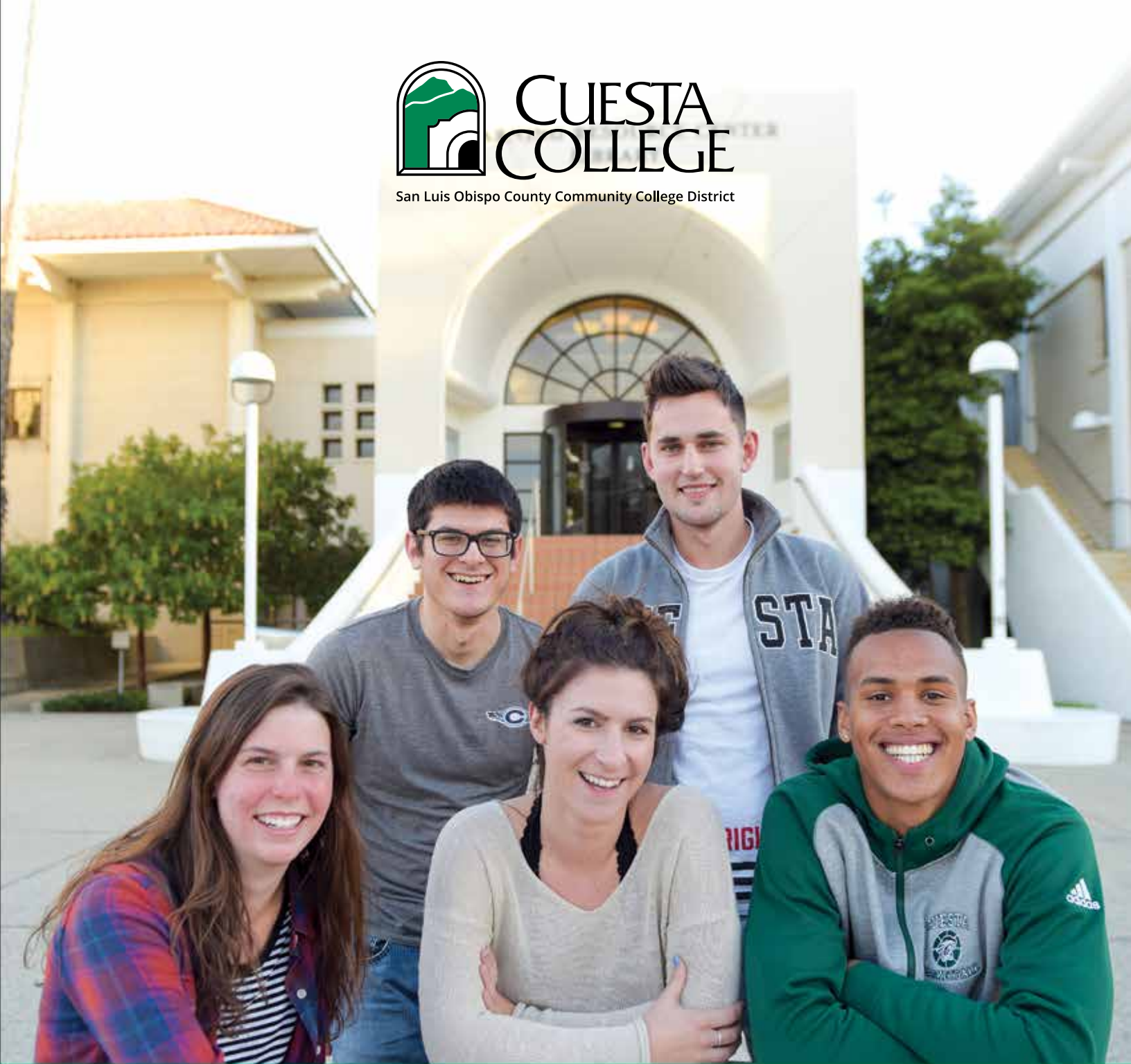




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# CUESTA COLLEGE SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

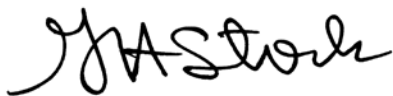
Welcome to the San Luis Obispo County Community College District/Cuesta College. I am pleased to recognize the passion and commitment displayed by our students as they pursue their educational goals; and I am equally pleased to recognize the commitment to excellence and student success by our faculty, staff, and administrators.

Cuesta College is the starting point for those who are beginning their journey toward a degree/certificate; prepare for a transfer to a university, train for a new career path, or a waypoint for those desiring to improve career skills or looking to change direction. The opportunities are vast in a welcoming environment and location conducive to advanced learning and success.

