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NEWS FROM YOUR COLLEGE

San Jacinto College announces online summer terms

San Jacinto College has announced the continuation of online courses through the summer terms, as part of the College's altered operations plan due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.



Photo by Melissa Trevizo, San Jacinto College

The May mini term will be delivered solely online, while the Summer I and Summer II terms will be delivered online as much as possible. Some technical courses during Summer I and II may be available on campus, following social distancing and CDC guidelines.

The College has been conducting altered operations since March 23, 2020,

with courses and student support services now online. Campuses remain closed to visitors and students, except those with appointments who have completed a daily screening process.

The latest information about San Jac's altered operations can be found at sanjac.edu/coronavirus.

College sets new commencement date

San Jacinto College has set the new date and time for the postponed spring commencement ceremony for Friday, Aug. 7, 2020. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the College had to postpone its Spring commencement ceremony originally scheduled for Friday, May 15.



Photo by Courtney Morris, San Jacinto College

The Aug. 7 ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. at NRG Stadium.

The College will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in our region, and will make any necessary changes as appropriate. The College will follow all CDC and local guidelines. San Jacinto College continues to operate under altered operations. Up-to-date information can be found online at sanjac.edu/coronavirus.

San Jac accepting applications for Bachelor of Science in Nursing program

San Jacinto College is accepting applications through June 30 for its new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN) program, beginning this fall at the Central Campus.

As San Jac's first baccalaureate degree, the program will give the working registered nurse a convenient, cost-effective pathway to marketability and professional growth.

The hybrid program will combine in-person and distance learning in an eight-week course format, with classes



Photo by Courtney Morris, San Jacinto College

costing the same low tuition rate as San Jac's other credit courses.

Dr. Rhonda Bell, Central Campus dean of health and natural sciences, said the program answers the call of area workforce needs while fitting RNs' busy schedules.

"We're nurses. We know how it is to juggle families, school, and work. From the very beginning, we made sure not to lose that vision," Dr. Bell said. "We want the nurses in this community to have the opportunity to return to school, but we also want the school to meet them where they are."

For prerequisites, admission requirements, and other information, visit www.sanjac.edu/bsn or email sanjacbsn@sjcd.edu.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE FOOD MARKETS MEETING NEEDS

By Colton Bennett
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

As families are still reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment numbers are hitting Great Depression levels while countless others have seen hours reduced. This means the same bills that were being covered easily, or barely at all, are now tougher to bear. That is why San Jacinto College has kept its food markets open and partnered with the Houston Food Bank to ensure students and employees have one less worry.

In late March, the College's food markets at the Central, North, and South Campuses

began issuing orders via curbside pick-up by appointment to allow students to continue receiving up to 30 pounds of food and supplies per week while also keeping food market staff safe. On April 14, the College announced the food markets would be open to employees as well. Providing peace of mind and essential supplies remain the overall goals.

"During this period of uncertainty, nearly every aspect of life seems to be in a constant state of flux for many of our students," said Daniel Byars, South Campus student engagement and activities (SEA) coordinator. "The food markets, along with our partnership with the

Houston Food Bank, allow us to help alleviate some of those worries for our students so they can stay focused on their goals here at San Jacinto College, and persist to graduation."

Oddly enough, campus food market usage has dropped since the College announced it would be transitioning to altered operations due to COVID-19. Reasons could range from not knowing the markets are still available to the stigma associated with visiting food pantries, but the College wants students and employees to know it's OK to receive assistance, especially now.

"We know the needs of our students



Photo courtesy of San Jacinto College

are more than the current usage numbers are reflecting," said Amanda Rose, Central Campus SEA coordinator.

"The process to utilize the food market is designed to minimize the negative stigma that is often associated with having a food insecurity. The Houston Food Bank has created the Food for Change program to support students in their academic success."

