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CITY COLLEGE

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-23

San Diego City College

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San Diego City College is located in vibrant, downtown San Diego. Our students come from all walks of life to create their personal pathways to a successful future in one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Our faculty members are experts in their fields, and they choose to teach at City because they believe in our students and our college. We invite you to learn more about City College. Come explore our campus and see all the programs and services we offer, the exciting events that take place, and the magic that happens every day.

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Kumeyaay mural in the AH parking garage

Land Acknowledgment to the Kumeyaay Nation

San Diego City College acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value Indigenous knowledge and cultural worldview. We commit to providing transformative educational experiences for all campus members and guests as we examine practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous, Black, Brown, and other marginalized communities. We pledge to sustain a meaningful and respectful relationship with the Kumeyaay and other Indigenous communities as we honor this beautiful land together.

Message from the President

On behalf of San Diego City College it is my honor and privilege to present the college's 2022-23 Annual Report, which highlights many of our accomplishments and achievements throughout the year.

City College has provided more than 109 years of quality education to hundreds of thousands of students. Our world-class faculty and classified professionals 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 the nearly 15,000 students we serve.

Encompassing over 60 acres in the heart of one of the most vibrant cities in the world, San Diego City College stands as one of the largest postsecondary educators in the region. Located in the urban neighborhood of East Village, the college is a leader in providing workforce training. Our commitment to transfer has enabled many of our students to attend some of the most prestigious institutions in the country.

In the last decade, the San Diego Community College District's $1.555 billion construction bond program has changed our district and the face of City College. Since 2010, the transformation of the college has included the addition of several new classroom buildings, including Math and Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Business Technology, Science, and a Career Technology Center. Our Child Development Center is the final instructional facility that was built as part of the bond program.

City College is here for you. I pledge to you that our unwavering support and commitment to our students, employees, and community will be here for years to come.

City Proud,

Ricky Shabazz, Ed.D.
President, San Diego City College

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Dual Enrollment Student Looks Forward to Achieving 4-Year Cybersecurity Degree

Antonio Velasco, a first-generation Mexican American student at San Diego City College is on his way to a successful career in cybersecurity.

Although fall 2023 marks Velasco's first semester on the City College campus, he earned a head start on college credits as a dual enrollment student from San Diego High School.

"Taking college classes while in high school was fine. I took classes during the summer break to get ahead and stay busy," said Velasco, 18, who became a dual enrollment student as a high school freshman thanks to Upward Bound.

Velasco graduated from San Diego High School this summer. "My family is very happy about it," he said about achieving his diploma and a degree simultaneously.

At City College, Velasco has his eye on joining the new four-year Cyber Defense and Analysis program. In January 2023, City College secured approval to offer the first bachelor's degree in the college's 109-year history.

"I took an interest in cybersecurity during my sophomore year of high school when I took a coding class," Velasco said. "I really enjoyed it, it was like a puzzle, putting pieces together and getting to be creative."

This semester at City College, Velasco is enrolled in English 101, History of Graphic Design, and next month, he will begin Intro to Python, an introduction to python language, computational thinking, and algorithms.

Velasco's long-term goal is to work as a cybersecurity analyst. "There is a lot of opportunity to grow in this field and every job needs IT support."

He advises other high school students who want to try dual enrollment, "the experience can be difficult at first, but if you get help and have time management skills, you will do well."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

City College Alumna Advances Equity Programs

Bianca Elisa Arellano, student services technician for Equity Programs at San Diego City College, is supporting students with stories just like hers to fulfill their academic and professional goals.

"This feels full circle to be in the exact position that helped me as a student," said Arellano, who went to City College from 2011 to 2015 and was a member of the Puente program. "Puente taught me about self-advocacy, my identity, and culture. You thrive in the environment that empowers you. I never imagined in high school that I would be in a Ph.D. program, and it is all because of City College."

With ancestral roots from Mexico, Arellano wants to leave a legacy for the generations before her and ahead of her. She is the first doctoral candidate in her family and dreams of one day becoming a community college president.

