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Marisol Sosa's Wheel of Success: A True SLO!



San Diego College of Continuing Education student **Marisol Sosa** was featured at the California Council for Adult Education's annual award dinner in San Diego (May 2, 2026) when she was presented with the **Outreach and Technical Assistance Network's (OTAN) 2026 Student of the Year Award** for her outstanding success, dedication, and hard work.

After her speech, there was not a dry eye in the room, and yet her story is incredibly representative of the students we serve, and the tie that binds us together – student success! Whether we serve students in a climate of hegemony or harmony, we come together and come through for SDCCE students. Marisol's story inspired a wheel of success illustration that shows all the teachers and professional staff that helped her achieve powerful student learning outcomes.

✔️ "Many people helped me on my journey. Together, they keep me moving forward." ❤️ – Marisol Sosa

In Marisol's Own Words

"There was a time in my life when I felt like my future had ended. When I was 12 years old I had to leave school, and I gave up on many of my dreams and aspirations. Later, I made the difficult decision to leave my country in search of new opportunities and a better future."

Marisol's journey is one of extraordinary resilience. Coming to continuing education changed her life. "At San Diego College of Continuing Education, I found more than classes – I found a community that believed in me. I discovered that education is not only about learning subjects, but about realizing that we are all capable of achieving more than we ever imagined. Coming to continuing education changed my life."



Resilience Through Loss and Hardship

A Season of Grief

During my journey, I experienced tremendous loss and hardship. In March 2021, my mother contracted COVID-19 and passed away. I was devastated. Soon after, my brother also passed away from COVID-19. There were moments when I wanted to give up completely.

The Community That Carried Her Forward

But my counselors, teachers, classmates, family, and friends encouraged me to continue. They reminded me that my dreams still mattered.

The faculty and staff at the College of Continuing Education gave me support, opportunity, and hope. They created an environment where people from different cultures, beliefs, ages, genders, and abilities are welcomed, respected, and given the opportunity to grow.

Support

"Counselors and teachers showed up every step of the way."

Opportunity

"Classes like Google for Business and English language learning."

Hope

"A vision of wearing a cap and gown and making my family proud."

Community

"A welcoming environment for all cultures, beliefs, and abilities."

A Dream Come True

Marisol recalls visualizing herself many times wearing a cap and gown, receiving recognition, and making her family proud. Standing at the OTAN award dinner to receive the 2026 Student of the Year Award felt like a dream come true.

"I am especially grateful to Miss Johanna Gleason for recommending me and to all of my teachers and counselors who believed in me, guided me, and encouraged me to continue my education. This recognition is not just for me – it belongs to all the students who continue showing up, especially during difficult times like the pandemic."

A Message to All

"Never stop learning and never give up on yourself. As students, we simply want the opportunity to learn, to grow, and to continue moving forward. At the San Diego College of Continuing Education, I feel at home."



SLO Dream Team Innovation Award: ESL Leads the Way



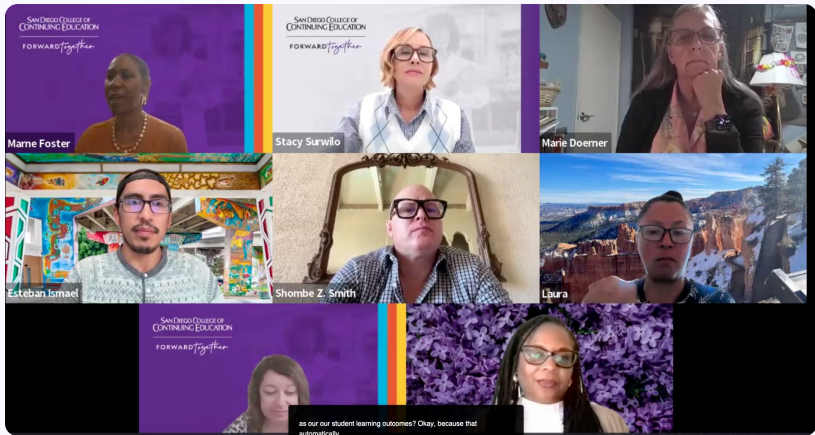
SLO Dream Team in Action: Eric Miller, Ivonne Aguila Achard, Alfredo Lopez Chaparro, and Isabel Cortes.

What began as a shared commitment to improving student learning grew into a model of collaboration and innovation. Through the **ESL Professional Learning Community (PLC)**, Eric Miller, Ivonne Aguila Achard, Alfredo Lopez Chaparro, and Isabel Cortes worked together to deepen faculty understanding of ESL standards, develop common assessments, and use student data to strengthen instruction.

