



SANTA ANA COLLEGE

Career Center

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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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.

OUR GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

The Career Center aligned its services and activities planned for 2025-2026 with the Santa Ana College Comprehensive Educational Plan. The main themes of the plan are expanding equitable access to innovative programs and services; fostering partnerships; cultivating an equitable campus culture; and strengthening supportive infrastructure. Through continued work on **career readiness cohort programming**, running a fall **career track expo**, and a spring **job fair**; and growing the **experiential learning program** by offering stipends for unpaid internships, the Career Center has centered its work on innovation, equity, and accessibility.

Our team's priority is to provide quality service and support to as many students as possible. Two main areas for this priority were redesigning Canvas for greater engagement and learning, and expanding experiential learning opportunities and support. The work of our Career Technician and Job Developer/Experiential Learning Coordinator are tantamount to both



engagement and expansion. The addition of the Job Developer to the Career Center has developed application processes and found increased funding for unpaid opportunities tied to students' field of study.

The Career Center

OVER 1,000 STUDENTS MADE 1,800+ VISITS TO THE CAREER CENTER LAST YEAR

Students not only visit the Career Center in person, but also utilize CAREERLink to find jobs online and enroll in our Canvas course to prepare for employment — résumé writing, successful interviews, and networking. Engaging with programs and services on campus contributes to successful completion and continued enrollment.

4,429

Students Using CAREERLink

1,125

Job Applications Submitted

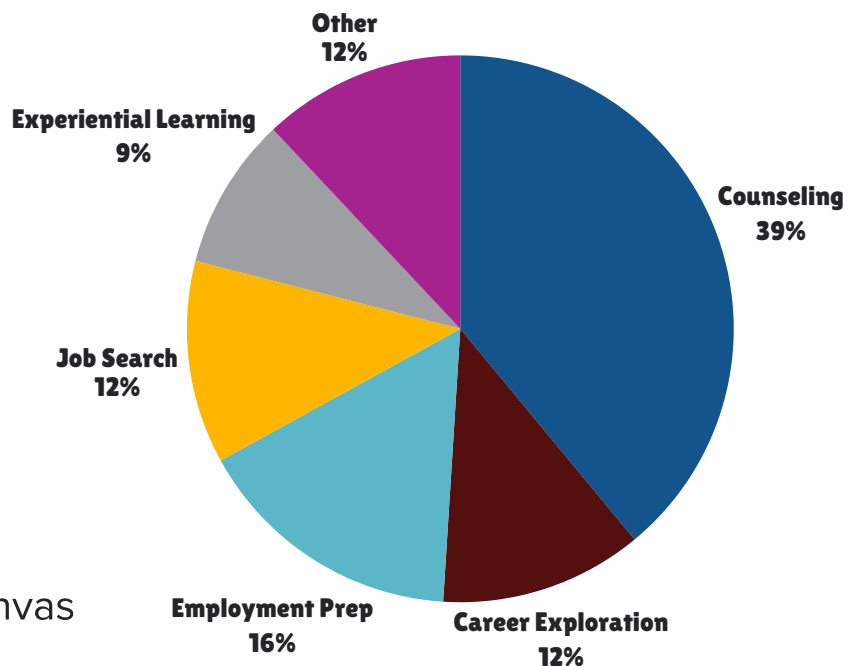
769

Students Enrolled in Canvas

659

Digital Badges Awarded on Canvas

WHY STUDENTS VISIT THE CENTER



Of all students who visited the Career Center graduated or are currently enrolled



Success to enrollment rate of all students who visited the Career Center

Serves SAC Students

The Career Center continues to experience increased engagement of students in all of our spaces, in person and online. Career-centered and employment preparation workshops in person continue to be well attended and well received — with repeat visitors to the Center.

21

Total workshops

472

Total Workshop Attendance

659

Digital Badges Awarded

251

Students completed Canvas Workshops

Student Spotlight

Aaron received employment preparation support and participated in various Career Center activities including the Career READY Program, workshops, and Full STEAM Ahead Expo.

Aaron Marengo
Project Manager



Highest Rated Workshops:

- ☒ Résumé prep
- ☒ Career exploration
- ☒ Job Fair prep

Rating out of 5 of
overall experience at
the Career Center

4.6



Of participants plan to
attend more workshops.