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

WILLIAM BUEL: PRINTING FOR THE PANDEMIC

By Andrea Vasquez
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

When the COVID-19 outbreak established its hold in Houston, medical professionals and facilities joined the plight of their peers around the world for personal protection equipment (PPE). Gov. Greg Abbott even called upon newly trained, soon-to-be-certified, and retired nurses to join the front lines. Little did San Jacinto College engineering design graphics instructor William Buel know that he would be part of this effort as well.

In April, San Jacinto College, Houston Community College, University of Houston at Sugar Land, Fort Bend County Judge's Office, TX/RX Labs, and Alief and Houston ISDs joined efforts to help address PPE shortages for local area medical professionals and first responders in the fight against COVID-19. The collaborative effort – known as H-Force – is a comprehensive community partnership platform bringing together members' resources, technologies, and expertise to address the Houston area's growing needs amidst the global crisis.

Buel is the project manager for the College's H-Force contribution, which included using 30 of its 3D printers to create face shields to help alleviate the local PPE shortage. In addition to the H-Force collaboration, the College is printing 900 face shield head bands for CHI St. Luke's Health – Patients Medical Center in Pasadena and its affiliate in Sugar Land, Harris County, City of Houston Veterans Affairs offices, and several other medical and academic facilities. According to Buel, leading the San Jacinto College team has been rewarding on many levels.



Photos courtesy of San Jacinto College

Jeff Robison (left) and James Isaacks (right) discuss instructing on machine operations.

Q: How did you become involved in the College's efforts with the H-Force partnership?

A: When San Jacinto College administrators started thinking about joining this project, South Campus dean of business and technology Kevin Morris recommended me to head the project based on my background in manufacturing and production.

Q: Are other faculty and students involved?

A: Yes, we have a great team, which includes: Dr. Christopher Wild, department chair of physical sciences, Jeff Robison, chemistry lab supervisor, James Isaacks, computer information technology (CIT) adjunct faculty and daytime project supervisor, Scott Vlasek, construction management professor and evening supervisor, Clarissa Belbas, LyondellBasell CPET director, Sami Yu, part-time chemistry staff, Bang Nguyen, part-time physics specialty lab assistant, and student assistants Tanner Cates, Jose Amieva, Thomas Gullick, and Jack Yu. I can't say enough great things about all the work our team has been doing to help in these efforts.

Q: Given this pandemic is unlike anything we've seen before, how do you feel your previous professional experience and current teaching experience prepared you to lead the College's team for this project?

A: Although we had to work quickly, the requirements for setting up this manufacturing facility and operations are the same as most other manufacturing operations I have been responsible for. This included establishing and operating plans for evaluating the need, getting the equipment, developing processes, getting required skilled personnel, scheduling and running production, preparing necessary documentation, and shipping the product on schedule.

Q: How does this shed light on how engineering drafters/designers can be essential to a number of industries?

A: Prior to the pandemic, the College has been very supportive of the additive manufacturing efforts of our 3D print labs and teaching requirements to prepare students (several were involved technically in this project) for the design and operational requirements in the 3D printing industry. Everything we have been working on – from initial product development to shipping the final pieces – is allowing these students to see how their skills can be applied to any emergency situation that isn't necessarily what they pictured as drafting/designing jobs. It's also providing these students with unique hands-on experience that future employers will hone in on.

Q: How will this pandemic change the engineering drafting/designing industry?

A: I think this project highlights the need for more additive manufacturing directions in future classes with understanding that the world is changing more rapidly due to this pandemic. With proper preparation, our students can and will be at the forefront of future industry requirements in design and manufacturing.



Pictured left to right: Jeff Robison, Tanner Cates, Thomas Gullick, William Buel, Sami Yu, Jack Yu, and James Isaacks.

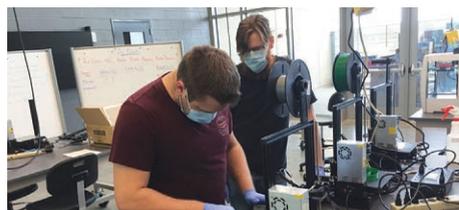


Pictured left to right: James Isaacks, William Buel, and Scott Vlasek.