Now she oversees equity programs inside the college's Student Success Center including Hermanos Unidos Brothers United (HUBU), a program aimed at supporting men of color in higher education through unity; and the Puente Project and Umoja learning communities, which are taught through Latinx, Chicanx, African American, and Black perspectives to prepare underrepresented students for transfer to universities.

"Navigating college can be dark but being a part of programs like these can illuminate and light the pathway forward," Arellano said. "I did not get to where I am by myself, it takes a community." Equity programs at City College offer counseling, mentorship, tutoring, and scholarship opportunities.

As fall classes begin, students can look forward to connecting with their peers again on campus at the Student Success Center, an intentional space designed for studying, community, and networking. Arellano has plans to revamp the college's social media outreach efforts to recruit more students and to bring in an opportunity for a mural design inside the hub that represents City College.

Arellano holds an associate degree in peace studies and conflict resolution from City College, a bachelor's degree in peace studies and conflict resolution from the University of California Berkeley, a master's degree in leadership studies from the University of San Diego (USD), and is enrolled in

Bianca receiving the "President's Shooting Star Award" at the annual New Hire Luncheon.

a doctoral program in education for social justice at USD. Arellano serves as a board member on the City College Foundation and as a Latina Success Leadership Program Fellow for MANA de San Diego.

Student Enrollment

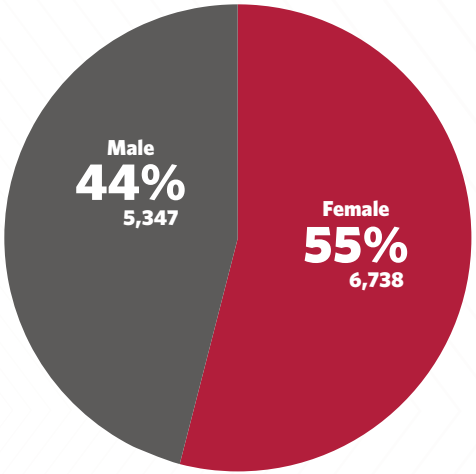
Figures pulled from Facts on File 2022-23

Race/Ethnicity

- African American — 1,175
- American Indian or Alaskan Native — 24
- Asian — 893
- Filipino — 584
- Hispanic/Latina/o/e/x — 5,890
- Multiple Ethnicities — 785
- Pacific Islander — 46
- White — 2,742
- Unreported - 150
- TOTAL — 12,289

Gender

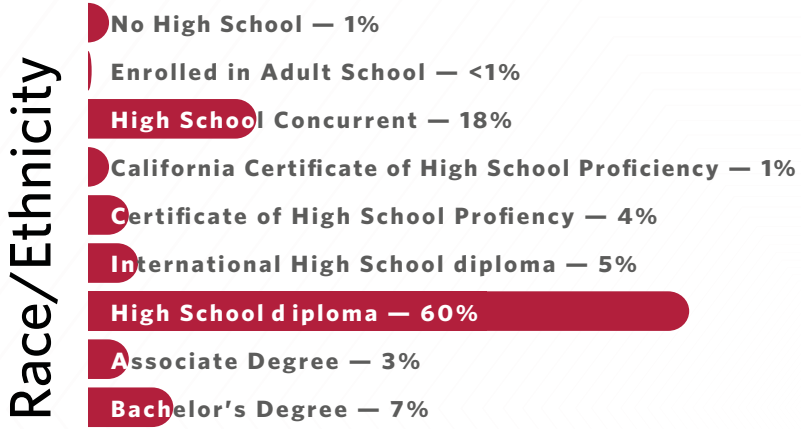
*NOTE
Non-Binary, Unknown, Unreported = 1%



Age Group

- Under 18 — 1,534
- 18-24 — 6,034
- 25-29 — 1,793
- 30-39 — 1,783
- 40-49 — 667
- 50 & Over — 478
- TOTAL — 12,289