Career Readiness Cohort

Thanks to the US Bank Foundation and SAC Foundation, the Career Center was able to provide 36 students with stipends and bookstore gift cards, upon completion of the SAC Career READY Program.

STUDENT MAJORS

- Management
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Fire Tech
- Kinesiology
- Nursing
- Art/Fashion
- Chemistry
- Transfer Liberal Arts

36

**SAC CAREER
READY
STUDENTS**



**\$3,600 IN
STIPENDS
DISBURSED**



**\$3,600 IN BOOKSTORE
GIFT CARDS DISBURSED**

IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM ON STUDENTS

58%

know more about
career options

83%

feel more prepared
for getting a job

42%

interviewed, hired, or
found an internship

94%

graduated or
continuing

WHAT WORKED WELL FOR ME WAS THE HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS, ESPECIALLY RESUME BUILDING, INTERVIEW PREPARATION, AND THE JOB FAIR. THESE HELPED ME FEEL MORE CONFIDENT WHEN TALKING TO RECRUITERS AND PREPARING FOR REAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Equity at the Forefront

PROGRAMS REPRESENTED AND STUDENT SERVICES UTILIZED:

- ASG/Student Leadership
- Digital Dons
- DSPS
- EOPS/CARE & CalWorks
- Guardian Scholars
- Health & Wellness Center
- International Student Program
- Thrive Center
- Transfer: MESA, Promise, University Transfer Center
- Tutoring: Academic Computing Center, Learning Center, Math Center, Science Learning Center
- Veterans Resource Center

I PERSONALLY LOVED THE ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS, HELPING ME PROGRESS AND ANALYZE AREAS OF UNCERTAINTY ON MY RESUMES AS WELL AS UNDERSTANDING ON JOB EXPERIENCE SOFT SKILLS AND HARD SKILLS.

Student Spotlight

Jesse first connected with Career Center Counselor, Daniel Peraza, who introduced him to the automotive program at SAC. He also met with the Career Center's Career Technician to refine his résumé and frequently utilized the center's workspace—describing it as a welcoming and supportive "safe space."

Jesse Esteban Bañuelos
Entry Level Mechanic



OC Job Fair @ SAC

The OC Job Fair @ SAC keeps growing year after year — from attendees to sponsors.

Over
1,600
attended the Job Fair



ATTENDEES



612
SAC STUDENTS
CHECKED IN



432
JOB SEEKERS
FROM THE COMMUNITY
CHECKED IN



312
SANTA ANA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS



SPONSORS & ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sponsorship allows us to provide food and goodies for all participants. Thanks in large part to the Pizza Press, Santa Ana Work Center, the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, and Assemblymember Avelino Valencia for sponsorships. We also appreciate Congressman Lou Correa, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, and Senator Tom Umberg for their continued support and outreach.

I DID FOLLOW THE ADVICE THAT WAS GIVEN AT THE JOB FAIR PREP BY TAKING THE NOTEBOOK THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME. I FILLED IT UP WITH QUESTIONS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE HIRING PROCESSES I WILL BE ENDURING.

Connecting Job Seekers

“ I’M REALLY GRATEFUL BECAUSE I GOT TO UPDATE MY RESUME AND IT HELPED ME GET HIRED AT PROVIDENCE ST. JOSEPH. ”



PARTICIPANTS



75

**HIRING
EMPLOYERS**



15

**COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS**



8

**CAMPUS
DEPARTMENTS**



8

**CAREER & ACADEMIC
PATHWAYS**



• REPORTED NUMBERS •

14

**EMPLOYERS AT THE
JOB FAIR HIRED SAC
STUDENTS**

**SAC STUDENTS
CONTACTED OR HIRED
FROM THE JOB FAIR**

45

Connecting to Careers

12 STUDENTS RECEIVED STIPENDS FOR UNPAID INTERNSHIPS

Internship Industries:

Media Specialist
Community Coach Coordinator
Bio-technology
Paralegal
Legal Administration
Computer Science
Kinesiology
Accounting



Student Spotlight

Cindy Alonso

Intern at Public Law Center

Cindy is part of the Connect to Career Internship Program. She was previously a part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentorship Program in collaboration with Golden State Foods.



**Public Law
Center**

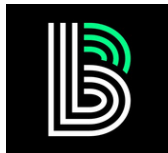
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