CHANCELLOR’S MESSAGE

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Chancellor
San José–Evergreen Community College District

As Chancellor, I am honored to serve San José – Evergreen Community College District and the Silicon Valley community by building on the great work happening in our District. I am proud to serve in this role and we have a team that has an unwavering commitment to ensuring the success of our students. It is my honor and privilege to build on our legacy of offering a welcoming learning environment and a diverse, student-centered approach that prioritizes quality education and training.

While the COVID-19 outbreak has had a profound impact on virtually all aspects of our society, including how we deliver higher education instruction and services, our District remains focused on providing the best instruction and student services possible in order to help our students meet their educational goals. More importantly, we remain committed to doing so while ensuring that the health and safety of our students, our employees, and our entire community remains our highest priority.

San José – Evergreen Community College District consists of San José City College, Evergreen Valley College, Milpitas College Extension, and the Community College Center for Economic Mobility. Our District's core values of Opportunity, Equity, and Social Justice are reflected in all that we do to advance our educational mission. As a comprehensive community college District, San José – Evergreen offers transfer and career education programs, as well as customized training to meet our mission of providing academic opportunities and workforce development for current jobs as well as jobs of the future. We are committed to facilitating our students’ personal and professional success, and building our local and regional workforce.

The District partners with many local industries in business and technology to provide industry-driven curriculum and programs, as well as four-year colleges and universities to ensure seamless transfer of credit and program pathways as we strive to deliver and develop the latest cutting-edge technology, modern training facilities, and innovative learning options for students.

Each of our colleges has adopted many high-impact practices known to deepen students’ engagement in the college experience. These practices include learning communities, first-year seminars and experiences for new college students, apprenticeships, and academic goal setting and planning tools that direct students on a path to degree completion, career preparation, or transfer.

We are excited to announce that the San José Promise Scholarship program, available at both San José City College and Evergreen Valley College, will continue for the 2021-2022 academic year, covering the full cost of tuition and fees, textbooks, VTA pass, and summer bridge program for participating students.

Our students come to us with visions of their future. Whether a student’s goal is to transfer to a university; build up their writing, reading, and math abilities; or master essential workforce skills, we stand ready to assist our students in the pursuit and fulfillment of their dreams.

As you explore our catalog, you will learn much about San José – Evergreen Community College District. We also welcome you to visit our District and college websites to discover how our students become actively engaged and achieve success through our extensive and highly regarded programs and services. You will see that we have an impressive selection of challenging instructional programs that keep pace with the evolving needs of the workforce and the twenty-first century economy.

Whether you are seeking to transfer to a four-year institution, take a single course, or utilize the many resources available at our colleges, you will find our District to be committed to providing the best opportunities and support possible to assist our students and community.

Sincerely,

Byron D. Clift Breland, Ph.D.
Chancellor