia Gonzales, Biology
Hilda Mejia, Biology
Francisco Parilla, Neuroscience
Sergio Salazar, Microbiology
Ricardo Tenorio, Human Biology
Carolina Salinas, Electrical Engineering
Alexis Reyes, Human Biology

Muhlenberg College
Cindy Mora, Chemical Engineering
Arian Reyes, Computer Engineering
Dalia Robledo, Physics
Nathalis Wykel, Electrical Engineering

San Diego State University
Jennifer Grant, Earth Science
Alan Hurtado, Biology
Andreas Ruiz, Biology

Rutgers University
Katya Echazarreta, Electrical Engineering

MESA: Math, Engineering, Science Achievement Extraordinaire!

STEM Research Program at Rutgers University

From 2012 to 2015, seven City College MESA Creators had the privilege of participating in a summer STEM research program at Rutgers University in New Jersey, before continuing their academic journeys at SDSU, UCSD, UCLA, Berkeley and Georgia Tech. Dr. Eugene Fiorini, the Associate Director for the Rutgers Center for Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science, greatly valued the quality of our MESA Program students. Dr. Fiorini is now at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA and the “legacy of the Fiorini scholars” continues in 2016! Four MESA Creators (Dalila Robledo, Nate Wyler, Arian Reyes & Cindy Mora) were accepted to conduct STEM research at Muhlenberg College, and one MESA Creator (Katya Echazarreta) continued at Rutgers. Beyond conducting research in STEM, students had the privilege of collaborating with peers from across the country. It was an outstanding learning experience for all. Our students represented City College proudly!
San Diego City College is a multicultural institution committed to providing open access to all who can benefit from instruction and to meeting the diverse and ever-changing educational, cultural, and economic needs of the urban core and surrounding communities of San Diego. We are committed to the tradition of academic freedom and responsibility, to employee empowerment, and to maintaining a climate that promotes learning, understanding and respect for students, faculty, staff, community, and the environment.
San Diego City College - The Numbers

Founded 1914

Student Headcount - 16,647
Fall 2015

Unreported 3%
Other 5%
White 23%
Latino* 50%
Asian/Pacific Islander 3%
Filipino 7%
American Indian 0%
African American 11%

First-generation college students 36%

Students Receiving Financial Aid 61%

Full-Time 25%
Part-Time 75%

Employees serving students 1,312

Per class unit cost, CA resident $46

Semester Headcount
Spring 2016

16,852

Gender

Male 53%
Female 47%

Operating Budget

Restricted 69%
Unrestricted 31%

Budget Source: San Diego City College 2016 Budget Apportionment

Revenue Fund Sources

Federal 35%
State 47%
Local 18%

Data: 2014 - 2015
Source: 2016 City College Fact Book

Data: 2015 - 2016
Source: 2016 - 2017 Facts on File

Source: Institutional Research and Planning

*SDCC is a Hispanic Serving institute

Under 18 2%
18-24 53%
25-29 19%
30-39 15%
40-49 6%
50 & Over 5%
Unreported 0%

Total Budget
$102,469,454

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African American
American Indian

AA/AS813
Certificates 563

41%
Year In Review

2015
- Welcome Week: 8/24
- 10th Annual International Book Fair: 10/13–17
- Week of Service: Bay Cleanup: 10/26–30
- Friends of Downtown Scholarship Lunch: 11/17

2016
- Festival of New Plays: 3/4–5
- Social Justice Conference: 3/23–24
- Community Open House & CE Day: 4/16
- Classified Employee Service Awards Luncheon: 5/9

- City Moves Dance Performance: 12/4–6*
- MLK Parade: 1/18
- Health & Wellness Expo: 4/11–16
- Veterans Voices Exhibition: 11/10–12/10
- Theatre Almost, Maine: 4/15–24*
- MLK Parade: 1/18
- Commencement: 5/20

*Photo Courtesy of Manuel Rotenberg
Men’s Basketball - Fifth Conference Championship

Under Head Coach Mitch Charlens, the San Diego City College men’s basketball team won its fifth conference championship in 2016. The Knights, who went 22–8 overall, completed the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference South season with an undefeated 8–0 record. It was the second time in the last three seasons that the Knights have finished conference play without a loss. The PCAC rewarded the team with Coach of the Year honors for Charlens, Player of the Year honors for Taylor Nelson, and six All-PCAC selections. Two of those selections, Nelson and Leonard Allen, were also named to the All-State team. Charlens has led the Knights to conference titles in 2004–05, 2008–09, 2011–12, 2013–14, and 2015–16.

