

Community College Insider



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DISTRICT'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES IN 2023



State Priorities

Workforce Development Pipeline

Partnerships with local industry and workforce development leaders are vital for opportunities for students who are working to earn degrees or certificates. SOCCCD has prioritized advocacy for our students to access apprenticeships, internships, and other prospects to assist in achieving their career goals. This can be accomplished through California's incentives for localities to form partnerships with community colleges. This advocacy work helps to open opportunities for students.

Dual Enrollment / Career Pathway Opportunities

Dual enrollment has increased significantly over the past decade and the California College and Career Access Pathway (CCAP) program is a sound investment for high school students who want to expedite their pathway to colleges or careers. However, several aspects of dual enrollment needs to be addressed, including transportation, access to course materials, and course scheduling conflicts for high school students. SOCCCD has prioritized advocacy for legislation that supports streamlining CCAPs to expand opportunities for students.

Strengthen Student Support through Financial Aid and Student Housing

While the Cal Grant reform to create the Cal Grant / 2 Award was beneficial to providing community college students with needed aid, it does not take into consideration the high cost of living for areas like Orange County. Student housing projects, similarly, are more expensive to complete due to the cost of developing real estate in Orange County. SOCCCD has prioritized advocacy for both the Cal Grant and Cal Grant / 2 programs to be increased commensurate to the needs of students who live in areas with a high cost of attendance.



Federal Priorities

Support Workforce for 21st Century

Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College strive to be on the forefront of workforce and career training, preparing our students for in-demand jobs. SOCCCD has prioritized advocacy for federal policies and programs that provide our colleges with the resources and flexibility needed to create and re-imagine programs to fit the needs of employers.

Veterans

SOCCCD supports our student veterans. We have prioritized advocacy for federal policies and programs that provide dedicated resources to student veterans, remove barriers to success, and help sustain services at our colleges.

Basic Needs

Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College students are increasingly confronting challenges in housing, nutrition, transportation, and mental health that impacts their ability to complete their educational goals. We have prioritized advocacy for policies and programs that help students overcome these non-academic barriers and support the student as they work toward their goal.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

DACA students are valued members of our college communities and we welcome them in their educational pursuits. SOCCCD has prioritized advocacy of federal policies and programs that continue to allow these students to pursue their educational goals without fear of deportation.

Capital Support for Students

SOCCCD has prioritized advocacy for innovative ways to expand course offerings and services on-campus that support a welcoming and conducive learning environment. Such expansions can be accomplished through support of infrastructure, campus amenities, or support for specific program needs.



Trustee Elections

In November 2022, three trustees were re-elected and one was newly elected to the SOCCCD board. At the December 2022 meeting, all four trustees were sworn into office.

Board of Trustees 2023 Meeting Dates

- January 23
- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26
- July 24
- August 28
- September 18
- October 23
- November 20
- December 11

*For questions,
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Meeting Highlights

Quick synopsis of the meeting, posted the following day.



Agenda / Minutes

Links for upcoming meeting agenda and for minutes.



Re-Elected Trustees



**Trustee
Marcia Milchiker**
First elected in 1985.



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Terri Rydell**
First elected in 2015.



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First elected in 2010.

Newly-Elected Trustee



Trustee Dack being
sworn in on Dec. 12, 2022

Trustee Ryan Dack works in Laguna Beach as a middle school history teacher. He earned degrees from San Francisco State University and from the University of California, Irvine. Ryan's priorities as trustee are efficiency, safety, and a strong commitment to keeping community college affordable.

“As an educator and supporter of public education, I am honored by the trust of the voters of Area 6 to represent them on the South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees. I am excited to get started and eager to work alongside my new colleagues.”

– Trustee Ryan Dack



SOCCCD COLLEGES: BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

The district continues an ambitious construction schedule, bringing significant improvements to all the campuses. The improvements help students feel welcomed and enhance the learning experience.



Saddleback College

Saddleback College has been serving students for 55 years and boasts more than 500,000 alumni. With its rich tradition, Saddleback College offers a rewarding educational environment, with hundreds of associate degrees and certificates available for students. It is a leading community college in transfer rates to the University of California system.



Saddleback College's Advanced Technology and Applied Science (ATAS) building opened in August 2022. Its 52,100 square feet are dedicated to career technical areas, such as manufacturing, architecture, electronics, and graphic communications.