Building on strategies learned through CALPRO training, the team facilitated four highly successful workshops that empowered faculty and fostered meaningful collaboration across the department. Their dedication to continuous improvement exemplifies the spirit of Student Learning Outcomes work – using inquiry, evidence, and teamwork to drive student success.

- ✓ The **SLO Dream Team Innovation Award** was presented to the ESL Department at the Faculty Summit on May 11, 2026. Congratulations!

SLO Assessment Week 2026



Faculty Panel 2026

PANEL					
HISTORY	BLOOMS	SLO'S	NEWEST SLO	PLO	
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
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SLO Jeopardy 2026



Healthcare



ESL



Emeritus



High School Diploma/Equivalency



Hospitality and Culinary Arts



Child Development

The San Diego College of Continuing Education celebrated its **fifth annual SLO Assessment**.

Week from April 13-17, 2026, bringing faculty together to illuminate student learning through collaboration, reflection, and action. This year's activities focused on meaningful assessment practices, data-informed reflection, and the continued integration of diversity, equity, inclusion, anti-racism, and accessibility (DEIAA) into student learning outcomes and assessment design.

- Faculty Panel

Promising Practices & Tips for Assessment – Faculty from Child Development, DSPS, Emeritus, ESL, and HSD/HSE shared practical strategies.
- SLO Check-Up

The Process, DEIAA SLOs & Assessment Tools – led by Dr. Marne Foster, with promising practices from Leticia Flores and Dr. Claudia Tornsaue.

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SLO Data Dive & Donuts

Faculty explored dashboards, trends, and assessment data collaboratively and competitively – led by Juan Salcedo.
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Jeopardy!

Everybody Knows SLOs Jeopardy – led by Kirsten Lachenmayr. 🏆 1st: Leticia Flores · 2nd: Chinazom Iwuaba · 3rd: Rosa Ayon

SLO Assessment Week 2026: By the Numbers

This year's SLO Assessment Week demonstrated continued institutional growth and engagement across all metrics.