Q: Going forward, how will this experience change or enhance what you teach your EDG students?

A: As with Skills USA and other academic project competitions, we are always looking for ways to aid our students and help develop them into the leaders of tomorrow. As faculty, we have learned a lot about teaching remotely, and I hope our students are also seeing how easily technology can be harnessed and used as tools in these situations.

I especially want to thank San Jacinto College administrators for allowing my team to step up when the need was greatest and allowing us to show how the skills these students are learning are being used to make this world a better place. This project taught us all about giving more of ourselves to those we will never meet and saving more lives than we could ever imagine.



James Isaacks (right) instructs Tanner Cates (left) on machine maintenance.



Pictured left to right: Sami Yu, Thomas Gullick, and Jack Yu cleaning products.



Production floor

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

DANCERS TURN SOCIAL DISTANCING INTO CHOREOGRAPHY, FILM EXPLORATION

By Courtney Morris
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Jasmine Lopez wasn't expecting to rehearse in her backyard instead of a studio. Nor did she expect to twirl around her kitchen instead of on stage.

But when the coronavirus moved San Jacinto College's dance performance class online mid-semester, Lopez and her nine classmates changed course. The class that houses rehearsals for the South Campus performing arts company's end-of-semester concert changed into an opportunity for students to choreograph, film, and YouTube-post weekly dances from home.

Boredom, Lopez discovered, sparks creativity.

"It's thrilling to know I have the capability to create something people enjoy," she said.

Salvaged semester

When COVID-19 nixed the spring concert, dance professor Jamie Williams knew she had to provide a creative alternative.

"My first thought was ... we'd worked so hard and prepared so much," she said. "My second thought was, 'How can I salvage this?'"

Williams landed on seven weeks of graded performance projects at home.

"I wanted to keep students creating and performing and knew they might be



Jasmine Lopez's kitchen dance

limited by space and other factors of their environment," she said.

Each Sunday, the dancers received that week's "creative task." The project included four to six guidelines but could be tweaked to fit their circumstances. After choreographing and filming, students posted their dances publicly or privately on the San Jac dance performance YouTube channel.

Leap of faith

Some of the creative tasks included:

- A choreographed or improvised kitchen dance performed solo or with household members/pets to any version of "This Little Light of Mine"
- A duet to Police's "Don't Stand So Close to Me" performed with another household member/pet, maintaining at least 6-foot distance
- A solo dance inside a 5-foot square performed to music by Michael Wall and inspired by social distancing

While some dancers sought Williams' advice, others flew solo. Minus face-to-face instruction, the projects stretched them all.

"It's a different kind of learning — to

be given a task and have to do something, anything, then take a leap of faith and post it for everyone to see," Williams said.

Kitchen creativity

Lopez choreographed for the first time during these home projects. Without mirror-lined walls, she had to record and watch later to critique herself. But isolation also freed her to explore movement.

"I'm not afraid of looking stupid when I'm doing something," she said. "I see interesting movement choices I made that I wasn't thinking about at the time."

Each week, Williams featured the most interesting videos on the South Campus dance program's Facebook page. Lopez's kitchen dance made the cut.

Lopez picked a soulful rendition of "This Little Light of Mine." In her video, she twirls around a U-shaped kitchen, pulling herself nimbly onto the countertops and swinging open cabinet and fridge doors as if searching for something to banish boredom.

Williams saw the detail involved — from what song version Lopez chose to how her sister and neighbor clapped in sync with the song's background chatter.

"That's what I value in dance work — all the pieces fit together like a puzzle," she said. "For it to be Jasmine's very first project, I was amazed."

Déjà vu days

Lillie Glasscock, another choreography



Photos courtesy of San Jacinto College
| Lillie Glasscock's 5-foot square project

newbie, found her groove several weeks into the creative tasks.

"I felt like once I was home and choreographing myself, I was getting to know myself a lot more as an artist," Glasscock said. "No one is watching you or giving you feedback at all until the video is uploaded. It's scary, but it's freeing in a way."

