

Your monthly newsletter from the Executive Team at Ventura College.

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Kim Hoffmans standing with Peter Zierhut, Vice President, Outside Operations at Haas Automation.



### Koffee with Kim (one hour)

Wed. Nov. 10 at 3 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 26 at 9 a.m.

Tues. Mar. 22 at 3 p.m.

Thurs. Apr. 21 at 9 a.m.

### Captain's Chat (1.5 hours)

## October 2021 Newsletter

# President's Message

Dear Pirate Crew,

Together, we have sailed (speed boat style) halfway through the semester, with roughly 40 instructional days remaining. Before you know it, the holidays and final exams will be upon us. **Thank you** again for your tireless work to support excellence in education at Ventura College as we continue to conduct most of our classes and services online.

To help keep our Pirate Ship on course, Ventura College engaged local therapists Robert Scholz and Victor Flores to provide **Mental Health Workshops** for all employees to access. The focus of the sessions is to assist employees with coping strategies related to the effects of the pandemic and their transition back to campus. The sessions will be held on Wednesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 21 in ASC 150 or Zoom:

- Wednesday, October 20 at 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Instructional Faculty
- Tuesday, October 21 at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for Classified Professionals
- Tuesday, October 21 at 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for Non-Instructional Faculty
- Tuesday, October 21 at 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for Managers/Supervisors

For me, I have found a **renewed energy** around exciting **happenings on campus** that are not associated with the pandemic, including:

- **The Gene Haas, Advanced Manufacturing Lab had its grand opening on Thursday, October 7 at the Applied Science Center at Ventura College.** Representatives from the Gene Haas Foundation, Ventura College, VCCCD leadership and Board of Trustees, and the Ventura College Foundation attended. Students from Ventura Unified School District high schools also attended as part of a campus tour. In December 2019, the Gene Haas Foundation made a \$250,000 grant to the Ventura College Foundation to support the Advanced Manufacturing program at Ventura College. The funds were used to relocate the current manufacturing lab to the college's Applied Science Center and to renovate the new location into a modern manufacturing facility designed to promote manufacturing occupations and enhance student workforce manufacturing skills.
- **Ventura College was awarded a \$5MIL, 5-year, HSI-STEM grant** entitled: "Servingness: Aspiration, Identity, and Learning (S: AIL) in STEM. "Through this Title III Project, VC will embrace its identity as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by fostering an institution-wide commitment to providing a high quality, equity-minded learning environment in three domains: 1) Aspiration, 2) Identity, and 3) Learning. Ventura College faculty & staff will become stewards of VC's commitment to being a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI). Students will be encouraged to complete STEM degrees and transfer.

Tues. Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.

Wed. Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.

Thurs. Apr. 7 at 2 p.m.

### **Open Executive Team Meeting (1.5 hours)**

Mon. Nov. 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

### **Celebration of Successes**

#### **Holiday Gathering**

Thurs. Dec. 9 at 11 a.m.

#### **End of Year Celebration & Retiree Recognition**

Thurs. May 5 at 11 a.m.

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Progress will be measured by increased access and participation in STEM degrees/careers among marginalized students, more equitable degree and career outcomes for Hispanic and low-income students in STEM, and increased transfer to CSU/UC STEM programs.

- Ventura College continues to make progress on our **SIDE (Social Justice, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity)** work.
- A total of 22 classified professionals, faculty, and administrators completed an initial two-hour workshop on Friday as part of the **USC Equity Institute**. The discussion involved understanding personal social identities and mapping privilege, minoritization, and access to power. The USC Institute work will continue weekly over the next several weeks.
- Ventura College has a multitude of SIDE efforts occurring on our campus to identify, mitigate, and eliminate systemic processes that propagate inequity. **RSS Consulting will be working with our Student Success Committee, Guided Pathway Committee, and Professional Development Coordination Council to develop recommendations for reducing overlap and duplication and strengthen integration and focus of our SIDE efforts.** Additionally, RSS Consulting will support executive leadership in establishing a **President's advisory group to provide advice and stewardship related to SIDE work.**
- **VC Equity Summit and Guided Pathways Retreats**, featuring [Dr. Diego Navarro](#), are available on October 15 and 22. Dr. Navarro is experienced with assisting colleges to meet the educational needs of disproportionately impacted students using data-informed solutions.
- **VC Latinx Heritage Month** celebrations were held virtually every Wednesday at noon beginning September 29 through October 13 honoring their culture, traditions, education, history, and art.
- **UndocuAlly Week of Action** activities are being held during the week of October 18-22. Information can be found [here](#).