Student Enrollment



Degrees and Certificates Awarded

AA/AS Degree	**878**
Associate Degree for Transfer	*(328)*
Certificate of Achievement	**378**
Total Degrees and Certificates	**1,256**

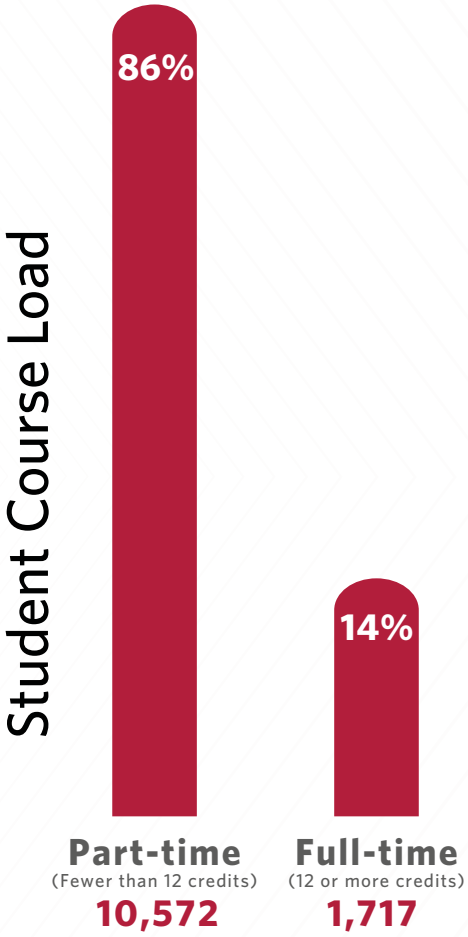
Student Enrollment

Top Five Majors Selected by Students

Fall 2022

Business	1,208
Transfer Studies	1,124
Biology	955
Psychology	743
Computer Info Science	615

Student Course Load



Fiscal Resources

Grant Management

San Diego City College	$17,908,350

Student Financial Aid Grants/Loans

CCPG (Formerly BOG)	$5,058,803.60
All other federal and state aid	$22,850,429.13
HEERF Funds	$5,906,000.00
All	$33,815,232.73

San Diego City College

2022-2023 Fiscal Year

General Fund Unrestricted	$48,894,697
General Fund Restricted	$39,826,538
Debt Service Fund	—
Child Development	$981,479
Special Revenue	$331,973
Capital Projects	$492,089
Other Trust and Agency	$40,680
Student Representation Trust	$182,406
Scholarship & Loan Trust	$25,908
Retiree Health Benefit Trust	—
Associated Students	$180,833
Student Financial Aid	$21,018,849
Internal Services	—
Proposition "S"	—
Proposition "N"	—
Bookstore	—
Food Services	—
KSDS	$1,063,793
TOTAL	$113,039,245

SDCC student grabbing something to eat at the Knights' Table Food Pantry

BASIC NEEDS

Welcome Home City

The 41-year-old homeless and formerly incarcerated student had just come down with COVID-19 and was looking for help when she learned about the Welcome Home City program aiding housing insecure students at San Diego City College. It changed her life.

"Almost as soon as I filled out an online form, I got a call right back," said the student, Lina Becerra. "They called me every week after that, too, to see how I was doing, making sure I was doing okay. They set me up with a Zoom meeting, put me in touch with resources to help me out, helped me find a job, helped me find a place to stay, helped me with my first and last month's rent. They got me back on my feet. Now I have a place to stay, I'm still in school, I'm working toward my associate degree, and they still keep in touch with me."

Becerra is hardly alone. The Welcome Home City initiative launched in 2021 has not only helped hundreds of homeless and housing insecure students find permanent housing, but also connected them with academic counseling and social services, not to

mention workshops on financial literacy and how to navigate leasing an apartment.

Welcome Home City is funded through the California Community Colleges' College Homeless and Housing Insecure Pilot Program, an initiative aimed at bolstering rapid rehousing services at community colleges throughout the state. Fourteen colleges were awarded annual grants of up to $700,000 each. San Diego City College is receiving $600,000 annually for three years.