For the 5-foot square project, she chose Wall's tense, repetitive "5 115" to express the broken-record feeling of current life.

"I was doing the same thing every day, seeing the same one or two people in my house," she said. "It was a déjà vu feeling — days are jumping back and forth. Like I can swear it was Monday yesterday."

Glasscock worked backward from her recorded improvisation to choreograph the dance. Then after filming, she cut the clips to represent cuts in time, interrupting and restarting the dance "like the semester was interrupted and restarted."

Williams marveled at how Glasscock used both space and time to illustrate isolation.

"She used some film editing skills to restart her movement phrase over and over again, 'interrupting herself' in a different place each time," Williams said. "I was impressed to see how clearly she communicated her ideas."

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SAN JAC HAPPENINGS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	SITE
June 1-12	Pathway to the Stars STEM Camp	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Online- sanjac.edu/pathway-to-the-stars-camp
June 15-26	Pathway to the Stars STEM Camp	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Online- sanjac.edu/pathway-to-the-stars-camp
June 29-July 3	Pathway to the Stars STEM Camp	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Online- sanjac.edu/pathway-to-the-stars-camp

All times and event schedules listed are subject to change. For more information, visit sanjac.edu.



THE SHOW MUST GO ON: SAN JACINTO COLLEGE SOUTH GALLERY MOVES ART SHOWCASE ONLINE

By **Melissa Trevizo**
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

With the coronavirus sending most events to a grinding halt, San Jacinto College has been thrust into a state of careful but timely, decisions and altered operations. The South Campus Gallery had to make one of those decisions regarding its annual student showcase.

“Each spring, we usually dedicate our gallery to a student showcase, allowing students not only in our art programs, but all programs College-wide to submit pieces,” said Bradly Brown, South Campus Gallery curator. “There is a judging process and prizes are given to first, second, and third place.”

This year the showcase, like many other things, has been very different. When faced with the option to cancel the showcase or find an alternative, Brown and his colleagues decided to move the showcase online.



Photos courtesy of San Jacinto College

San Jacinto College fine arts major, Ajith Nadar, concentrates his creativity mostly on portraiture, and fashion photography. Nadar's work was some of the most well received on Instagram during the All Together Now showcase.

“There is a comfort that can be found in creating and experiencing art, and we are committed to facilitating that connection, even if it can't be done face to face at this time,” Brown said. “We recognize that students may not have the materials they would ordinarily use at home right now, but we've encouraged them to be creative and utilize whatever they have access to — rethinking what is typically used to create art.”

The announcement that the All Together Now student showcase would continue online sparked 70 submissions from dance, fine arts, science majors, and fine arts alumni.

“Moving the showcase online and moving forward is extremely inspiring and motivates the artists. As a community, we are together in this,” said Ajith Nadar, fine arts student and showcase contributor. “I started my first semester right after Hurricane Harvey and ended my last class in the COVID-19 crisis. It has been a long and memorable journey.”

Students like Nadar have found community in the continuation of the showcase, a goal Brown had from the beginning.

“The gallery plays a role for many students that in these uncertain times brings them together,” Brown said. “By continuing the show, we are hoping to create a sense of community and connection when so many are feeling alone.”

View the student submissions Facebook and Instagram at [facebook.com/SJCSouthCampusGallery](https://www.facebook.com/SJCSouthCampusGallery) or [instagram.com/sjcsouthcampusgallery](https://www.instagram.com/sjcsouthcampusgallery).

to face,” she said. “But there's a lot of learning that can happen when a student is given the time and environment to learn on their own.”

She said: “Dance and technology — I would love to add something like that to choreography class.”

To view the videos, visit the San Jac dance performance channel at <https://bit.ly/2SoQsR4>.

San Jacinto College South Campus Gallery Presents:

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An Online Student Showcase

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Digital • Music • Dance • Theater • Video

[Click to Submit](#)

While our upcoming Student Exhibition has been postponed, please submit your work to be featured in our online student showcase, *All Together Now!* Painting, drawing, sculpture, design, photography, digital art, music, dance, theater, video and creative writing will all be accepted. Submissions will be shared across SJC South Campus Gallery's social media.