Lastly, I want to encourage you to attend [the virtual Tuesday, October 19 Captain's Chat](#) with updates on the Ventura College Mission statement revisions and the Facilities Master Plan draft that is near completion.

Stay strong, healthy, and safe,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim". The script is fluid and cursive, with the 'K' being particularly large and prominent.

## Faces in the Crowd

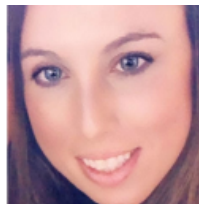
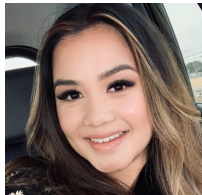


Highlighting the amazing Administration, Faculty, Classified Professionals, and Students that make up our pirate family.

This month's highlights include:

Jovaressa Resuello Almero (Nursing Student), Ashley Harris (Accounting Technician), Areceli Trujillo, (Spanish Professor and IDEAS Club Advisor), and Leticia S. Canales (Dean of Student Services).

[Read their unique personal stories on the VC Newsroom](#)







Pirates Posing with the President





Highlighting new employees, the Pirates who posed with the President are as follows (from top to bottom):

DeAnna Vega, Instructional Lab Tech I, Agriculture

David Pike, Athletic Equipment Manager

Carmela Gonzales, Office Assistant, Sciences Division

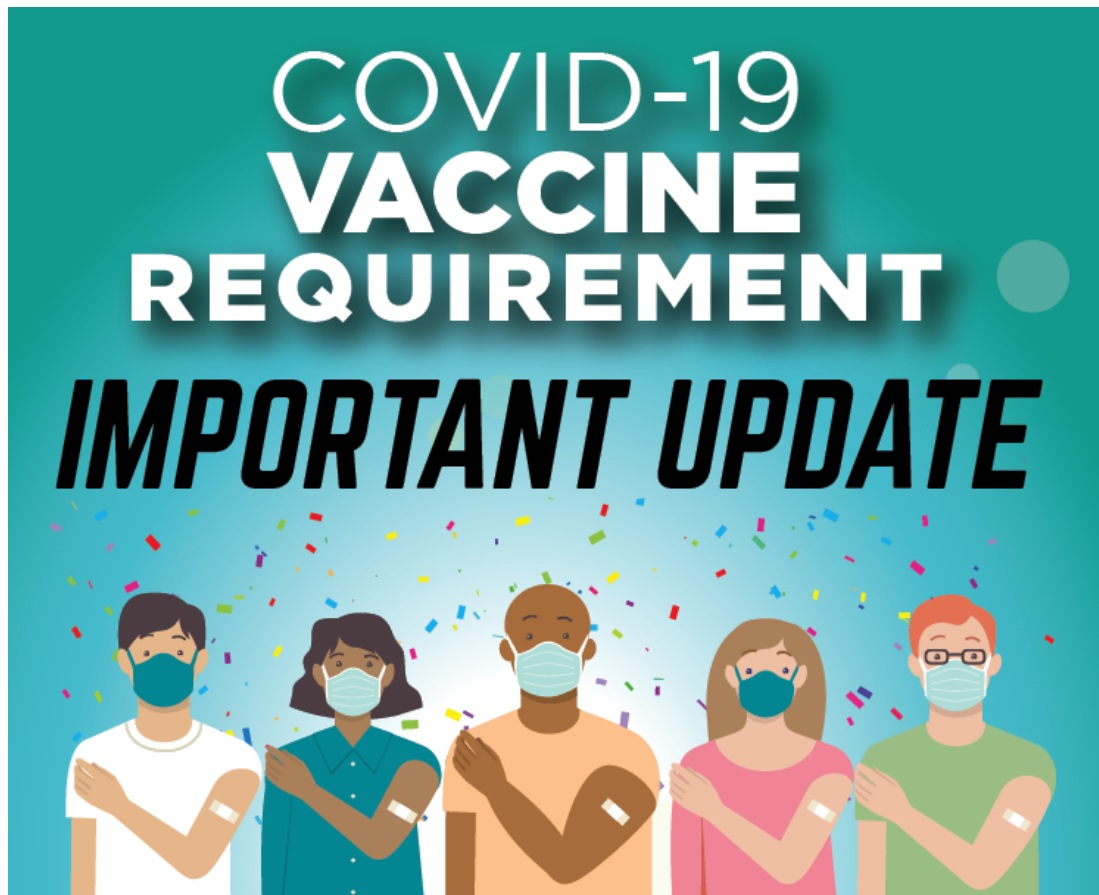
## Mental Health Workshops



We know that the transition back to campus has been tough for all of us during these uncertain times. VC is bringing in outside mental health professionals to listen and offer coping strategies for our campus community. The session will be hyflex with Zoom and In-person components.