The College has an internationally recognized and award winning Career Technical Education Program, and our transfer students consistently out-perform traditional junior-level students in the University of California and California State University Systems. The Registered Nursing (RN) program has been educating top quality, entry-level nursing students since 1969. The first-time pass rate on the national licensure exam (NCLEX-RN) has been above the 90th percentile for the past ten years, with a stellar 100 percent first-time pass rate for the 2014 and 2015 graduating classes; one of only fourteen of the 147 California colleges and universities offering nursing programs to do so.

Browse our website and discover the opportunities that await you in our online catalog, or visit one of our campuses and discover how Cuesta College can help you pursue your dreams and achieve your goals.

Cuesta College- "Thousands of Success Stories."



Gilbert H. Stork, Ed.D



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# 2017-2018 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

<b>SUMMER 2017: JUNE 12 – AUGUST 4</b>			
June	12	Monday	Instruction Begins
July	4	Tuesday	Independence Day - Holiday (No Classes - Campus Closed)
<b>FALL 2017: AUGUST 21 – DECEMBER 22</b>			
August	15-18	Tuesday-Friday	Flex Day (No Classes - Campus Open)
	21	Monday	Instruction Begins
September	4	Monday	Labor Day - Holiday (No Classes - Campus Closed)
October	6, 9-10	Friday, Monday-Tuesday	Flex Day (No Classes - Campus Open)
November	10	Friday	Veterans Day - Holiday (Observance) (No Classes - Campus Closed)
	23	Thursday	Thanksgiving - Holiday (No Classes - Campus Closed)
	24-25	Friday-Saturday	Board Holiday (Campus Closed)
December	16, 18-22	Saturday-Friday	Final Exams
	22	Friday	Instruction Ends - Last Day Of Finals
	25	Monday	Christmas Day - Holiday (Campus Closed)
	26-29	Tuesday-Friday	Board Holiday (Campus Closed)
January	1	Monday	New Year's Day - Holiday (Campus Closed)
	2	Tuesday	Board Holiday (Campus Closed)
<b>SPRING 2018: JANUARY 16 – MAY 18</b>			
January	10-12	Wednesday-Friday	Flex Day (No Classes - Campus Open)
	15	Monday	Martin Luther King's Birthday - Holiday
	16	Tuesday	Instruction Begins
February	16-17, 19	Friday-Saturday, Monday	Presidents' Day - Holiday (No Classes - Campus Closed)
April	2	Monday	Board Holiday (No Classes - Campus Closed)
	3-7	Tuesday-Saturday	Spring Break (No Classes - Campus Open)
May	12-18	Saturday-Friday	Final Exams
	18	Friday	Instruction Ends - Last Day Of Finals
	28	Monday	Memorial Day - Holiday (Campus Closed)

Note: Flex Days are inservice days for faculty members and no classes are held on these days. While campus may be open (as noted above), Student Services offices may have limited staffing and availability on these days. Please contact individual Student Service offices for office hours.

# COLLEGE HISTORY

The original junior/community college in San Luis Obispo County was initiated as a postgraduate division of San Luis Obispo High School in 1916 and remained in operation until the United States entered into World War I. In 1936, the San Luis Obispo High School District again formed a junior college, which remained in operation until June 1959.

On April 16, 1963, San Luis Obispo County voters approved the formation of a countywide junior college district, serving seven public high school districts. The newly-formed San Luis Obispo County Junior College District served the Arroyo Grande Union High School District, Atascadero Union High School District, Coast Joint Union High School District, Paso Robles Joint Union High School District, San Luis Obispo Union High School District, Shandon Joint Union School District and Templeton Union High School District.

During the 1964-65 college year, the San Luis Obispo County Junior College District offered a limited evening division program with 463 students registering for the fall semester and 696 enrolling for the spring semester. Temporary quarters were established at Camp San Luis Obispo, a California National Guard facility located half-way between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay. Classes and offices were situated in refurbished barracks, recreation rooms, and mess halls.

Despite the District's modest beginnings, 917 day students and 991 evening students were enrolled in classes by the fall of 1965. Evening division classes also were conducted at three other locations in the county - Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, and Paso Robles. On October 4, 1965, the Board of Trustees of the San Luis Obispo County Junior College District named the new college "Cuesta College." In 1971, the "junior" college district was renamed to "community college."

In 1970, ground was broken for the college's first permanent buildings, located on the 150-acre campus west of Camp San Luis Obispo. During the following 40 years, classroom buildings, a library, observatory, student center, art and music lab building, art gallery, high tech learning center, children's center, performing arts center, and office spaces were constructed on the San Luis Obispo Campus. In the fall of 2016, approximately 7,012 students were served on the San Luis Obispo Campus.

