



SANTA ANA COLLEGE

Career Center

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2024- 2025

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MISSION STATEMENT

The Career Center supports Santa Ana College (SAC) students on their Career Journey—through exploration, preparation, connection, and programming utilizing the strengths, resources, and services of the SAC campus and regional community.

WHAT WE SET TO ACCOMPLISH THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

The Career Center continues to provide quality services and resources to students around employment and careers. **CAREERLink**—our online job board—added 250 new employers in 2024-2025. It also serves as an important tool used by the Career Center to track data on the students we served.



The Career Center launched a few “firsts” this year. We partnered with the Santa Ana Task Force on the **Orange County Job Fair @ SAC** for SAC students, Santa Ana Unified School District students, and those in the community.

We also piloted the first cohort of the career readiness program — **SAC Career R.E.A.D.Y** (Resources. Engagement.Access.Development.

Yearlong) — partnering with Affinity Centers to provide a comprehensive approach to career services and employment readiness activities for students.

The additional programming was made possible because of the additions of a Job Developer and Career Technician to the Career Center team. This amazing team of career professionals continue to deliver quality services to our students.

STUDENTS COMING TO THE CAREER CENTER

2,000+ visits | 1,200 visitors

KEY GROWTH

- 128% increase* in total visits
- 119% increase* in total visitors
- 481% increase** in visits for Employment Preparation
- 400% increase** in visits for Internships

* Comparing 2024-25 to 2023-24 visits and visitors

** Comparing Spring 2025 to Fall 2024 reasons for visit and attributed to the addition of Job Developer and Career Technician

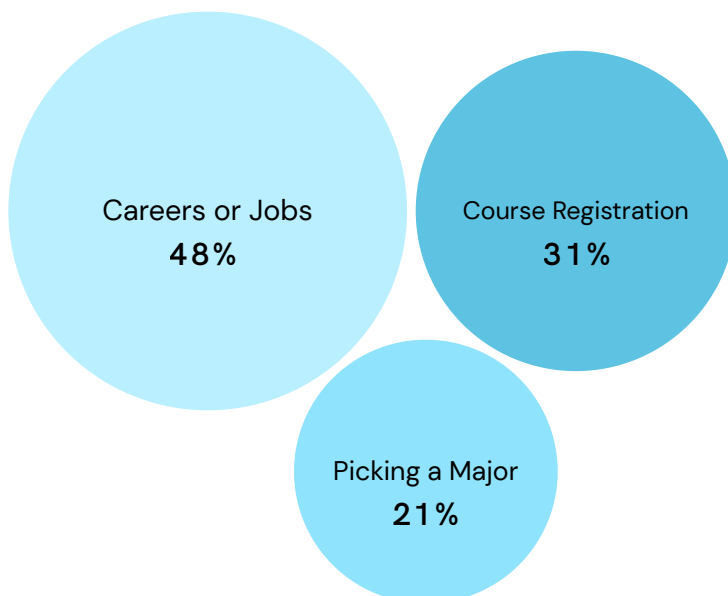
THE CAREER CENTER SERVES SAC STUDENTS

EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION ON CANVAS

362 DIGITAL BADGES ISSUED

442 STUDENTS ENROLLED

WHERE STUDENTS NEED HELP



CAREER CENTER
Student Spotlight

Congratulations Charletta on completing your internship as a Asthma Remediation Program Intern with Latino Health Access Spring 2025! Thank you for reaching out to the Career Center for support.

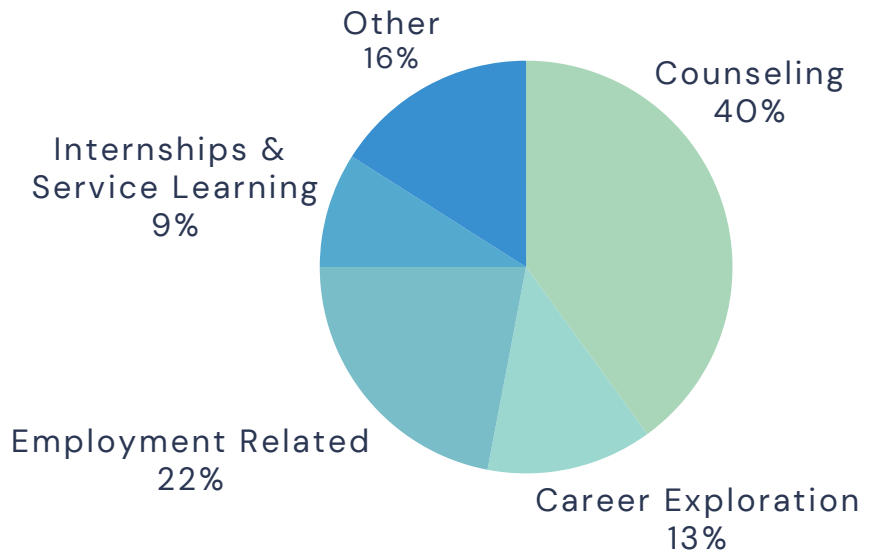
Charletta Fry
Spanish/English Interpretation and Translation

LATINO HEALTH ACCESS

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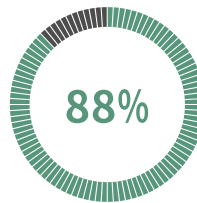
WHY STUDENTS VISIT THE CAREER CENTER