WELCOME HOME CITY
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City College was planning to launch its program in 2020, but the coronavirus pandemic got in the way, resulting in Welcome Home City not getting off the ground until January of 2021. Now into its third year of the three-year grant, City is hoping the California Community Colleges' Chancellor's Office will extend the program for an additional year to make up for the lost time.

The Welcome Home City team comprises a part-time grant coordinator, two part-time housing case managers, two part-time project assistants, one part-time academic counselor, and one full-time housing navigator. Students in dire straits can reach out to the Welcome Home City team through a City College web form, though many are referred by faculty or professional staff.

"We don't turn anyone away as long as they are enrolled at City," said case manager David Howard, who for much of the past decade has worked with individuals experiencing homelessness, including homeless military at Veterans Village of San Diego.

Project assistants are the first point of contact for students turning to Welcome Home City, which partners with PATH San Diego. Challenges can often be resolved with a referral to resources both on and off campus. More complex situations are sent to case managers and the housing navigator, who walk students through the process of getting stable housing, provide short-term financial assistance to help pay the rent if needed, assist in helping the unemployed find work, and help them understand the nuances of lease agreements. Case managers also focus on doing everything they can to make sure student are getting the academic services such as tutoring and the academic counseling necessary to succeed in school during a time of unimaginable stress.

More than 400 students have reached out since Welcome Home City was launched. Most concerns were resolved quickly through small cash allowances to pay the rent or, at minimum, linking students with needed resources. Approximately 90 complex cases have been resolved after they were referred to meetings with a case manager. In the first year of the program alone, 31 students went from being housing insecure to stably housed. As of May of 2022, one dozen students who were living on the street now have a home.

Said Welcome Home City grant manager Emily Saldine: "We're seeing our students graduate. We're seeing them get secure housing. We're seeing them find jobs. We're seeing students who were homeless now living in their own place. We're seeing a program that is having an impact."

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

$2M Grant to Support Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Students

San Diego City College has been awarded a $2 million Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

