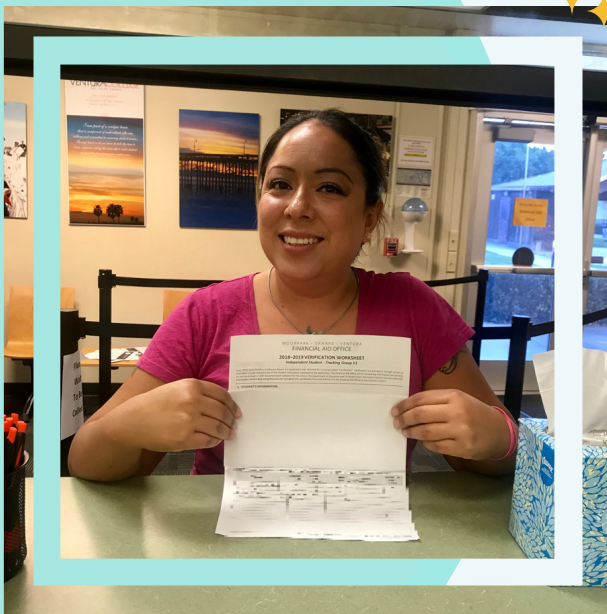


A photograph of a modern, single-story building with large windows and a flat roof. A sign on the building reads "Financial Aid". The building is surrounded by landscaping, including trees and shrubs. The sky is clear and blue.

Ventura College Financial Aid

- **First Person to Complete 2018-2019 File**
- **California College Promise Grant (CCPG)**
- **Year-Round Pell**
- **Community College Completion Grant (CCCG)**
- **Dreamers Set Your Course Event**
- **Cash for College Workshop**
- **CalFresh**
- **Welcome New Financial Aid Staff**
- **Welcome New CalFresh Outreach Staff**
- **2017 Halloween Spirit Contest**
- **Important Dates**

First student to complete her 2018-2019 financial aid file



The Financial Aid Office has begun processing applications for the **2018-2019** academic year!

The priority deadline to complete the FAFSA or California Dream Act application is no later than

March 2, 2018.

Once the application is received, students are encouraged to complete their files by ***May 11, 2018*** to prevent major processing delays!!!



* What is CCCG?

Community College Completion Grant (CCCG)

The CCCG is a \$1,500 award for Cal Grant and Full-time Student Success Grant recipients. Recipients must be attending at least 15 units per term, and on pace to complete their program of study within the time frame determined in their comprehensive Student Educational Plan (SEP) for the entire length of their program.

* What is a Year-Round Pell Grant?

As of July 1, 2017, Pell-eligible students can receive up to 150% of their scheduled award each year. That includes summer semesters, which may help students in financial need finish their degree sooner. If you are a full-time Pell eligible student in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 and enroll for Summer 2018, you may qualify. **Important Note:** Your Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) of 600% will be affected if you decide to receive up to 150% of your scheduled award.

For example, a student with a zero Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is eligible for \$5,920 in Pell Grant for the year, or \$2,960 for the fall semester and \$2,960 for the spring semester (based on full-time enrollment for both semesters). Now, a student can receive an additional \$2,960 disbursement if they enroll full-time (12 units) for summer or up to a maximum of \$8,880 for the entire academic year.

* What is the California College Promise Grant (CCPG)?

The Board of Governors of the California Community College system offers a fee waiver program for low-income residents of California who are attending a community college. The California College Promise Grant (formerly known as Board of Governors (BOG) fee waiver) will waive all per-unit enrollment fees for an eligible student. It will also waive a portion of parking permit fees. To qualify for a California College Promise Grant, you need to be classified as a resident of California or AB 540 student, according to Admissions and Records.



Dreamers Set Your Course

Learn about the California Dream Act
and Ventura College resources to make
the dream of higher education a reality!

*informacion para estudiantes
y padres!*

Wednesday, January 31, 6:00-8:00pm

Ventura College Guthrie Hall
4667 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003

CALL: 805.289.6369

FREE PARKING in West lot—student spaces

[Register Here](#)

Thursday, February 1, 6:00-8:00pm

Ventura College East Campus
957 Faulkner Rd, 106, Santa Paula, CA 93060

CALL: 805.525.7136

[Register Here](#)

Contact

Wendolyne Lopez

Phone: 805-289-6574

Email: wendolyne_lopez1@vcccd.edu





FREE **CASH FOR C//LLEGE** **WORKSHOPS**

ATTENTION

STUDENTS & PARENTS!