In the fall of 1998, the District opened the North County Campus on a 105-acre site in Paso Robles. The campus, built almost exclusively with private gift support, has grown from 1,200 students the first semester to 3,071 students in fall 2016. In the summer of 2005, the first permanent building opened to students: The Fox Family Building. This building houses Allied Health, Math, and Science. The college broke ground for a second permanent building in spring 2010: The North County Campus Learning Resource Center. The Learning Resource Center was completed in fall 2011 and began serving students in spring 2012. The building was named in honor of donors

Dale and Mary Schwartz and dedicated on May 24, 2012.

The South County Center is an off-campus evening instructional site at Arroyo Grande High School, provided in cooperation with the Lucia Mar Unified School District. During the fall 2016 semester, 808 students were served at this site. In the spring of 2016, the college brought back its free Emeritus College non-credit courses for adults, providing a free source for lifelong learning, vocational education, and cultural development for adult community members.

In 2013, Cuesta College rolled out the Cuesta College Promise, a scholarship that today provides all newly graduated San Luis Obispo County high school students a fee-free first year (consecutive fall and spring semesters). In fall 2016, more than 700 local students entered Cuesta College on the Promise Scholarship. In 2016, Cuesta College launched the Cambria Promise, providing a fee-free second year to all Coast Unified School District high school grads. With the proven success of the Cambria Promise, the college recently announced efforts to add a second year of fee-free education to the Promise Scholarship.

On November 4, 2014, the voters of San Luis Obispo County passed Measure L, a \$275 million general obligation bond to improve Cuesta College. Measure L addresses longstanding facility, infrastructure and technology needs. The first two bond-funded buildings (the San Luis Obispo Campus Instructional Building and the North County Campus Center) will be completed in fall 2017 and begin serving students in spring 2018.

Cuesta College maintains various official designations, including as a Hispanic Serving Institution, allowing the college to apply for grants that expand educational opportunities for Latino/a students, and as a Military Friendly® School, recognizing the college's efforts to support military students.

## College Mission

Cuesta College is an inclusive institution that inspires a diverse student population to achieve their educational goals.

We effectively support students in their efforts to improve foundational skills, earn certificates or associate degrees, transfer to four-year institutions, and advance in the workforce.

Through innovative and challenging learning opportunities, Cuesta College enhances lives by promoting cultural, intellectual, personal, and professional growth. We prepare students to become engaged citizens in our increasingly complex communities and world.

## Vision

Cuesta College is dedicated to accessible, high-quality education for the support and enhancement of student success, professional development, and the community we serve.



## Values

Access - Success - Excellence

## San Luis Obispo Community College District

### Code of Ethics

The commitment of faculty, staff, and students to ethical conduct that recognizes the value and dignity of each individual informs the mission, vision, and values of the San Luis Obispo County Community College District/Cuesta College. Faculty and staff are also guided by the standards and principles established by their respective professional associations and organizations. All employees and Board members are expected to uphold rules of conduct defined and established by federal and state law and exhibit behavior that promotes the following principles:

**Integrity:** To demonstrate professional trustworthiness and resist pressures to deviate from professional ethical behavior.

**Civility:** To ensure an honest and supportive climate that promotes the mission of the institution; accept and recognize the benefit of dissenting viewpoints, and recognize that civil behavior is both an individual and a collective responsibility.

**Respect:** To accept individual responsibility to establish a climate of mutual respect for the rights, views, and freedoms of others.

**Fairness:** To treat each other fairly by making decisions and taking actions only after carefully and objectively weighing all information available.

**Confidentiality:** To respect and abide by all pertinent privacy laws and regulations, and maintain the privacy of information that is acquired during the course of our work and do not use confidential information for personal

### Institutional Goals and Objectives

Summary: Institutional Goals 2016-2026 and Institutional Objectives 2017-2020.

**Institutional Goal 1:** San Luis Obispo County Community College District will increase the rates of completion for degrees, certificates, and transfer-readiness overall for all students.

**Institutional Objective 1.1:** Increase student success in Basic Skills, English as a Second Language, Career Technical Education, degrees, and transfer programs.

**Institutional Objective 1.2:** Foster a college environment where students are Directed, Focused, Nurtured, Engaged, Connected, and Valued. (RP Group Six Success Factors)

**Institutional Goal 2:** San Luis Obispo County Community College District will increase student access to higher education.

**Institutional Objective 2.1:** Increase enrollment of low-income and underrepresented students through targeted outreach efforts.

**Institutional Objective 2.2:** Increase enrollment opportunities for community members who are 55 years of age and older.

