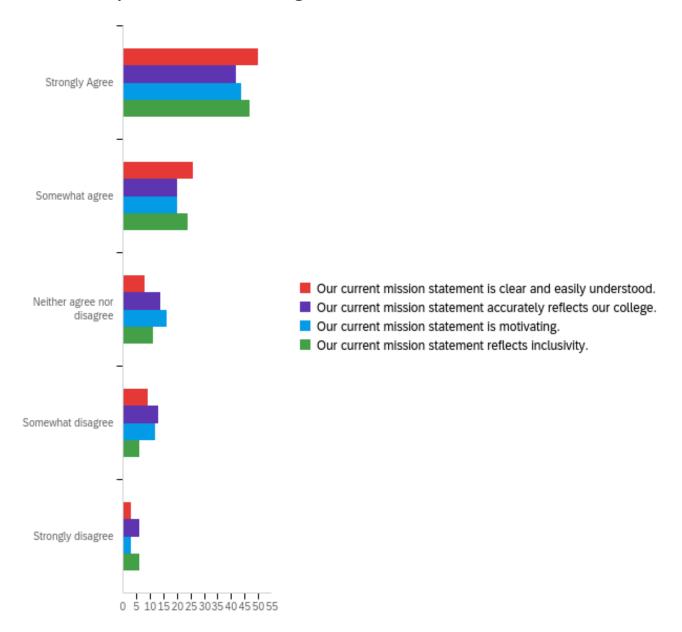
# **Default Report**

Mission Statement Feedback Survey - Students
March 10th 2021, 12:37 pm PST

Q1 - Here is VC's current mission statement: At Ventura College, we transform students' lives, develop human potential, create an informed citizenry, and serve as the educational and cultural heart of our community. Placing students at the center of their learning experience, we serve a highly diverse student body by providing innovative instruction and student support, focusing on associate degree and certificate completion, transfer, workforce preparation, and basic skills. We are committed to the sustainable continuous improvement of our college and its services.



#	Question	Strongly Agree		Somewhat agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree		Total
1	Our current mission statement is clear and easily understood.	52.08%	50	27.08%	26	8.33%	8	9.38%	9	3.13%	3	96
2	Our current mission statement accurately reflects our college.	44.21%	42	21.05%	20	14.74%	14	13.68%	13	6.32%	6	95
3	Our current mission statement is motivating.	46.32%	44	21.05%	20	16.84%	16	12.63%	12	3.16%	3	95
4	Our current mission statement reflects inclusivity.	50.00%	47	25.53%	24	11.70%	11	6.38%	6	6.38%	6	94

## Q4 - What do you think is VC's purpose?

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To develop students' potential, be able to provide needed skills and best learning experience while pursuing their associate degrees or completion of their certificate.

It is optimistic

Perfect mission for our university

VC should strive for excellence and incorporate measureable means of varifying outcomes. It should serve and support its faculty and ALL its students. VC would fall short in addressing students needs if Faculty are not being considered. Because if it is not able to retain or attract dedicaated quality faculty students education will further sufur.

include something to the effect: ... will not tolorate racism & include word Equity

Providing a local, relatively low cost, and very classy means to get certifications or lower division (transfer) requirements, Associate degrees, continuing education units and even "just for fun & personal development" classes for retirees.

To profit off of students and take in more diverse students to get more funding.

To help students succeed in their futures and give a good foundation for success

To provide us an education.

VC's purpose is to serve students to reach their educational goals, whatever that is: VC is there to help with completing associate degrees, transferring, etc. Additionally, VC is there to impact students positively.

To help everyone to achieve their goals and provide as much support and help that they can go the distance

It shows many things for one that VC is there for all the students

To have a safe place that can educate us and have a lot of dreams that VC can achieve within the determination

Get as many students as they can enrolled

To provide a higher education to anyone that wants to learn.

In and out and on with life.

To help make a future for many.

to have students fill up classes

What it should be: A gateway to becoming self reliant. What it is: A gateway for pushing an agenda of Marxist indoctrination.