[More information on the PDF flyer online.](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement Update



An update for the COVID-19 protocol was shared with students.

Students who are not fully vaccinated by October 15 and are accessing in-person, on-campus classes, were informed that they can continue with Fall classes by undergoing twice-weekly COVID-19 tests. Testing will occur on campus. If negative test results, students can proceed to attend a class or an event. Students do not need to be retested at each college.

Please visit [VCCCD Alerts](#) for more info. Access the [medical or religious exemption forms online](#). The campus will continue holding free vaccination clinics.

Visit the California Department of Public Health's [MyTurn page](#) to learn about walk-in clinics or make an appointment.



## Walk-in Vaccination Clinic

# WALK-IN VACCINATION CLINIC

## OCTOBER 19

**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**VENTURA COLLEGE GUTHRIE HALL**

OFFERING PFIZER AND J&J VACCINES



SPONSORED BY VENTURA COUNTY

In partnership with Ventura County Public Health, Ventura College will be holding a free vaccination clinic on Tuesday, October 19 in Guthrie Hall from 8 a.m. until 1p.m. The clinic will be offering the Pfizer and J&J vaccines, and are open to the public.

COVID testing is available on campus every Wednesday and Friday through October 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to test employees and students in the Small Gym or Dance Studio 102 (AEC outside of the small gym). This schedule will expand to every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as of October 18. Please [register](#) to get tested.

## HSI-STEM Grant Award

Ventura College is proud to announce they have been awarded a \$5MIL, 5-year, HSI-STEM grant entitled: "Servingness: Aspiration, Identity, and Learning (S:AIL) in STEM." Through this Title III Project, VC will embrace its identity as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by fostering an institution-wide commitment to providing a high quality, equity-minded learning environment in three domains: 1) Aspiration, 2) Identity, and 3) Learning. In addition, Ventura College faculty & staff will become stewards of VC's commitment to being a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI).

For more Grant details visit: [Newsroom](#) | [Ventura College](#)

## Fall Concert



Ventura College celebrated the Fall 2021 Semester with a live Performing Arts program on Saturday, October 2. The program featured music, theatre, and dance performances by ensembles including the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras and Chamber Music Program (Ashley Walters, director), the VC Chorus & Singers (Brent Wilson, director with Luvi Avendano, guest artist), and the VC Jazz Band (Fundi Legohn, director), plus performances from our Dance Department (Krenly Guzman, director) and Theatre Arts Department (Nathan Cole, director). The concert was held outside on the Performing Arts Center lawn and offered free of charge.

Cash for College



**CASH** **4**  
**COLLEGE**  
**Free Workshops**

**OCT. 9 & 23**  
Attend either date and  
any campus workshop.



Ventura College and Ventura College East Campus held a free Cash 4 College workshop on October 9 and will hold a second workshop on October 23.

The events are in-person. Students can stop by anytime during the workshops. Bilingual financial aid staff will assist students in completing applications for the 2022-2023 school year FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). The workshops are free and open to the community.



## MCE Mural - The Human Journey



Talented muralist Lisa Kelly has worked with Cari Lange and Gigi Fiumerodo to bring anthropology to life in the halls of the MCE building. Anthropology is the study of humans and the mural showcases the diversity and scope of this dynamic field of study. The focus of the mural is on biological and cultural anthropology. The left half of the mural depicts the major areas in Biological Anthropology: the biological basis of life and evolutionary theory, primatology, and the pattern of human evolution. The depictions of prehistoric humans transition to images of modern people from all over the globe. Indigenous and cultural representations from all continents are vibrantly displayed and illustrate themes in Cultural Anthropology. Local, indigenous Chumash culture is recognized with various rock art symbols and motifs.

## VENTURA COLLEGE OUTREACH



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## *zoom into vc*

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VC OUTREACH IS AVAILABLE ONLINE TO GUIDE POTENTIAL VC STUDENTS WITH:

- VENTURA COLLEGE APPLICATION
- OPENCCC ASSISTANCE
- PORTAL SET UP
- ONLINE ORIENTATION
- CONNECTING STUDENTS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Outreach will be restarting weekly "Zoom Into VC" office hours on Mondays 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., assisting future VC pirates with the "Steps to the Enrollment" process.