There is a comfort that can be found in creating and experiencing art, and we are committed to facilitating that connection, even if it can't be done face-to-face at this time. We recognize that you may not have the materials you would ordinarily use at home right now. We encourage you to be creative and utilize whatever you have access to - rethinking what is typically used to create art.

Follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) @sjcsouthcampusgallery to keep up to date and the exhibition takes shape.

ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS ALL SEMESTER!

Please contact bradly.brown@sjcd.edu with any questions (you must be logged in to your SJC email to view the submission form)



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Matthew Napoli, a former San Jacinto College art major, is pursuing a degree in painting from the Maryland Institute College of Art. Through his paintings, Napoli highlights the sensation of being obstructed, distant, or parallel to something we want. Napoli's paintings were some of the most popular from the All Together Now showcase.

San Jacinto Bachelor of Science in Nursing

San Jacinto College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN) is for working registered nurses who want to advance within the profession. This learner-centered program opens the door to better professional opportunities and increased earning potential.

Applications for the RN-to-BSN program are open for classes starting fall 2020.

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Distance dancing

“Dance performance class 2.0” gave students a taste of both choreography and filming. Post-coronavirus, the class will return to concert rehearsals, but Williams may apply some social distancing takeaways to her choreography classes.

“I feel like dance specifically is something that needs to be done face

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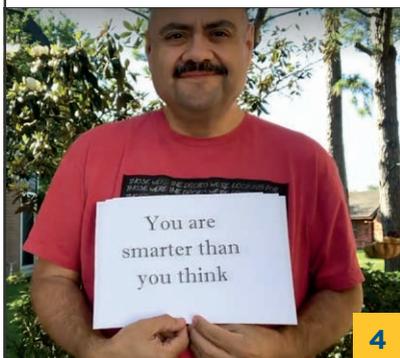
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1 Medical radiography student Kendall Zamanek shared this quarantine-ready selfie before she took her finals.

2 Trenton Voss, Central Campus student ambassador, spent an afternoon helping stock groceries at the campus food pantry.

3 Students shared their #SanJacAtHome messages with their peers.

4 Professor Rene Leija shared this video to remind San Jacinto College students we are #inthistgether.

5 South Campus dance student Cayla Ford stayed on the top of her performance game by uploading her choreography to YouTube.

6 North Campus student ambassador Fatima Lazo shared her newly organized study space as part of the #SanJacLife campaign.

7 The South Campus Gallery shared this photography submission from former student Amaechina Blot as part of its Instagram art showcase.

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YOU GOT THIS: OVERCOME CHALLENGING SEASONS WITH THESE TIPS

By Courtney Morris
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Raise your hand if you have banned the word “unprecedented.”

Although the word described our circumstances this spring, we would all opt for fewer coronavirus-sized challenges. But stressful seasons — physical, emotional, or both — happen. How do we prepare ourselves to face them?

San Jacinto College instructors share some ideas. If you're looking to manage stress better or build your immune system, start here.

Fitness: Aim for realistic

Let's begin with physical fitness. The benefits of exercise? It reduces stress and depression symptoms and builds the immune system.

“Some studies suggest physical activity may help flush bacteria out of the lungs and airways,” said Trenton Denton, physical education professor for the personal trainer program. “This may reduce chances of getting sick.”

Not a gym-goer? Start with a daily walk. Build to 30-60 minutes a day of moderate-intensity exercise.

Denton shares this adaptable rotation:

- **Monday:** Cycling
- **Tuesday:** Strength training
- **Wednesday:** Kickboxing
- **Thursday:** Walking/jogging
- **Friday:** Strength training



| Exercise: Start with a walk around the block.

- **Saturday:** Karate
 - **Sunday:** Recovery/flexibility
- Try alternating aerobics, resistance/skills training, and flexibility. Choose doable rather than rigid goals.

