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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Introduction

As Ventura College prepares to welcome students for the 2026-2027 academic year, our focus remains steadfast on creating the conditions that enable every student to thrive and succeed—from their first interaction with the College through the completion of their educational goals. Throughout the summer, teams are looking to advance a coordinated strategy centered on strategic enrollment management, student success, and operational excellence, while continuing to align our work with the CCVC 2035 Districtwide Strategic Plan and the evolving workforce needs of Ventura County and throughout the region.

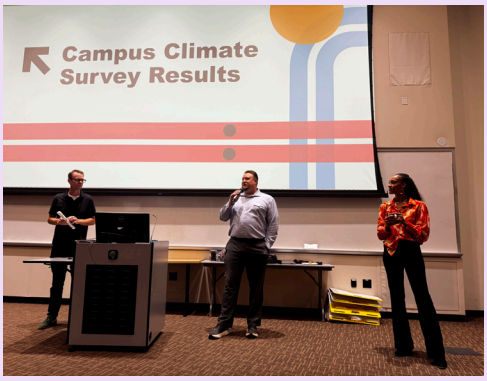
In the coming months ahead, we continue our journey and commitment to strengthening Ventura College's institutional culture and climate. Faculty, classified professionals, and administrators have worked collaboratively to cultivate an environment where students and employees feel values, supported, and connected. Through leadership development, community building, and employee engagement, we are reinforcing a culture rooted in trust, innovation, and shared accountability.

Equally important, Ventura College is preparing for the future through intentional planning, strategic partnerships, and institutional innovation. Whether strengthening our TK-20 educational pathways, preparing for the opening of our first student housing community, leveraging institutional data to inform decision-making, or aligning short-term and long-term priorities with the needs of our region, we are positioning the College to meet the opportunities and challenges with purpose and vision. The accomplishments highlighted in this report reflect the collective dedication of our campus community and the shared commitment to advancing Ventura College's mission while building a stronger, more resilient and vibrant institution for the students and communities we serve.

Ventura College Accomplishments

Opening Week, Fall FLEX, and All College Day

Ventura College welcomed employees back for the 2026 Opening Week, Faculty Flex Days, and All College Day, providing opportunities to reconnect, welcome new members of the campus community, and prepare for the 2026–2027 academic year. Throughout the week, employees engaged in professional learning and community-building activities focused on student success, teaching and learning excellence, leadership development, wellness and safety, and strengthening a resilient campus culture and college climate. Faculty Flex Days featured professional learning opportunities developed by faculty, for faculty, centered on the theme Engage and Inspire: Student-Centered, Equity-Minded Teaching, Support, and Connection, emphasizing innovation, collaboration, and meaningful student connections. The week culminated with All College Day on August 7, where employees reflected on shared priorities, celebrated the accomplishments of the College community, and reaffirmed their commitment to supporting student success and one another.



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Set Sail Saturday

On Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Ventura College hosted its annual Set Sail event, a signature enrollment initiative that helps new and returning students get ready for the Fall semester, all in one place and all in one morning. Set Sail offers assistance with Admissions, Registration, Financial Aid, Canvas, Student IDs, and other essential enrollment services, making it easy for students to complete important next steps before classes begin. The event also featured a campus resource fair showcasing Ventura College's programs and services, student giveaways, and personalized support from faculty, staff, administrators, and student employees. Adding to the excitement, KBBY broadcasted live from campus, bringing fun, music, and campus spirit as Ventura College celebrated the start of a new academic year.

Reducing Student Drops for Non-Payment

During mid-June, Ventura College conducted a student outreach campaign to notify students of outstanding account balances and the payment deadline required to avoid being dropped from their classes. As of June 23, 2026, the campaign contributed to a significant reduction in outstanding balances, with the number of affected students decreasing from 1,878 to 1,019—a reduction of 859 students (45.7%). During the same period, the total outstanding balance decreased from $1,424,091.06 to $673,227.45, representing a reduction of $750,863.61 (52.7%). Overall, the campaign was successful in helping students resolve outstanding balances, maintain their course registrations, and remain on track toward their educational goals.

Fillmore Unified School District and Ventura College TK20 Summit Planning Meeting

On July 22, 2026, Ventura College and the Ventura County Community College District joined Fillmore Unified School District leadership for a TK20 Summit Planning Meeting to strengthen educational pathways and expand opportunities for the students, families, and communities we collectively serve. Guided by a shared vision of creating a seamless educational ecosystem from TK through higher education, participants established a collaborative framework for a future TK20 Summit focused on student success, college and career readiness, workforce development, civic engagement, and community partnerships. The planning session centered on identifying each institution's strengths, opportunities, and barriers; prioritizing key initiatives such as dual enrollment and career pathways; and establishing timelines, responsibilities, and next steps to advance this important partnership.

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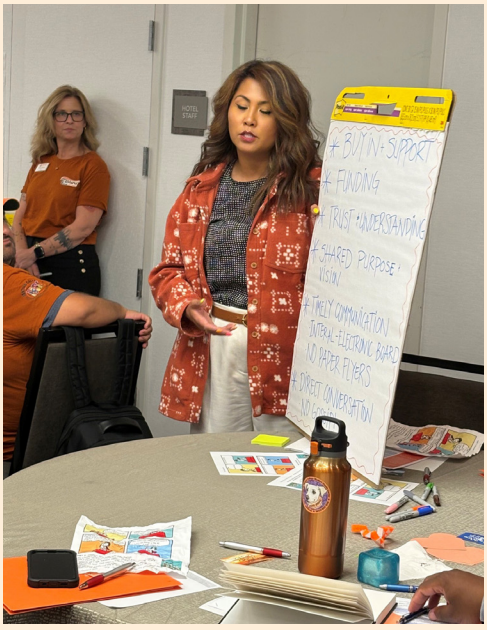
Ventura County Fair Outreach

The Ventura College Outreach team participated in the Ventura County Fair from Wednesday, July 29, through Friday, July 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. Staff connected with current and prospective students, families, alumni, and community members while sharing information about academic programs, enrollment resources, and student support services. This participation strengthens the College's visibility and engagement throughout Ventura County.

Administrative Council Retreat

On July 23, 2026, Ventura College's Administrative Council Retreat brought together college leaders to reflect on the institution's current state, examine emerging trends in higher education, and align future planning efforts with the CCVC 2035 Districtwide Strategic Plan. Through collaborative discussions, participants reviewed findings from the 2026 PACE Climate Survey, institutional research, the Ventura College Education Master Plan, and regional workforce and community data to develop a shared understanding of opportunities and challenges. The retreat emphasized data-informed decision-making and strategic alignment to ensure the College remains responsive to the evolving needs of students, employers, and the communities it serves. Outcomes from the retreat will help inform Ventura College's strategic priorities and guide future initiatives that advance student success, climate and culture, and long-term institutional excellence.