61%

Faculty Participation

A 3% increase from last year's rate of 58%

59%

Course Assessment

156 out of 265 courses assessed – an 8-point increase from 2024 - 2025

11,662

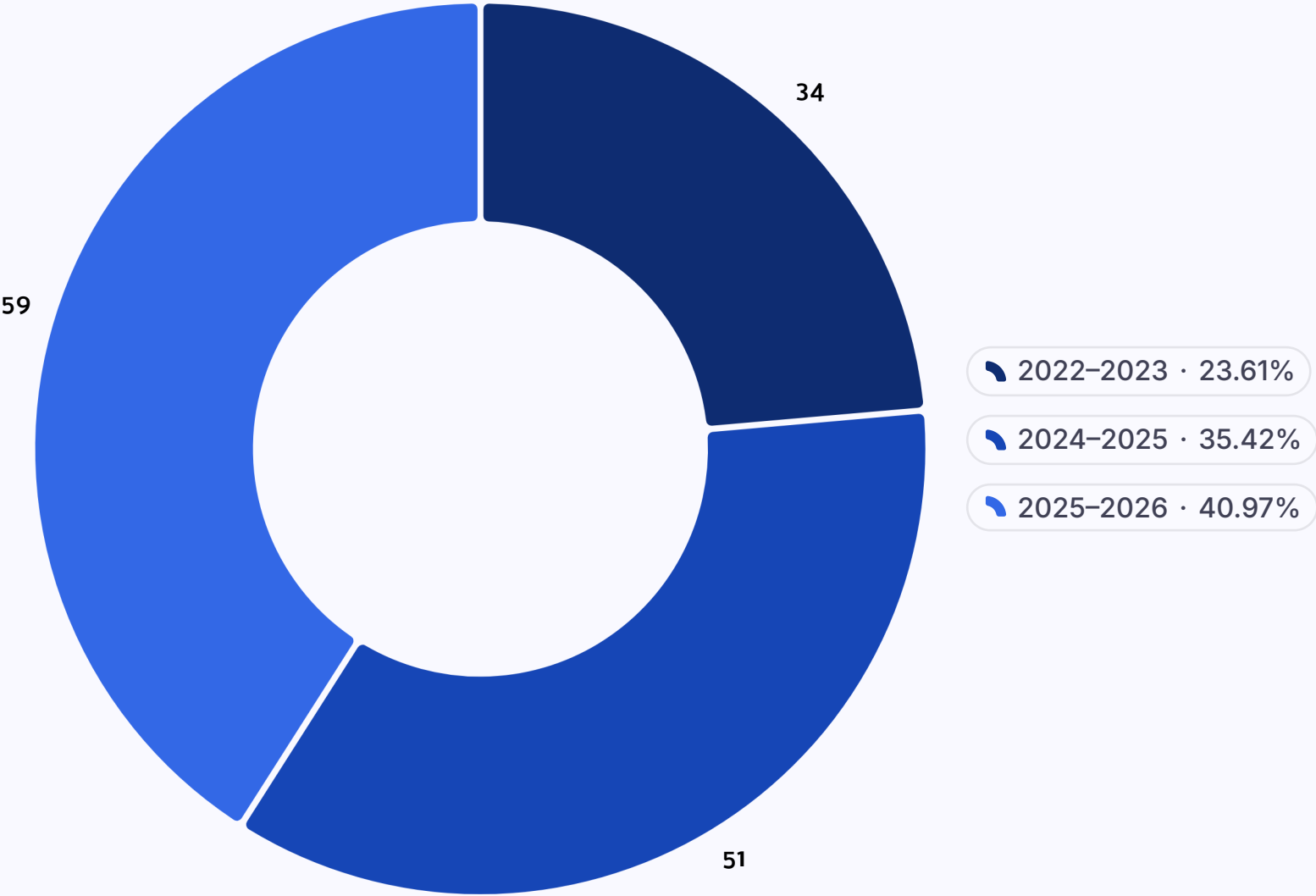
Students Assessed

An increase of approximately 6% from last year's 11,019 students

456

SLO Survey Submissions

A remarkable 26% increase from the previous year



Course assessment completion has grown from 34% in 2022 - 2023 to 59% in 2025 - 2026 – a **74% increase** over three years – reflecting SDCCE's deepening culture of inquiry and continuous improvement.

2026 SLO Assessment Week: Department Highlights & Recognition

The SLO Team extends its sincere appreciation to all faculty, program chairs, and professional staff for their continued commitment to meaningful assessment and student success.

SLO Overall Participation

- 1. Emeritus - **79%**
- 2. Child Development - **72%**
- 3. Clothing and Textiles - **59%**

Faculty Participation Rate

- 1. Child Development - **89%**
- 2. IT - **89%**
- 3. High School/HSE - **85%**
- 4. Clothing and Textiles - **82%**

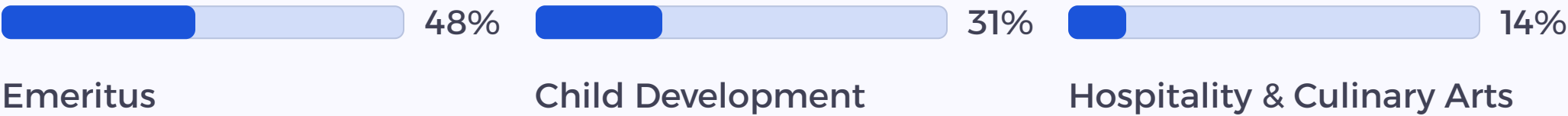
Course Assessment Completion

- 1. Child Development - **100%**
- 2. Healthcare Careers - **100%**
- 3. Emeritus - **95%**
- 4. Clothing and Textiles - **75%**

Highest SLO Passing Rates

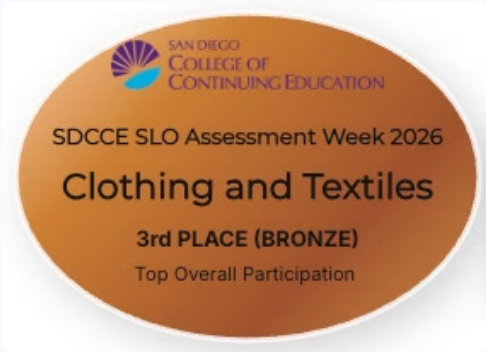
- 1. Automotive - **95%**
- 2. Hospitality and Culinary Arts - **93%**
- 3. Emeritus - **89%**

DEIAA-Aligned SLO Participation



  Winners of this year's participation opportunity drawing are **Douglas Saylor** and **Veronika Norris**. Contact Dr. Marne Foster for your gift certificates!

Insignias were created for all top participating programs to include in their email signatures.



Don't forget to access your insignias linked in the email!

Congratulations to all departments for their dedication to SLO assessment, collaboration, and continuous improvement. Your work continues to strengthen SDCCE's commitment to student learning, equity-minded practice, and institutional excellence.



SPECIAL THANK YOU to the SLO team and volunteers:
we could not have done it without you!
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