ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Celebrating an existence which spans 98 years, San José City College continues to provide San José and Milpitas residents a community college education of unmatched quality. From its modest beginnings in 1921, San José City College has delivered its educational mission with integrity, sustained vitality, and a continuing awareness as to the need for change and innovation in the context of its dynamic communities.

For many years, San José City College operated in downtown San José. San José Unified School District assumed control of the College’s operation in 1953, moving it to its present Moorpark Avenue location. In 1958, the name was changed to San José City College. A decade later, an independent San José Junior College District was created.

Today, the San José-Evergreen Community College District (formed in 1963) serves more than seven hundred thousand residents within its 303 square mile boundaries, including the San José and Milpitas Unified School Districts and East Side Union High School District. As a result of a 1965 Citizen’s Advisory Committee Study, a long-range plan resulted in the acquisition of two campus sites on the district’s east side. Evergreen Valley College opened its doors to students in 1975 at its 155-acre campus in southeast San José.

Currently, San José City College enrolls more than 14,000 students annually, compared to its initial enrollment of 86 in 1921. The College offers curriculum for students seeking career preparation, transfer to a four-year college or university. A strong core of general education and major courses required for transfer are offered in addition to quality programs in basic skills preparation. The College offers a variety of Associate Degrees and certificate programs leading directly to workplace readiness and gainful employment. During the 2017-2018 academic year, 1,287 degrees and/or certificates were earned. Of those, 668 were Associate Degrees and 619 were Certificates. The diverse student body reflects the changing demographics of California’s various racial/ethnic groups: 6% African American, 23% Asian, 14% Caucasian, 43% Hispanic, ~1% Native American, ~1% Pacific Islander, 5% Other or non-responsive. Comprehensive programs and services support the diversity of the community of which San José City College is so rightfully proud.