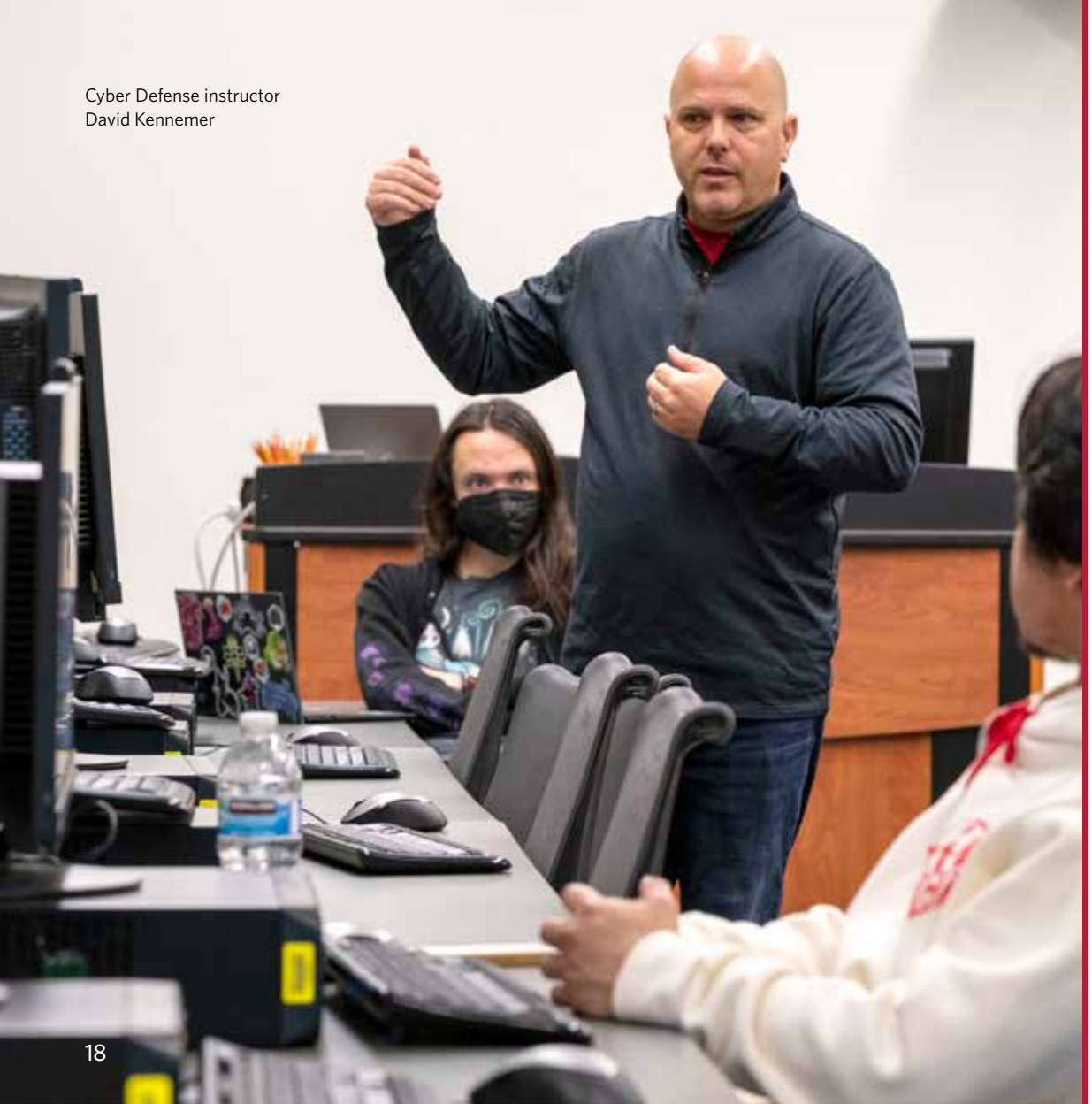
The grant, which will provide $400,000 a year over the next five years, will fund the Including City Achievement Network or ICAN program and enable the college to improve and expand its capacity to serve Asian American, Native American Pacific Islander students, and low-income individuals.

"Becoming an AANAPISI makes City College a minority-serving institution, a Hispanic-serving institution, and now an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution," said Kirin Macapugay, associate professor of Social Work. "This will give us the opportunity to strengthen our commitment to educate and empower our long under-resourced communities, the communities our own faculty and staff come from and care for."

San Diego City College serves more than 20,000 students annually with 13% of students identifying as Asian American or Native American Pacific Islander.

"We are so excited to be the recipient of the Title III, Part A, AANAPISI grant," said Masahiro Omae, Ph.D., dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences, and Consumer and Family Studies. "We are certain that this grant will further strengthen our commitment to providing additional learning opportunities for our Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students."

Student Sammitta Em saying a few words at the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Graduation Celebration



Cyber Defense instructor
David Kennemer

STUDENT ACCESS

Bachelor's Degree in Cyber Defense and Analysis

San Diego City College has secured approval to offer the first bachelor's degree in the college's 109-year history. Students at the downtown San Diego campus will soon be able to earn a four-year degree in the burgeoning field of cyber security.

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors gave its approval for the City College Cyber Defense and Analysis Baccalaureate Program at its January 23 meeting in Sacramento. City College thus will become the second campus in the San Diego Community College District to offer a baccalaureate program; San Diego Mesa College was among the first community colleges in California to offer a baccalaureate program after the Board of Governors greenlighted Mesa's bachelor's degree in Health Information Management in 2015. Miramar

College, meanwhile, has submitted a proposal for a bachelor's degree program in Public Safety Management.

"The bachelor's degree program in Cyber Defense and Analysis will provide a pipeline that not only leads to an above-livable wage career in an industry that is clearly in demand, but will also help diversify the cyber security workforce by allowing more women, military veterans, and people of color to find good jobs," said City College President Ricky Shabazz. "Social justice and educational equity are at the core of our mission at San Diego City College, and the bachelor's degree program in Cyber Defense and Analysis aligns perfectly with that mission."