Coach of the Year
Mitch Charlens — Pacific Coast Athletic Conference, Men’s Basketball

Player of the Year
Taylor Nelson — Pacific Coast Athletic Conference, South Men’s Basketball

Player of the Year
Francisco Contreras — Pacific Coast Athletic Conference, Men’s Soccer

Conference Recognitions

- 7 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Players of the Week
- 21 All-Pacific Coast Conference First Team Selections
- 15 All-Pacific Coast Conference Honorable Mention

Athletic Department Awards

James Swinson Scholar Athletes
Stephen Buhl, Men’s Volleyball | Hannah Robles, Women’s Volleyball

Ed Ruffa Outstanding Sophomore Athlete
Alex Galatis, Softball | Jordan Walley, Men’s Volleyball

Harry West Scholarship Winners
Emerald Liu, Women’s Badminton | Spencer Mattox, Men’s Basketball

State Awards

All-State Selections
Thao Le, Women’s Badminton Singles
Margaret Do/Anna Lang, Women’s Badminton Doubles
Taylor Nelson, Men’s Basketball | Leonard Allen, Men’s Basketball, Francisco Contreras, Men’s Soccer

More Recognition

2016 Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team
(Junior College Men’s Tennis) — San Diego City College Men’s Tennis

2016 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar Athletes
(Junior College Men’s Tennis) — Patrick Meier, Daniel Villa-Rosas, Christian Baiza & Logan Rinder

2016 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar Athlete
(Junior College Women’s Tennis) — Karen Lopo-Zepeda
Awards 1,700+ Degrees & Certificates
San Diego City College held its 2016 Commencement at the historic Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park on Friday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m. Of the nearly 1,700 associate degrees and certificates awarded, the most popular disciplines included the liberal arts and sciences, behavioral sciences, biology, psychology, nursing education and business administration.

More than one-third of the 1,400 graduates graduated with Honors (3.50-3.74 GPA), High Honors (3.75-3.99) or Highest Honors (4.0 GPA).

Student Speaker
Laura Benavidez, the City College Associated Students Government president, served as student commencement speaker. A first-generation college student, Laura, 30, graduated with an associate of arts degree in Chicano Studies, sociology, and communication studies with plans to continue her studies in the fields of education or political science. In March, Laura was honored for her exemplary leadership by Assembly Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins at the 78th Assembly District Women of the Year luncheon.

2016 Commencement

Youngest Grad
• The most junior graduate is Talia Wiles, age 18. Talia received her associate of science degree and a certificate of achievement with high honors in cosmetology. She plans to transfer to SDSU to obtain her master’s in business administration.

Most Senior Grad
• The most senior graduate is Virginia Hankammer, age 69. Virginia received her associate degree for transfer in psychology and plans to pursue advanced studies at SDSU. Virginia shared, “Coming to City College was the best decision I made in my life as City students always have the emotional and academic support they need to achieve their goals.”

Military Friendly Designations
• 2016 graduates included 125 active duty or veteran military personnel. San Diego City College has earned all three Military Friendly designations, the Military Friendly® Employer, Military Spouse Friendly Employer®, and Military Friendly School® designation by Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs® and Military Spouse.

Faculty of the Year — Golden Apple Award
Linda Ocen-Odoge, professor of nursing was selected by students to receive the Golden Apple Award for Faculty of the Year. In thanking her students, Linda shared, “I learn something new every day from my students! I truly love my job and I am grateful that I get paid, because I would probably teach for free.” Linda earned a bachelor’s of science in nursing from Chicago State University in Chicago, Illinois, a master’s of science in maternal-child health nursing from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, and a family nurse practitioner certificate from the University of California San Diego. Since 1989, Linda has been full-time faculty member at City College, teaching didactic/clinical instruction to RN students in Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Medical-Surgical nursing. She also supervised students in the clinical setting at Naval Medical Center SD, Sharp Memorial, Kaiser, Scripps Green and Scripps Mercy Hospital.
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San Diego City College proudly joined the “free community college” movement and welcomed 58 San Diego Promise students for the fall 2016 semester. This San Diego Community College District pilot program will cover the costs of enrollment fees and provide book grants for 200 incoming freshmen at City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges during the 2016-17 academic year. For 2017-18, the number of students in the San Diego Promise Program is expected to quadruple.