**Institutional Objective 2.3:** Expand financial support opportunities for students.

**Institutional Objective 2.4:** Increase career pathways for local high school students.

**Institutional Goal 3:** San Luis Obispo County Community College District will develop and sustain collaborative projects and partnerships with the community's educational institutions, civic organizations, businesses, and industries.

**Institutional Objective 3.1:** Increase the number of partnerships with four-year institutions to strengthen and streamline students' transfer opportunities.

**Institutional Objective 3.2:** Increase the number of partnerships with local businesses in order to expand student work-based and experiential-based learning opportunities.

**Institutional Goal 4:** San Luis Obispo County Community College District integrate and improve facilities and technology to support student learning and the innovations needed to serve its diverse communities.

**Institutional Objective 4.1:** Improve facilities and technology in accordance with the District's Facilities Master Plan and Technology Plan.

**Institutional Objective 4.2:** Address the educational and facilities needs of South County residents by conducting and utilizing the results of a community survey.

**Institutional Goal 5:** San Luis Obispo County Community College District will build a sustainable and stable fiscal base.

**Institutional Objective 5.1:** Build a sustainable base of enrollment by effectively responding to the needs of the District as identified in the Educational Master Plan.

**Institutional Objective 5.2:** Identify and develop sources of revenue beyond annual state allocations to support institutional effectiveness.

**Institutional Objective 5.3:** Identify and implement strategies to address the rising costs of employee retirement obligations (CalSTRS and CalPERS) while maintaining support for institutional effectiveness.

### Accreditation

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Cuesta College Accreditation at:  
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### **Organizational Memberships**

The San Luis Obispo County Community College District/ Cuesta College belongs to the following organizations:

#### **Statewide Memberships**

- Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
- Community College League of California
- Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges
- California Community College Athletic Association

#### **Local Memberships**

- San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce
- Templeton Chamber of Commerce
- Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce
- Cayucos Chamber of Commerce
- Atascadero Chamber of Commerce
- Arroyo Grande/Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce
- Los Osos/Baywood Chamber of Commerce
- Cambria Chamber of Commerce
- Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Nipomo Chamber of Commerce
- San Miguel Chamber of Commerce
- San Luis Obispo Economic Vitality Corporation

### **District/College Planning Documents**

The San Luis Obispo County Community College District uses an integrated planning model that is driven by the District Mission Statement. It involves long-term planning facilitated through the Educational and Facilities Master Plans.

The integrated planning model involves various components, which include a strategic plan and operational plans, resource allocation, implementation, annual program and plan effectiveness assessment, institutional program planning and review, and data analysis. Information may be found on the following online pages:

[Integrated Planning Manual](#)

[District Planning Documents](#)

## INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILO)

The combined statements are the expected student learning outcomes for Cuesta College students graduating with A.A. or A.S. degrees. These students will be able to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes contained within all of the six ILO areas based on General Education and discipline-specific courses at the lower division level. In addition, it is expected that all students who attend Cuesta College will be exposed to at least one ILO as a result of their overall experiences with any aspect of the college, including courses, programs, and student services.

<b>Cuesta College</b>	
<b>ILO Categories</b>	<b>Representative Outcomes – Students achieving these outcomes will be able to ...</b>
1. Personal, Academic, and Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recognize, assess, and demonstrate the skills and behaviors that promote academic and professional development</li> <li>b. Recognize, assess, and practice lifestyle choices that promote personal health and mental well-being</li> <li>c. Demonstrate the professional skills necessary for successful employment</li> </ul>
2. Critical Thinking and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Analyze and evaluate their own thinking processes and those of others</li> <li>b. Communicate and interpret complex information in a clear, ethical, and logical manner.</li> </ul>
3. Scientific and Environmental Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Draw conclusions based on the scientific method, computations or experimental and observational evidence</li> <li>b. Construct and analyze statements in a formal symbolic system</li> <li>c. Analyze the relationship between people’s actions and the physical world</li> <li>d. Make decisions regarding environmental issues based on scientific evidence and reasoning</li> </ul>
4. Social, Historical, and Global Knowledge and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Analyze, evaluate, and pursue their opportunities and obligations as citizens in a complex world.</li> <li>b. Demonstrate understanding of world traditions and the interrelationship between diverse groups and cultures</li> </ul>
5. Artistic and Cultural Knowledge and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify, create, or critique key elements of inspirational art forms</li> <li>b. Demonstrate knowledge of and sensitivity to diverse groups and cultures through studying the world’s languages, societies, and histories</li> </ul>
6. Technological and Informational Fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recognize when information is needed, and be able to locate, evaluate, and utilize diverse sources effectively and ethically</li> <li>b. Produce and share electronic documents, images and projects using modern software and technology</li> </ul>



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