
Foreword

Dear Students, Prospective Students and Friends:

Welcome to Santa Barbara City College! We are committed to the success of each student and to providing access to outstanding and affordable higher education programs that foster lifelong learning. I invite you to explore and take advantage of the variety of learning opportunities offered by our premier college. Whether you would like to train for a new job, earn a college degree, transfer to a four-year college or university, upgrade your existing skills, or explore educational opportunities, SBCC has courses and programs to meet your needs and interests.

Our academic offerings are coupled with a vast array of support services, including counseling, career planning and job placement services, financial aid programs, and assistance for those with learning and/or physical disabilities. SBCC also offers health services and a variety of tutorial programs.

Our commitment is to provide our students with the excellent education they deserve. Through thoughtful decision-making and sound fiscal management, the college has reserves that have enabled us to offset significant State budget cuts. We will continue to offer as wide a range of courses as possible to help students meet their academic goals in a timely fashion. There are many exciting opportunities and programs at SBCC. To highlight just a few:

- Human Presence Learning Environment – Thanks to technology, our student-friendly online courses use videos, Skype and posting audio responses to discussion threads. Keeping students engaged in an environment that most closely resembles a traditional classroom with instructor and classmate interaction helps course participation and retention.
- iPhones – In Fall 2009, SBCC was among the first colleges in the area to offer an innovative and highly popular course in programming iPhones.
- The Scheinfeld Enlightened Entrepreneurship Series – Gives students an opportunity to hear from highly successful and unique local entrepreneurs and innovators, including Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia; Doug Otto, founder of Deckers Outdoor Corporation; and Pamela Lopker, founder, board chairman and president of QAD.
- Student Clubs – Through the Office of Student Life, SBCC offers more than 40 clubs with faculty advisers for a wide range of academic, political and social interests. Many of these groups take on significant projects, such as Phi Theta Kappa (honors society) and the Black Student Union partnering to raise money for Haitian earthquake relief. The Video Game Club hosts GameFest, which is open to the community and is the largest celebration of videogames held annually on the Central Coast.

It is an exciting time to be at SBCC. I wish you great success and happiness in pursuing your future education and career goals, and hope to see you on campus soon.



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