Need money for college?

Saturday, February 10, 9:00am-2:00pm
Ventura College Learning Resource Center
4667 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003
CALL: 805.289.6369

[Register Here](#)

Saturday, February 24, 9:00am-12:00pm
Ventura College East Campus
957 Faulkner Rd, 106, Santa Paula, CA 93060
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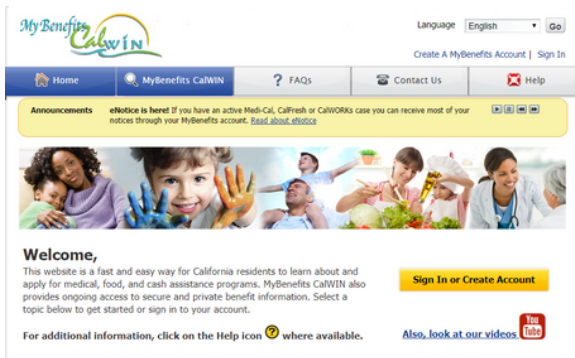


What is CalFresh?

The CalFresh program, formerly known as Food Stamps and federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), can add to your food budget to put healthy and nutritious food on the table.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for CalFresh as a student, you must be between the ages of 18 and 49, enrolled in at least 6 units, have no meal plan (or have a meal plan that provides ten or less of your meals per week) and meet any ONE of the requirements listed at www.venturacollege.edu/calfresh.



Use your CalFresh EBT at Farmers' Markets: Visit

www.FMFinder.org

Market Match offered year round, up to \$10 per visit.

Contact: John Ruff

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Welcome New Financial Aid Staff



Wendolyne Lopez

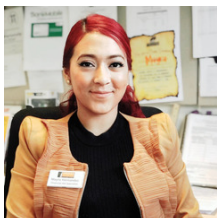
Summary: I began working in financial aid as a student worker four years ago and have been working at the VC Financial Aid Office since. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Sociology from CSU Channel Islands.

What do you do at the Financial Aid Office?

Being a financial aid specialist, I help students complete their financial aid file. I assist with the application process as well as helping students submit their required documentation. I'm also the AB 540 Liaison, working with Dreamers and helping all students reach their academic goals.

Favorites:

Restaurant: Yard House **Song:** Anything Banda **Destination:** Michoacan, Mexico



Mayra L Hernandez

Summary : Born in Michoacán, Mexico

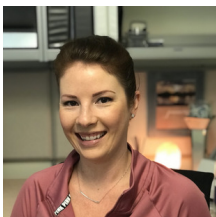
Attended California State University Channel Islands and received my B.A. in Psychology.

What do you do at the Financial Aid Office?

I meet with students on a regular basis, do document intake, process the student's file and award their financial aid. I assist in our outreach to the local high schools by presenting important information and helping students complete their FAFSA application. I am also the Financial Aid representative at the VC East Campus location where I assist students with their FAFSAs and questions regarding their financial aid files.

Favorites:

Movie: The Matrix **Destination:** Tokyo, Japan **Quote:** "think as an adult, live as a young person, advise as an elder, and never stop dreaming like a child"



Shasta Hanson

Summary: I have been working in financial aid for over 12 years. I got my start as a Financial Aid Officer at a private college and was promoted to Director of Financial Aid where I worked for 6 years. I transitioned into the community college environment as a Financial Aid Advisor for College of the Canyons for 5 years and most recently as Financial Aid Specialist at Ventura College.

What do you do at the Financial Aid Office?

I assist students with their applications for financial aid, go over special circumstances and assist students with submitting paperwork required in order to process their applications. I also recently began working in the Veterans Resource Center where I can assist Veteran students with all of their financial aid related questions as well.





Paulina S. Perez

Summary: I was born in Mexico but I was raised in Oxnard since I was about 1 year old. I have a dog named Banana who I am completely obsessed with. Being a Tia and a Nina is what I am the best at. I went to CSUCI and graduated with a double bachelor degree in Spanish and Communication. I worked retail since I was about 17 until I graduated from CSUCI. I have been in financial aid for about 6 years now and I absolutely love it.

