



# Points of Pride

SOCCCD is proud to be a leader in the areas of higher education and workforce development in California. Through a commitment to excellence – our employees work to provide an exemplary experience for students to achieve their career and academic goals.

Both colleges are highly-rated transfer institutions.

## Transfer Success

### Saddleback College



Photos: Saddleback College

First-generation student **Lauren Maynard** recently transferred from Saddleback College to Princeton University to pursue a degree in sociology. Persevering through adversity, she earned an Adult High School Diploma and chose to attend Saddleback College, where she achieved academic

distinction as a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. She hopes to inspire others to overcome challenges through the power of education. **“What once seemed inaccessible suddenly seemed possible.”**

### Irvine Valley College



Photos: IVC

Recent Irvine Valley College graduate **DeAngelo Hunter** is transferring to Columbia University to study political science. While at IVC, he lobbied congress for veterans benefits and for tuition-free college. The U.S. Army veteran also served as president of the Associated

Students of IVC and was a founding member of the Black Student Union. He hopes to become a lawyer and eventually a judge. **“I don’t want an education for the degree, I want it so I can help people.”**

## Workforce Opportunities

Both colleges offer pathways to high-demand careers!



For more than 30 years, Saddleback College’s paramedic program has been preparing students to enter the workforce as a paramedic. The program gives students real-world skills in internships, labs, and clinical practices. The district is proud of our students who go on to give critical medical services to their communities. Saddleback also has a highly-respected and accredited nursing program that prepares students to take the state RN exam, transfer to an upper degree nursing program, or get a job upon graduation.



Irvine Valley College’s Administration of Justice program prepares students with the knowledge and experience they need to either transfer to a four-year institution, start a career in law enforcement, or take the examinations given by agencies. The program prepares students to pursue careers in law enforcement, corrections, administration, probation and parole, private security, and law. A full-time student may complete the program in four semesters. IVC provides custom course plans that lead to transfers to the UC and CSU systems.



## Student Support

Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College have an array of programs and services to meet various student needs and to ensure that students reach their educational goals.

### • **DACA Students**

Information and resources to support students with undocumented status.

### • **Disabled Students**

Support and academic adjustments for students with disabilities.

### • **English Language Center**

Tutoring, training, and resources for ESL students.

### • **Equal Opportunity Support**

Support services for historically underrepresented and low-socioeconomic students, including, priority registration, counseling, and textbook assistance.

### • **Financial Aid Office**

Assistance with processing financial aid applications, awarding grants, loans, and tuition waivers.

### • **Food Resource Center**

Free, confidential service that provides students with food for a healthy diet.

### • **Foster Care Students**

Priority registration, academic counseling, and textbook assistance for current and former foster care students.

### • **Health Center**

Medical services for students by licensed healthcare providers.

### • **International Student Center**

Support services for foreign students with admission, immigration advising, academic counseling, and more.

### • **Laptop Loans**

Students are able to borrow a laptop, then meet educational criteria to keep it as their own.

### • **LGBTQIA+ Students**

Counselor-led support, community building, and resources.

### • **Mental Health Services**

Individual and group therapy sessions provided by professional and caring mental health professionals.

### • **OC Bus Pass for Free**

All enrolled students are eligible to ride the OC Bus for free.

### • **Promise Students**

Two years of free tuition, textbooks, and counseling services for eligible first-time, full-time students.

### • **Puente Program**

An academic, counseling, and mentoring program aimed to help eligible underserved students.

### • **Re-Entry Center**

Counseling appointments, workshops, and resources to help students 25 years and older transition back to college.

### • **Student Basic Needs**

Support to overcome non-academic obstacles like hunger, child care, financial assistance, housing needs, etc.

### • **Veterans Services Center**

A welcoming one-stop place for veterans to get help with their VA educational benefits, medical benefits, and mental health needs.



### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**MYTH:** The quality of instruction is not as good as what you find at a university.



**REALITY:** Community colleges are full of highly-qualified professors, many of whom have doctorate degrees. Often, they also teach at universities. Many classes that are offered at the colleges are nearly identical to their university counterparts and fulfill university degree requirements.