I feel VC's purpose is to provide high-quality, low-cost education to those seeking to expand their knowledge in general or specific areas of study and to do so while supporting diversity and inclusion.

It's a lot, which isn't necessarily a bad thing as it shows that VC offers a lot, but a short and simple mission statement can be more memorable.

#### Education

Honestly, I'd never thought about it before. It seems that VC's purpose is to provide means by which local students can pursue their AA degrees, and hopefully prepare to transfer to a University.

#### To support students

To serve the community in the present, and to make a better future community.

It's a place of PREPARATION for the future. Of laying valuable groundwork/FOUNDATION as a jumping off point for your future plans. It's not the finishing touch to your education plan even though some people ( like myself) may originally think of just dabbling or ENRICHING what we know. It ends up being so MOTIVATIONAL that we're led to take another step forward, past the place we thought we'd settle next.

Prepare students for the challenges of life through critical thinking.

To offer a second chance to students who would never make it directly from high school to a university. And I greatly appreciate that. Thank you.

I think VC's purpose is to provide the community with well informed students who will serve the community by the curriculum they teach.

The use of "Citizenry" sounds cheesy.

To educate although i've never heard it mentioned.

I think it's a great it's a great mission and is really motivating

Making everyone to equally gather and gain an education suitable to everyone's needs.

Associate for transfer while providing a high level and education and student support.

To serve the students educational needs and to foster an environment of diverse thought to create an atmosphere where students can challenge one another in agreement and disagreement, which helps foster creativity in the student body.

To coddle adult children.

To provide quality education to prepare students for their future endeavors.

To help students discover their interests and also is a stepping stone to future educational pathways. To provide quality education with professors who are invested and care.

to foster students to live a contributive life

Ventura college is dynamic education based on excellence that creates lasting value and relevance for evolving careers free of discrimination

VC's purpose is to have students focus on the learning environment and have an excel learning.

VC purpose is a vison of greatness for an awesome future if students don't know what to study or what to do as a career in life weather its to continue school to get a degree or to get into a trade vc is the place too go

To create an informed citizenry, and serve an educational center through providing instruction and student support, focusing on associate degree and certificate completion, transfer, workforce preparation, and basic skills. We are committed to the sustainable continuous improvement of our college and its services.

To prepare students for the next step in life and their education.

To provide an education for anybody and everybody who desires to learn, and to provide the tools that are needed to do so.

To help students prepare for a four year university

To make people feel like they are obtaining there goals however I don't feel this pledge by the school is transfered down to the professors. Some clearly just don't care.

To provide people with a college education in a safe environment that is safe from being racially harassed.

to teach work-related skills and knowledge.

I think Ventura College's purpose is to continue helping students reach their goals! It is to answer any questions that students might have on different topics!

VC's purpose is to educate and inform students in the fields they choose to study, as well as educate and inform students on their roles in society moving forward so that they can perform in their careers to the best of their ability.

To develop minds that are able to critically think about the world around them. To develop an individual who is able to recognize fallacious thinking. To develop an individual that embraces differences, and sees the differences as an opportunity to learn. To develop an individual who can actively listen with empathy, or at the very least, with respect to people who may challenge their own views. To challenge students to reach their full potential, and to never settle for less.

To offer a safe and learning environment for its students

To provide an cost effective education.

to meet the educational and cultural needs of its students and the broader community

#### **Educate humans**

VC should be the center of our community as an educational and cultural institution. However, the district does not behave in a way that supports that mission. Interactions are cumbersome. For instance, as a faculty member I tried to register for a class at one point; I almost gave up because it was confusing, and I work in the system. I don't know how normal students register. The district also does not support faculty to create "innovative instruction"; we have much more potential and it remains untapped.

Cheap education

To empower students to achieve their potential without the cost of 4 year university.

To provide associate degrees and basic training

VC purpose is to meet students where they are in life and their development. To have facility who celebrates our unique background and experiences, and who actively support and uplift us on our journey through college, curiosity, and life.