The Cyber Defense and Analysis Baccalaureate Program will launch as early as fall of 2024. City College's next steps will include hammering out program details, purchasing program resources, preparing campus facilities, finalizing cohort information, and hosting information sessions, before accepting applications next fall through next winter. City College currently offers an associate degree in cyber security.

California's 116 community colleges received legislative approval to begin offering bachelor's degrees via Senate Bill 850, which was authored by then-state senator and former San Diego Community College governing board member Marty Block and signed into law by then-Gov. Jerry Brown in the fall of 2014. The legislation, which was developed in consultation with representatives from the California State University and University of California systems, permitted baccalaureate pilot programs meeting workforce needs at no more than 15 campuses as long as they did not duplicate existing options at the state's public universities.

In 2021, the Legislature extended and made permanent the pilot program through Senate Bill 927, a law authorizing up to 30 baccalaureate programs at California community colleges annually. According to a recent study by the UC Davis Wheelhouse Center for Community College Leadership and Research, 56% of students graduating from a California Community Colleges baccalaureate program said they would not have pursued a bachelor's degree had it not been offered at their community college. The study also found two-thirds of students in community college bachelor's degree program students are students of color.

Employment of computer security analysts is projected to grow 35% from 2021 to 2031, with demand fueled by the need for innovative solutions in combating an increasing number of cyberattacks, according to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. More than 1,400 information security analysts are now working in the region, but employers are projected to hire 2,849 additional analysts annually to fill new jobs and backfill current positions due to attrition caused by turnover and retirements. Outside of the San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego boasts the largest concentration of IT specialists in California, and up to 90% of local cyber companies reported being challenged in finding qualified workers, according to a June 2021 report from the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation.

The average pay for cyber security analysts in San Diego County reached $111,590 annually as recently as May of 2021, with related jobs offering similar pay, according to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

French Professor Shares Passion for Teaching

For Philippe Patto, to embrace the world around us is to immerse in another culture. Patto is a French professor at San Diego City College and serves as the department chair for languages.

"Language is important for anyone. Learning a foreign language is needed today more than ever," said Patto, who was born in Paris, France.

Patto began teaching his classmates at age 11 in France and found a new love for teaching through technology since the COVID-19 campus closure in March 2020. "Teaching is learning twice. Like many professors, I was nervous to teach online, and then I learned that we could do so much through mobile and web applications," Patto said. "I am building a community where City College students can talk to other students in French-speaking countries and in French schools here in the United States."

He added, "there is a critical need to offer fully online language classes. Students do well with alternative modes of instruction. During the pandemic, 90% of students earned an A grade given the same materials as previous to on-campus students."

As part of his lessons, Patto teaches about diverse cultures in countries and territories where French is the official language such as in Africa and Canada. "The textbook primarily focuses on France, and it is essential that we bring other countries to the table to not only speak the language but understand the history, cultural aspect, and identities of all people."

With classes returning to campus, Patto looks forward to bringing back the French Club to City College. The environment gives students the opportunity to practice French outside of the classroom through school events, meet-up groups, and field trips to places like Bread & Cie, a bakery offering artisanal French breads and pastries. "Students love the field trips. They start to get to know each other. By the time we come back to class, they are not shy anymore and feel more comfortable speaking French."

Patto holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business from the Institut Universitaire de Technologie Le Havre, a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, and a Master of Business Administration from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, and a Master of Arts in French and Applied Linguistics and English as a Second Language from San Diego State University.

The college held its annual Foundation Board Scholarship event on May 10 at our A Building patio where we gave over $300,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

City College Foundation

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The San Diego City Foundation is a 501 (C)3 non-profit organization formed in 1972 by San Diego City College (SDCC) and the professionals from the San Diego community to advocate for SDCC students. We are passionate about helping students gain access to resources, financial support, and form connections within the community. We accept and distribute donations among scholarships and investments on behalf of SDCC. The Foundation complies with all donor conditions and reports all funds to the community.

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