“ Very informative. I learned more about résumés and internships! ”



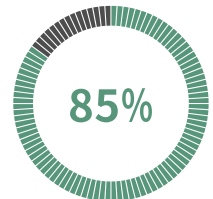
OVERALL EXPERIENCE AT THE CAREER CENTER

4.6



AGREE THAT THEY FEEL MORE EMPOWERED TO GET INTERNSHIPS AND/OR JOBS

AGREE THAT THEY KNOW MORE ABOUT CAREERLINK — THE ONLINE JOB BOARD



“ I like the way you help students, it is fast, professional and kind. ”



ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING

400+ STUDENTS VISITING
19 ON-CAMPUS HIRING EVENTS

SAC CAREER

[RESOURCES.ENGAGEMENT.]

CAP DISCOVERY FEST & SACDAYS

CAP Discovery Fest and Success at College Days—SACDays—was held in fall 2024. This event showcased campus programs along with workshops supporting success at college.



200+ Students checked in for workshops and CAP Discovery Fest



52 Academic and Student Services programs featured



21 Virtual workshops run by faculty and staff were offered

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

Weekly workshops prepared students for the Orange County Job Fair @ SAC in spring. Lunch & Learn topics ranged from Power of Your Image to Leadership Skills in the Workplace.



292 Total attendance across 9 workshops

191 unique attendees



Survey respondents will come back to the Career Center

★ 4.9

"Presenters were informative & knowledgeable"



Largest attendance of 43 students at the Power of Your Image workshop

- Recommended to classmates
- Increased their knowledge in careers
- Overall evaluation of workshops

★ 4.8

R.E.A.D.Y

ACCESS.DEVELOPMENT.YEARLONG]

COHORT MODEL

The Career Center piloted a career readiness program for students from underrepresented communities, partnering with SAC Affinity Centers, SAC Outreach, and Rising Scholars.

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PARTICIPANTS



SURVEY RESPONSES

- 56% Attended 3+ Lunch & Learns
- 72% Knew more about career options
- 84% Felt more prepared for getting a job
- 40% Got internships, jobs, and/or interviews



“ Help me so much for jobs repatriation. I got a extra job from your center. ”

“ Great program to help you navigate the industry. Helped me feel more comfortable to apply to jobs and be prepared for interviews with do's and don'ts ”

“ The program was very helpful and gave me a better understanding of career development and job readiness. I appreciated the workshops and resume support. I liked how the sessions were interactive and practical. ”



ORANGE COUNTY

The Career Center partnered with the Santa Ana Unified School District and the Santa Ana Task Force to hold a community-wide job fair in April 2025.

1,000+

Job seekers

461

SAC Students Checked In

50+

SAC Students Hired*

* As of June 30, 2025



“

I had the potential to be a possible candidate for an opportunity to have available. I would definitely return to a job fair at Santa Ana College.

”

“

The job fair was great. I'm looking for new future opportunities and definitely found them while I was at the fair. There were jobs that I didn't even consider that I'm now looking into. It's exactly as I expected.

”

CAREER CENTER Spotlight

Congratulations Jose on obtaining a CNA position with Sunny Hills Post Acute Skilled Nursing Facility! Thank you for reaching out to the Career Center for support.

Jose Lopez
Certified Nursing Assistant



JOB FAIR @ SAC

Thanks to the Pizza Press sponsorship, this job fair provided lunch for all job seekers. Other sponsors included Santa Ana Work Center and Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce.

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Campus Programs

19

Community Organizations

70

Employers

“

Everyone starting from the check in and around was very friendly and professional. The atmosphere was positive with everyone is spoke to and very informative.

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CAREER CENTER Student Spotlight

Congratulations Helen on your NASA L'Space acceptance! We are thrilled to have been able to support you through the application process



Helen Yajaira Estrada
Engineering Student

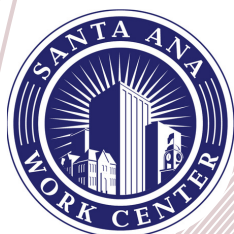
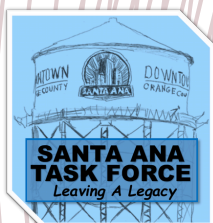


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I actually have an interview tomorrow and 3 more possible interviews on the way. All and all I found this much more effective than simply applying online and hoping I get lucky...Thank you for hosting this amazing event.

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OUR COLLABORATORS



Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce
Santa Ana College Affinity Centers
Santa Ana College Campus Book Store
Santa Ana College Career Education & Workforce Development

OUR TEAM

Dr. Armando Soto, Ed.D., Associate Dean

Christina Kim Wagner, Director

Kimberly Velazquez, Administrative Secretary

Marisela Godinez, Career Guidance Coordinator

Bianca Villegas, Job Developer/Experiential Learning Coordinator

David Jimenez, Career Technician

Amy Lin, Intermediate Clerk

Thanh Vu, Part-time Intermediate Clerk



From left to right: Dr. Armando Soto, Thanh Vu, Bianca Villegas, Christina Kim Wagner, David Jimenez, Marisela Godinez, Kimberly Velazquez, and Amy Lin



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