#### N/A

VC is an important stepping stone to earning meaningful work that transforms the lives of our community members, whether that's an Associate's Degree, a certificated program, general trade classes, language development classes, or transfer credit

Assure all students have equal opportunity for pursue their higher education.

don't know

I do not know.

foster learning and preparation for work life as a means of giving back to the community

The purpose of any college is to promote a place of equal education opportunities, free or very accessible education, a ciriculum that promotes individuality and free-thinkers, and one where support in all aspects is offered.

To train students regardless of their diverse , to take up the mantle of employment and be productive to the society

Provide a healthy fun and safe learning environment for all enrolled students.

### Q6 - How do we - and how should we - serve students?

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I think the school is doing great in providing the necessary help needed by the students to succeed in their chosen majors.

Really listen to the students and their needs. This includes instructors.

I believe serving students with empathy and compassion especially those that are enthusiastic and goal oriented students. Being able to discern those students who are eager and responsible to get into the program not just on academic perse but the totality of a student.

Presently VC is not serving ALL students. Its focus is on the "traditional" student out of high school and neglects returning student and those that are pursuing certification programs or vocational programs. I personally have been told that I should not be at VC because I have a B.S., VC is a community college and should serve the communities needs too. Education is a life long learning process that should be embraced to improve industry, government and society. Those that stop learning impede and or delay progress.

include words such as ... empathy & sensitivity during interactions. Expand local industry/businesses

From my perspective, as a retired white female community member with an AS and BA from elsewhere, and now at VC taking music, fitness and welding classes (both pre- and co- Pandemic) I've seen quite a cross-section of ages, cultural backgrounds and "personality types" that's both eye-opening and refreshing. In welding, from rather traditional men to tattooed and pierced young women, and in music from an older European immigrant preferring classics to a 20 something transgender pop performer. Just in my sphere alone, seeing that this diversity at VC is respected and seems appreciated by my instructors is very heartwarming.

Fire those who don't treat students with respect and basic human kindness.

Many services available to aid and assist students with a variety of different issues and struggles

We should serve students equally. Give more help to those who need it.

I think VC has many programs to assist students, with things like the Food Pantry, or tu

By keeping at it what you have always done and to go beyond as we strive to do better, to do good. Treat each other with respect and I am not one for it but be freaking enthusiastic is the best to cheer someone who isn't all for sunshine

Keep doing what you are doing. VC is an amazing school and I like how when an issue comes up like the most recent one VC was quick to take care of it and look into it.

VC employees show us how to extend our knowledge and prepare ourselves for the future

Listen to what students need and what works for them in online classes.

With dignity and kindness. Understanding each student is different and has their own needs. Develop a sensitivity training for employees.

Good teachers Fast and easy.

In a respectful manner.

Understanding the pandemic challenges some students face. Some instructors are too strict and fail no mercy

some instructors are beyond excellent, others are non responsive and set students up for failure.

Prepare them for the real world, not the world you envision.

I feel VC does an excellent job communicating and providing services that are available to students such as the health department, counseling & career planning, basic needs, financial aid, etc.

Just keep offering classes, make the classes and resources as accessible as you can, and offer your services to the student body. You guys are doing great at this.

How do we: Not very flexible. How should we: Offer much more flexibility! Personalized pace for motivated students.

VC's website is very comprehensive, so students are served by having supposed access to many services. It's been

By paying attention to their needs, treating everyone the same with out discriminating for race, gender, ethnicity, and language.

Student services, educational assistance, basic needs, mental health support, and workforce preparation are all important.

The educators at VC are very fair. I really get a sense that my teachers have all wanted me to be successful. There are so many services offered to help students succeed and help when they are struggling. I must say that it's a very different place then it was many years ago when I first attended.

By being available, listening to our needs and facilitating solutions.

By giving them the college experience at a low price, helping with financial aid, providing basic necessities.

I think VC should serve students by having services directly available instead of having a 1-800 number to call-style resources and not going anywhere. If students are able to reach their intended resources without going through a labyrinthine, the process for students to achieve success much faster will be attained.