What do you do at the Financial Aid Office?

I assist students at the window with any questions they have, review paperwork and assist specialists with projects, counsel students on financial aid eligibility, satisfactory academic progress and navigating the student's portal to check their requirements. I also participate in outreach events informing students about what Financial Aid is, and workshops to assist with the FAFSA/DREAM ACT application.

What is your favorite part about working at VC? I have only been here for about two weeks but I can already say that the students here are, for the most part, very polite and grateful when you help them find a solution to any problem that they have in regards to their financial aid. Also everyone at the office has been very welcoming and I get to work with Annette H who is one of my best friends.

Favorites

Restaurant: El Pescador in Santa Paula and Los Arcos in Tijuana.

Movie: Mean Girls & The Notebook

Song: Baby one more time- Britney Spears / Gold Digger- Kanye West

Destination: The Dominican Republic or my hometown- Zamora, Michoacán.

Quote: "You can be anything you want in this world, just don't be ungrateful."



Stephanie Harper

Summary: I have an AA from VC as well as a BA and an MA in English from CSUN. I'm slowly finishing my MLIS at UCLA. Most recently, I was employed by Ventura County Library but just prior to that, I was an adjunct English instructor at the University of La Verne. My favorite class that I taught was "Horror and Fantasy in Fiction."

What do you do at the Financial Aid Office? I am a technician, which means that I'm one of the first points of contact at the Financial Aid window. Technicians help students with their paperwork and answer any questions they have. Behind the scenes, we assist with processing forms that come in to us and join our colleagues in visiting local schools.

If you didn't work in Financial Aid, what would you do? It's been my lifelong dream to publish my writing. Currently I'm working on a book about my grandmother's experience during World War II, but it's a slow climb.

Favorites

Restaurant: Rice by Mama

Movie: Pan's Labyrinth

Song: It changes. Lately I'm listening to a lot of Tupac and a French singer named Indila.

Destination: Gothenburg, Sweden. It is a magical city!



Welcome New CalFresh Outreach Staff



John Ruff

Summary: Former Ventura College Student/Athlete. Received football scholarship to attend Tennessee Tech. After graduating he returned to California and assisted Ventura Pirates Football Team coaching D-Line and recruiting.

What do you do at the CalFresh Outreach?

Currently I will be assisting students with CalFresh and the Food Pantry.

What is your favorite part about working at VC?

Having the ability to help and give back to the students and the VC Family.

If you didn't work in CalFresh Outreach, what would you do?

Cancer research.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Cutting grass and watching it grow.

Favorites:

Restaurant: Maple Block BBQ

Movie: Harlem Nights

Song: Born By The River

Destination: Jamaica

Quote: "Find A Way Or Make One"





2017 Halloween Winners



Spooky



Waiting for my
Financial Aid.....



The winner of Best Office 10 or More People is Financial Aid who decorated their lobby, office area, and computer lab. The lobby showed a great sense of humor and it was clear that the group put a lot of thought and effort into their display throughout their space. I especially liked the Halloween motorcycle rider complete with smoke.

- by Pamela Yeagley





IMPORTANT DATES



- January 29, 2018: Spring 2018 Pell Recalculation Date
- January 31, 2018: VC Campus Dreamers Set Your Course
- February 1, 2018: VC East Campus Dreamers Set Your Course
- February 2, 2018: Spring 2018 - 2nd Disbursements Begin
- February 10, 2018: Ventura College Cash for College Workshop
- February 16-19, 2018: Presidents' Day (Campus Closed)
- February 24, 2018: VC East Campus Cash for College Workshop
- March 2, 2018: Cal Grant Deadline
DreamAct for CalGrant Deadline
FAFSA Priority Deadline
- March 20, 2018: Spring 18 SAP Appeal Deadline - 1st Level
- April 10, 2018: Spring 18 SAP Appeal Deadline - 2nd Level
- April 13, 2018: Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
- April 17, 2018: Spring 18 ONLY Loan Request Deadline
- May 11, 2018: Fall 2018 Priority Deadline to submit requirements
- May 18, 2018: Graduation Ceremony
- May 28, 2018: Memorial Day (Campus Closed)