“Discipline is the key to maintain a healthy lifestyle,” Denton said. “Focus on the benefits of exercise and set and achieve realistic goals.”

Diet: Plan to win

Working hand in hand with exercise is a healthy diet. Nutritious food fuels your body and mind. Plan ahead to avoid unhealthy food traps.



| Diet: Choose colorful whole foods.

“Let's face it: we eat whatever is the fastest solution once we reach lunch and we're hungry,” said Andrea Huerta, culinary arts program director.

Focus on moderate portions of:

- Vegetables • Fruit
- Whole grains • Lean proteins
- Good fats (nuts, coconut oil, etc.)

Fill your fridge and pantry with healthy options and leave chips and cookies at the store. Huerta recommends cutting up fruit and vegetables as soon as you bring them home.

She also cooks in bulk — freezable foods only — and freezes for easy meals later.

“An easy favorite of mine is charro beans cooked in a crockpot on low overnight,” she said. “I use dried beans, and in the morning, I divide into portions for the freezer.”

Immune system: Listen to body

Help your body take care of itself.

Lindsey Douglas, medical laboratory technology program clinical coordinator, shares how to avoid infection and recognize when your immune system is playing defense.

Improve your immunity with self-care:

- Get adequate rest
- Drink plenty of water
- Pursue stress-reducing activities
- Take probiotics to support good bacteria in the gut
- Take vitamin C and zinc to suppress viral replication

To avoid infecting yourself or others, protect your skin, nose, and mouth from pathogen entry. Hand washing is more effective than hand sanitizer, Douglas said.

Listen to your body. Feeling unwell? Experiencing inflammation and fever? These are the immune system's natural responses as it fights infection.



| Immune system: Catch some z's.

“Often the feeling of malaise is the beginning of an immune reaction,” Douglas said. “Provide your body with extra rest, stay hydrated, and hopefully your immune system will successfully fight off invaders.”

Mental health: Choose joy, accept reality

Cayman Tirado, mental health services program director, calls it like it is: “Who doesn't feel stressed?”

Rather than avoiding stress, she suggests managing overwhelming emotions. Tackle your thoughts head-on since thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are connected.



| Mental health: Phone a friend for a morale boost.

Practice mindfulness to grow the space between the trigger and your reaction. For this, Tirado recommends short mindfulness videos on YouTube.

“We can choose a helpful thought that moves us toward wellness or a non-helpful thought that moves us away from wellness,” she said. “Also, taking a moment to process the emotion we're feeling rather than acting from the emotion can make a huge difference.”

Finally, take a cue from dialectical behavioral therapy and focus on “radical acceptance”: allowing and accepting what is.

“It's OK to feel scared or worried. Rather than push those feelings away, acknowledge what you feel,” Tirado said. “Then ask yourself what you need right now to best manage those feelings. Do I need to call a friend or my therapist or go for a walk outside?”

Challenging seasons will end

“It won't stay this way forever. It will get better.” Someone once shared that encouragement when Tirado was dealing with a challenging season.

Stressed? Overwhelmed? Exercise, eat healthy food, get rest, practice mindfulness, and reach out to others. Pretty soon, these habits will become a lifestyle.

“Maintaining good health happens by checking in with yourself and addressing your needs in a proactive, healthy way,” Tirado said.

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Safety remains the greatest concern for those using these community resources. San Jacinto College and the Houston Food Bank want their communities to know they

are doing everything they can to ensure safe distribution practices.

“The health and safety of our partners, staff, and community remains our No. 1 priority,” said Katherine Tong of the

Houston Food Bank. “The Food Bank and our partners will continue to adhere to CDC guidelines, which have been consistent since the beginning. We must help flatten the curve, while still serving

our community.”

For more information about the San Jacinto College campus food markets, visit sanjac.edu/student-services/campus-life/student-engagement-activities/food-market.

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Mission — San Jacinto College is focused on student success, academic progress, university transfer, and employment. We are committed to opportunities that enrich the quality of life in the communities we serve.

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