I think what is being already done is great. Lots of assistance that we are giving to achieve our educational goals.

I believe in continuing in having professors to show compassion during the event of this pandemic and keeping things on a positive note during these trying times. It really has made all the difference for my experience personally.

The students should be served with their best in mind, while at the same time creating an environment where free speech is possible and students can express themselves through there thoughts, ideas and work no matter if it doesn't meet popular opinion.

You do NOT hold students to statewide mandated curriculum standards.

To best serve students you should focus on quality education. To provide quality education you need quality teachers. This cost money, my suggestion is to curtail the whole 'free' college, free support, free food, free books etc.. Free educational is not a quality education, this holds true for free medical, free dentistry, free beer, and free hot dogs. It's free because it's cheap or low quality. Kinda like my statistics class that is nothing more then the teacher using Khan Academy. If I wanted a free Khan Academy course I would have just signed up for that. Yall have been doing a fine job of including everyone. Really not sure why the sudden need for a change after the

two innocents, was working great before.

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During this especially strange and radical shift in how we're educating online due to COVID, being in frequent contact with students to evaluate what methods work and what doesn't is helpful in modifying and creating a better online learning environment. Surveys are a good place to start so I appreciate the ones I've been getting.

offering one on one dialogues, and potential pragmatic direction the student can consider

By listening to them and performing frequent audits on its stuff

To serve students, they must give supporting assistance for student on campus or in virtual in order to make learning safe and caring.

just keep serving the students the way they are know . Always putting students first and knowing whats best for their future

Allowing students to make mistakes without ridicule (from professors), allow a "no stupid questions" environment, and have more counselors for availability.

Continuing to provide unbiased access to learning environments that are capable of making accommodations to those in need.

I feel you guys do a great job of checking in with at least me because I have services at the EAC.

Fairly, we as students choose to be here. This does not give instructors the right to behave poorly or unfairly. Vc has some wonderful outstanding professors but they also have some bad apples that need to be let go. In my 3 years I have had about 60 /40 60 being good. But that's not a great ratio. I ask that vc expect and demand better from their instructors.

making sure students are safe and have what they need to continue learning. includes textbooks, supplies, tutors, memes, etc.

Ventura College serves students by allowing them to continue their education for their career! Ventura College is awesome!

VC serves as a public institution for education, and it is great at doing that, but I believe more outreach should be done in the form of making VC a place for public forum as well.

Helping with the uncontrollable obstacles that may impede a student's academic success. Examples: Financial problems, mental/physical disabilities, homelessness. Though, education itself should not be made easier to make it simpler to pass and graduate. We should always strive for the full potential of our students.

You serve the students by providing professors that want to teach the students and by offering support to students that need it

Providing all staff (EAC included) and faculty sensitivity training regarding students with disability and to provide genuine support and engagement.

By treating and teaching them like human beings. Respecting all beliefs and remembering what the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr said about dreaming of the day when people will be judged by the co tent of their character and not the color of tiger skin. The most important thing you can do to serve are students is to use this as a guiding principle.

Make classes even cheaper

By prioritizing the students with making time available for discussion, correction, questions, etc.

Placing students at the center of thier learning expierience.

Don't lecture students without honestly bonding with them and showing them in a palpable way that they are supported, respected, and held. Community is about Bonds and relationships. Meaningful education comes from teachers who genuinely care for their students. Examples of this that I've seen at VC include professors like Robert Porter and Sumita Lall and Steve Palladino and Mr. Corbett and Mickey Perry and the librarians. So many teachers come to work at VC to make their money and go home. Teaching should be about building community and trust in the human experience and trust in the process and mutual respect and support and inclusion.

Post surveys about what students wanna see change about the campus such the job fair, clubs. Have those last more than just a day, at least two days

Ensuring the Board of Directors is more diverse to reflect the diversity of the student population, taking into account diversity both includes race and means more than racial identity as well

VC has done a pretty good job so far.

idk

Weekend emails.

The mission statement generally describes the purpose of serving students. There is no mention of the value of good teachers and how they also serve to transform a students lives.