## First Years Experience (FYE) Workshops



FYE students have been busy scheduling their appointments with their Counselors to prepare for Spring '22 courses and fulfilling their priority registration requirements.

FYE has partnered up with departments campus-wide to provide a wide variety of workshops for students that give them resources and skills to succeed in their first year at VC and beyond!

The workshops topics ranged from Managing Your Finances, Communication, to VC Foundation Scholarship, Basic Needs: Cal Fresh Application to the upcoming workshops:

FYE Center Halloween Social Wednesday, 10/27 noon to 4 p.m. at the FYE Center

VC Foundation Scholarship Workshop Wednesday, 10/27 noon to 4 p.m. via ZOOM

Shout out to Professor Brewer for stopping by the FYE center with students enrolled in his Counseling course.

Congrats to last month's FYE giveaway winner, Brianna Gaxiola. She participated in FYE trivia via the FYE Canvas Shell.

## Associated Students of Ventura College Events



In celebration of V.C. Latinx Heritage Month, the Associated Students of Ventura College (ASVC), M.E.Ch.A. de V.C., and campus staff and faculty coordinated several events and programs for the V.C. Community. The V.C. community was invited to celebrate and advocate for Latinx Culture, Traditions, Education, History, and Arts.

Students and other campus community members were invited to attend our webinar series on Wednesday, September 29th (Latinx History in California), October 6th (Breaking Myths in Mental Health), and October 13th (V.C. and VCCCD Latinx Leadership) during Latinx Heritage



Month.



The Associated Students of Ventura College hosted a Virtual Student Life Day on Thursday, October 14, 2021. The ASVC showcased our Student Clubs and Organizations to new and returning students and celebrated VC Student Life! The entire VC community was invited to the Student Life Day events!



The ASVC invites the VC Community to Student Life Night at the VC vs. LBCC Football Game on Saturday, October 16th, 2021. The Student Tailgate will begin at 4 p.m. and the Game will begin at 6 p.m. Students can attend the game for FREE by showing their Student ID's at the entry gate. Students who attend the tailgate will also get a FREE rally towel, BBQ meal, and other VC goodies!



The Ventura College Foundation was named again to the Pacific Coast Business Times 2021-22 Giving Guide's Top 25 Foundations in the Tri-Counties in the September 17th publication.

The annual Giving Guide is the region's premier nonprofit reference guide showcasing Central Coast nonprofits and those that support them. Ranked by total financial assets, the VC Foundation held its position at number 24, with \$26.4 million reported in assets for 2019-20.

The VC Foundation is one of seven Ventura County foundations to make the top 25 and one of three California Community College Foundations, including Santa Barbara Community College Foundation (ranked at number 14) and the Allan Hancock Foundation (ranked at number 22).

To view the Pacific Coast Business Times 2021-22 Giving Guide and the VC Foundation's advertisement for Scholarship Support on page 72, visit:

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<https://www.pacbiztimes.com/giving-guide/>



More than 400 scholarships are available to Ventura College students who are ready and able to benefit from the financial support, via the single Ventura College Foundation Scholarship Application. Our scholarships are designed to enable and encourage students to achieve their goals.

#### **FALL 2021 APPLICATION DATES:**

##### **PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP**

- Applications Opened: September 1, 2021
- Applications Close: November 26, 2021

##### **PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOPS**

Two application workshops for Paramedic students were held on September 10th & October 8th. Both workshops were recorded and recordings are available to any student upon request.

##### **GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- Applications Opened: October 1, 2021
- Applications Close: January 21, 2022

##### **GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOPS - ALL ON WEDNESDAYS!**

- October 13, 2021 from 3pm-4pm (In partnership with FYE)
- October 27, 2021 from 12pm-1pm (In partnership with FYE)
- November 3, 2021 from 8am-9am
- November 10, 2021 from 6pm-7pm (In partnership with EOPS)
- November 17, 2021 from 10am-11am
- November 24, 2021 from 4pm-5pm

- November 24, 2021 from 4pm-5pm
- December 1, 2021 from 2pm-3pm
- December 8, 2021 from 10am-11am

Zoom link for all workshops is as follows:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/my/vcfoundation>

- All workshops will be recorded and recordings will be emailed to any student upon request.
- Interpreters are available upon request. Please give us at least one week's notice to accommodate.
- Workshop schedule is subject to change. Students will be informed of any changes in advance.