Irvine Valley College

Irvine Valley College offers a small-college environment, modern facilities, with a friendly and dedicated staff. IVC became an independent college in 1985, and has evolved into a flourishing campus, with extremely successful students. IVC has the highest rate of students transferring to four-year schools out of all 116 community colleges in the state.



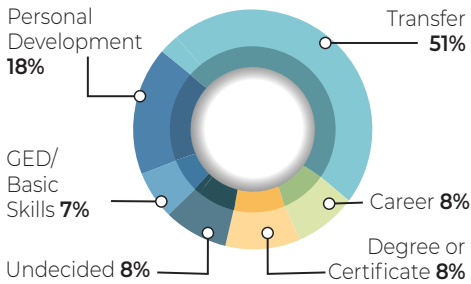
IVC's new Arts Village, opening in spring 2024, will house the fine arts, music, dance, arts history, labs, practice rooms, and a gallery. It will consist of three new buildings totaling 62,471 square feet and a central garden quad area.



DISTRICT PROFILE

Here is a glance at the district's make up, from the kinds of employees who work here, to the goals of our students, to a profile of our campuses.

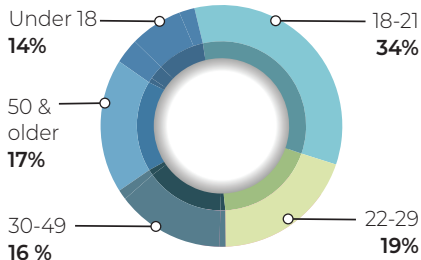
Educational Goals



400+

Degrees and certificates offered in the District

Student Age

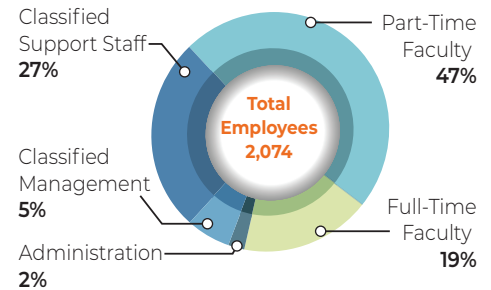


Data is district-wide, 2022-2023

46,021

Student annual headcount, District-wide 2022-2023

Employee Category



Total Employees 2,074

\$1.07

BILLION

Total district budget, 2022-2023



Saddleback College, Mission Viejo

Students, 2022-2023: **29,327**

Year Founded: **1968**

Campus size: **200 acres**



Irvine Valley College, Irvine

Students, 2022-23: **16,694**

Year Founded: **1985**

Campus size: **100 acres**



ATEP, Tustin

The Advanced Technology & Education Park is a new 61.4-acre campus with one completed building and two buildings starting construction in 2023.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP



Julianna Barnes
Chancellor



Ann-Marie Gabel
Vice Chancellor
Business Services



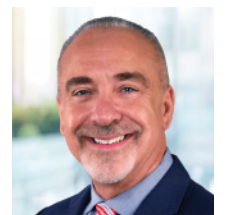
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Saddleback
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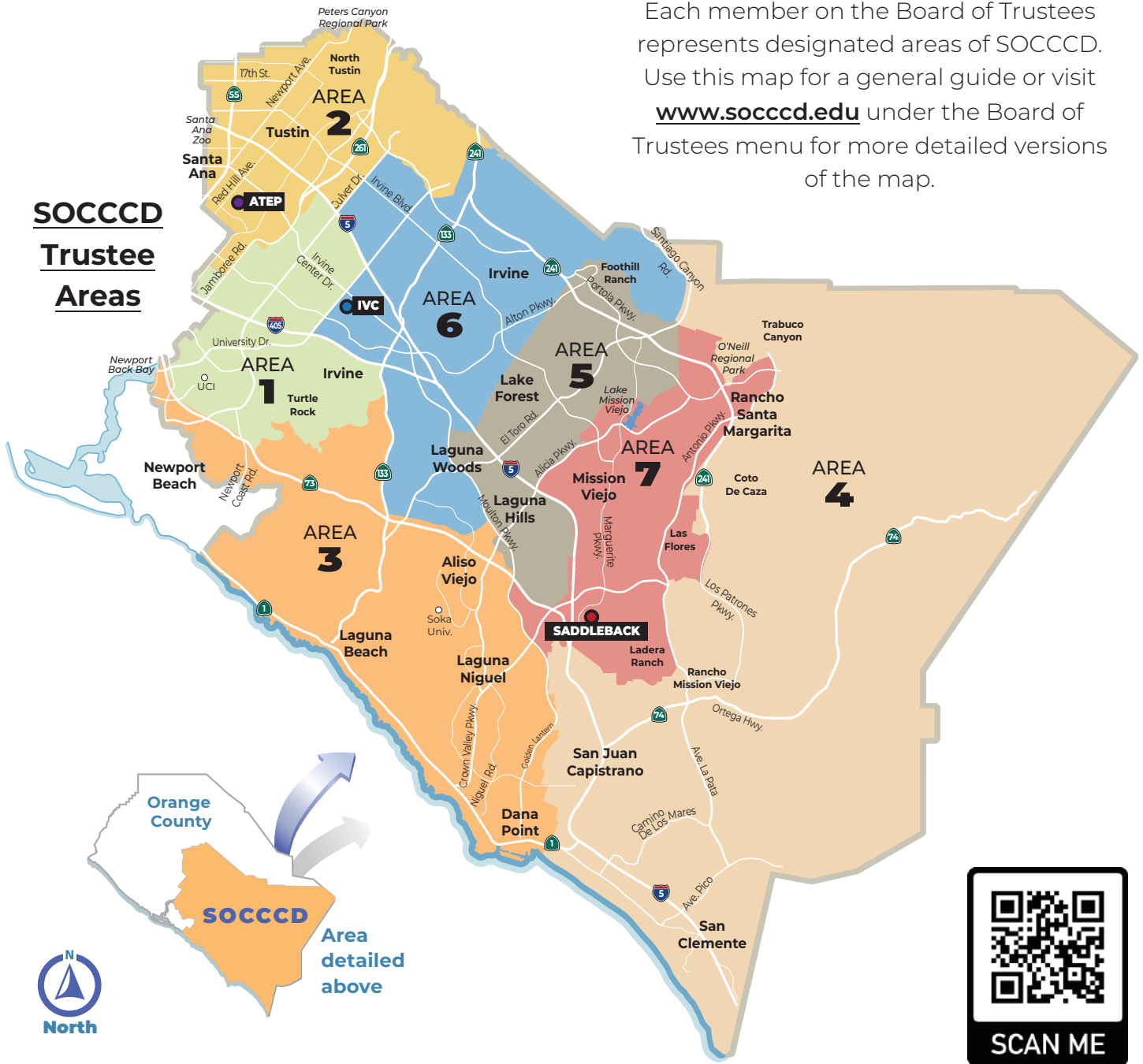


John C. Hernandez
President
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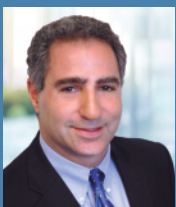


WHICH IS YOUR TRUSTEE AREA?

Each member on the Board of Trustees represents designated areas of SOCCCD. Use this map for a general guide or visit www.socccd.edu under the Board of Trustees menu for more detailed versions of the map.



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Area 5



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Area 2



South Orange County Community College District

Groundbreaking for Saddleback College @ ATEP

On March 1, 2023, the South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees officially broke ground on the Saddleback College @ ATEP site located at the Advanced Technology and Education Park (ATEP) in Tustin. Important guests included staff from Congresswoman Young Kim's office, Tustin city council members and executives, staff from the projects construction and architecture firms, community partners, faculty, staff, and students.



Left to right, Trustee Milchiker, Trustee Prendergast, Trustee Dack, Saddleback College President Stern, Chancellor Barnes, Trustee Inmon, Trustee Rydell, and Trustee Jay.



Cutaway rendering of the new Culinary Arts building at SC@ATEP.



Rendering of the inside of the coming Automotive Technology building.

MARCH 1, 2023 GROUNDBREAKING SC@ATEP



Trustee Milchiker and Trustee Prendergast breaking ground at the Saddleback College at ATEP building site.



Trustee Rydell speaking at the ceremony.

“Making ATEP a successful public-private partnership that provides pathways to in-demand jobs has been a top priority for the Board. Saddleback College @ ATEP is a project that the Trustees and the SOCCCD community have been anticipating for years. Saddleback College @ ATEP will provide students with premier course offerings from talented faculty in the fields of auto technology and culinary arts. Additionally, students will be exposed to companies that can offer coveted internships and job opportunities.”

– Board of Trustees President Timothy Jemal



President Stern sharing with the visitors about the culinary and automotive buildings.