A ciriculum where grades don't matter.

More open and more student inclusive in your management students decision making process

More out reach and allow students to know the various activities available and programs

# Q3 - As we evaluate and update our mission statement, what are the most important words, concepts, or values that you think should be included in it?

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acceptance, appreciation for individual differences and contributions

**Empathy and compassion** 

Words that we actually stand for and represent us, as opposed to words that just sound good.

... give all students the opportunity to reach their full potential & empathy & sensitivity during interactions/communications & will not tolorate racism & include word Equity ... will address students concerns/needs (personal -academic-career

no ideas

Actually be kind people, you guys show so many programs that look amazing on paper and could actually work. Yet, I fail to see all your staff even be remotely as kind as you wish the students to be.

Success, you can do it

Equality. Diversity. Inclusivity.

Impacting students lives for the better, assisting students, promoting inclusivity.

Always turn in your work, never stop asking for help, go to any opportunity you see and make sure you don't miss out on being you

No student will be made to feel less than anyone else Equality

I would say planning events or have a connection with benefits through the campus

Dignity, support, trust

Good school Good teachers Get it done and over with

I believe the idea of determination is important, because so many college students drop-out of college throughout their experience.

Understanding the lack of motivation some have being locked down in four walls with small brothers that distract and stress the learning method

extreme caring, inclusion of all disabilities such as autism not just one disability or people of color . wanting everyone to succeed and truly wanting the best for each student. students who can successfully contribute to a diverse society. Making society better starts with understanding and actually caring about one another. Accessible and approachable instructors.

Become self reliant. Accountability of ones actions. Lead by example.

I don't see any problem with the current mission statement. Is there some specific reason it is being looked at for a potential revision? Is this process something that is done annually?

You want your students to succeed and want to help them get there.

Safe and respectful for everyone, highest standards of ethics and integrity, compassionate CARING instructors (human relationships, flexible)

Respect, thrust, support and understanding needs

Progress; could be personal, career, or developmental

Motivating

For "all"

I think it's great the way that it is.

The mission statement should include words like achievement, success, dedication, commitment

Perhaps the acknowledgment that staff and students have adjusted to it's best possible way to virtual learning.

I don't think the last sentence is necessary.

Hard work leads to success

You need to include something about transforming children into adults.

Quality of education, Exceptional teaching staff, Modern campus facilities, Inclusive and friendly student services, High success rate and student outcome satisfaction.

Leave it how it is.

I think the mission statement is good and accurate to what VC aims for. Maybe just an emphasis on student support. Ways to connect and share how the current learning environment can be improved and valuing student input. Adaptability is a good word.

living contributive life, interdependence of themselves, others and the environment. importance of service to others

Disability, Igbtq

excellence, honor, respect, self-discipline, integrity.

hard work and dedication

A space for all to learn and participate, no matter the education level.

Unbiased, inclusivity, support,

Inclusion, respect, preparation, community

Equality, purpose, awareness

opportunity to be challenged and grow as a person.

Ventura College is here to help you achieve your goals!

Diversity, acceptance, and understanding should be high on the list.

1. Seeing the full potential in students. 2. Respecting differences, and realizing that's what allows societies to progress. 3. To always seek the truest truth. 3. Everybody has a different path in life, when it comes to career choices. All paths are welcome.

I have none

"Genuine engagement" with each student's educational path, "sensitivity" to "disabilities" and a "willingness" to "reach out"

I think the best mission statement is short, often a single sentence, so everyone can know what it is. I'll bet there's not a student, faculty member, administrator, or trustee who can say what VC's mission is verbatim. Having been all those, I believe its good to be able to say why we're there. How do we know if our actions are aligned with the mission of we don't know what it is?

The emphasis should be on education.

Merit Achievement Skill

Its fine the way it is and needs no change.

Support, inclusion, respect, care, offer, community building, trust/trustworthy, genuine care/support

More about culture

Diversity, inclusion, safety, respect, education, sustainability, care

Be sure not to be bias... especially when it comes to politics.. be careful with the messages that go out to Students.

idk

Essence.

preparing students for the real world/work life experience, value of education, value of educators and impact they bring

This won't accomplish anything.