For more information about applying for any Ventura College Foundation Scholarship, visit:

<https://venturacollegefoundation.org/scholarships/>

Questions or concerns about any of the items above?

Please contact VC Foundation Programs & Events Manager Jaimee Galvan at [jgalvan@vcccd.edu](mailto:jgalvan@vcccd.edu) or [805-289-6161](tel:805-289-6161).



### Ventura College and the Ventura College Foundation Join Forces for 2022 VC Pirates Provide, 24 Hours of Giving Event

Ventura College's President Kim Hoffmans and the Ventura College Foundation's, Executive Director Anne Paul King, joined forces on September 16th to share information with the campus regarding the inaugural *VC Pirates Provide, 24 Hours of Giving* Fundraising Event.

The 2022 *VC Pirates Provide, 24 Hours of Giving* will take place March 23-24, 2022, and will allow the Ventura College Foundation to showcase the fundraising needs and opportunities of Ventura College and select campus programs/departments.

#### Ventura College's Support Role:

- The VC Executive Team for our first year will review all VC Pirates Provide Applications and will select six campus groups to participate for 2022. One of things they will be looking for is how the identified fundraising goal is tied to your program review goals
- VC will provide support via all-user emails and social media shares on VC's social media



- platforms
- With the VC Foundation's assistance, College leadership will participate in filming promo and thank you videos, as well as will go live on Facebook on March 23rd and March 24th at noon.

#### **Ventura College Foundation's Support Role:**

- The VC Foundation will provide all six campus groups a customized VC Pirate's Provide Giving Page and a Text-to-Give Keyword
- To support your fundraising efforts, the VC Foundation will create a Communications Toolkit which will include:
  - VC Pirates Provide Branded Materials
  - Sample messaging for social media & emails
  - Social Media images for fundraisers & social media ambassadors to use prior, during, and after the event
  - The VC Foundation will also provide trainings or be available to coach your group on successfully using the Communications Toolkit
- The Foundation will receive and process all donations and will issue a thank you/ I.R.S. tax compliant donation receipt for each donor
- At the completion of your campaign, the Foundation will provide you with your donor contact list specifically for follow-up thank you's

#### **How to Participate - Your Program or Department Must have Six Things to Participate:**

1. A designated lead for your program's campaign that will work with the VC Foundation
2. An established Trust & Agency Account number. We need a place to forward your raised funds. Be sure to confirm this number with your supervisor.
3. A compelling, tangible cause (think Go Fund Me) and a fundraising goal. Think:
  1. What would make someone want to donate and support your program's cause?
  2. What is realistic to raise? The VC Foundation can help you determine your goal.
4. Permission from your DIVISION DEAN or VC VICE-PRESIDENT
5. A group of people who are ready to promote your Pirate's Provide project using social media, email, texting, phone calls, for the different 24 hours of giving
6. Submit your [\*\*VC Pirates Provide Application\*\*](#) to the Ventura College Foundation by **Friday, November 5, 2021**

**Don't have these things, but want to be involved?** We would love to have you be a Pirate's Provide Ambassador on campus or fundraise for another program, and/or start planning for next year!

#### **For More Information:**

- Watch the [\*\*VC Pirates Provide Informational Meeting Zoom Recording from September 16, 2021\*\*](#)
- Review the Informational Meeting [\*\*PowerPoint Presentation\*\*](#)
- Contact the VC Foundation's Development Manager, Julie Harvey at [\*\*805-289-6502\*\*](tel:805-289-6502) or e-mail: [\*\*jharvey@vcccd.edu\*\*](mailto:jharvey@vcccd.edu).

#### **Resources:**

[\*\*https://youtu.be/y3AFezKLL0k\*\*](https://youtu.be/y3AFezKLL0k)

- Powerpoint
- [\*\*https://venturacollegefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-VC-Pirates-Provide-Informational-Meeting-Final.pptx\*\*](https://venturacollegefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-VC-Pirates-Provide-Informational-Meeting-Final.pptx)

#### **2022 Campus Program/Department Featured Campaign Application**

[\*\*https://venturacollegefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-VC-Pirates-Provide-Participant-Application.pdf\*\*](https://venturacollegefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-VC-Pirates-Provide-Participant-Application.pdf)

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### **Pirate Treasure**

A Pirate Treasure is a way to recognize colleagues and say thank you for outstanding support to our college community. Contact the Office of Academic Affairs to acknowledge your peers.

More Information on our Website

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