Students and student diversity as the focus, Skill training and upgrade to make students fit in the labour market easily.

Social justice & inclusion to all races

# Q7 - Have you seen a fabulous mission statement that we should review? If so, please copy/paste or enter a link below.

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This link is to The Cheesecake Factory and includes both the Mission and the Vision statements: https://investors.thecheesecakefactory.com/about-us/company-overview/default.aspx The ideas and wording can be adapted to update the Mission statement for VC.

#### None so far

I believe we should create our own mission statement, one that is representative and trully reflective of our community. As opposed to borrowing others just because it looks good. That does not embody our community and it also fosters a wrong message, like plagerism is ok when it serves to meet a task.

At Ventura College, we provide an opportunity for a diverse student body to transform their lives while focusing on: associate degree and certificate completion, transfer, workforce preparation, and basic skills. Our team approach serves as the educational and cultural heart of our community which is reflected by many prestigious awards. We are committed to the sustainable and continuous improvement of our college and its services. Students are supported, both on or off campus, to holistically develop their full potential with personal, academic, and career aspirations. We are an institution of service that provides all students: empathy, equity, innovative instruction, online instruction, and support services with their academic journey.

no, sorry

We are committed to the sustainable continuous improvement of our college and its services.

none

NO

I haven't seen any lately.

Just calle some teachers attention, student lock down and lack of social activity apreciaste normal learning, a caring and understanding teacher at this time may be appreciated. Getting an f is very depressing when we have to doubt that keeping a class was a bad choice in this pandemic

The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution

N/A

No

Find an institution that has "safe" spaces where students can go and hide from the realities of life - then do the opposite of their mission statements. The world is a harsher place than the insulated way this institution handles its courses and as such, you are doing a disservice to those academically entitled students.

Absolutely not, why? so you can use someone else's mission statement to help craft your own. Not even sure I can believe you asked this question.

Brandman University was established by Chapman University – a private institution in Orange, California founded in 1861 which consistently ranks among the country's top universities. Formerly named Chapman University College, Brandman's original purpose was delivering high quality education to the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station. Now a separate university, Brandman remains military-friendly but has expanded its programs to include the adult learner and serves a large and diverse student population. To best serve our students, we have even

offered education online for over two decades. We are as proud of our rich academic past as we are of our
technology-driven future. Focusing on the non-traditional student, Brandman's student body is diverse, ranging
in age from 18-65. From the time the rankings began in 2012, Brandman's online programs have ranked
consistently among the best in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. Brandman consistently is ranked by
U.S. News & World Report for Best Online Bachelor's Programs for Veterans. At Brandman University, the faculty
members are practitioners, as well as experts in their field. 93% of Brandman University alumni say they would
recommend Brandman to others. Brandman University is a private, nonprofit institution regionally accredited by
the WSCUC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). Brandman offers several options for financial aid.
Current students benefit from mentoring and networking opportunities, as well as career coaching.

No.

The one you have is great

Just make sure the words mean something and are not just words.

"Come to our college and eat some corn, or we will sacrifice your newborn." - Simplord69

#### I have not seen one!

The mission of Harvard College is to educate the citizens and citizen-leaders for our society. We do this through our commitment to the transformative power of a liberal arts and sciences education. Beginning in the classroom with exposure to new ideas, new ways of understanding, and new ways of knowing, students embark on a journey of intellectual transformation. Through a diverse living environment, where students live with people who are studying different topics, who come from different walks of life and have evolving identities, intellectual transformation is deepened and conditions for social transformation are created. From this we hope that students will begin to fashion their lives by gaining a sense of what they want to do with their gifts and talents, assessing their values and interests, and learning how they can best serve the world.

### N/A

... to inspire a diverse community of students to intellectual, moral, aesthetic, and physical excellence so that each may rise to honorable achievement and contribute to the common good.

No

No

No

N/A

N/a

No. Mission statements don't fix problems.

Not as yet.