

SAN DIEGO COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Apprenticeship Readiness Program Graduates 14th Cohort

In May 2025, the Apprenticeship Readiness Program-High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) proudly celebrated the graduation of its 14th cohort, with 23 students completing the program and earning over 170 industry-recognized certifications. Graduates are already making strides—many have joined union-led construction projects, while others are continuing their education within the San Diego Community College District. This milestone reflects the program's ongoing commitment to building strong career foundations and expanding opportunities in the skilled trades.

• Accomplishments:

The program reached its 14th cohort, providing students with the tools and certifications required to jumpstart their careers in the trades.

This cohort includes 23 newly trained individuals with over 170 certifications earned in total.

Graduates are already working with unions, showcasing how the ARP program prepares and advances students in the construction industry.



Staff Standouts

We're proud to spotlight Corine Doughty for her outstanding contributions to the Employee Training Institute (ETi). Corine brings a dynamic blend of innovation, dedication, and collaboration to all she does, consistently going above and beyond to support both our corporate partners and students.

Her ability to foster strong relationships, develop impactful training solutions, and adapt to the evolving needs of industry partners has made her an invaluable asset to the Foundation and the broader SDCCE community.

Corine's leadership reflects the spirit of our mission—connecting education with opportunity and helping San Diego's workforce thrive.



Corine Doughty

ETi-Employee
Training Institute



Rockette Ewell
U.S Bank

Rockette Ewell Joins the SDCCE Foundation Board

We're thrilled to spotlight Rockette Ewell, Vice President and Community Affairs Manager for U.S. Bank's California Region, as the newest member of our Foundation Board. Rockette leads statewide philanthropic and outreach efforts, building partnerships that uplift communities and drive meaningful impact. A passionate advocate for equity and education, Rockette brings deep experience from her service on multiple nonprofit boards and her involvement with the San Diego Promise Development Committee. She's a LEAD San Diego alum and has been recognized as one of San Diego's 500 Most Influential People. With her leadership, energy, and heart for service—Rockette truly rocks!

Lucky Duck Foundation

The San Diego College of Continuing Education Foundation is thrilled to announce a continuing partnership with the **Lucky Duck Foundation**, which has generously awarded **\$689,000** to support our **Pathways Program** for students experiencing homelessness.



This funding will enhance our retention model—offering counseling, career services, mentorship, and essential resources designed to help students break the cycle of homelessness and complete their education.

Lucky Duck's longstanding commitment to our community will strengthen its support for marginalized students, helping them to succeed both academically and professionally. Thank you, Lucky Duck Foundation, for your transformative investment in our mission.

Grants 101 Boot Camp for Deans:

From April to June 2025, the SDCCE Foundation proudly hosted its inaugural Grants 101 Boot Camp—a dynamic, hands-on training series designed to empower our campus leaders. Fourteen dedicated deans came together to strengthen their grant writing and collaboration skills, guided by experienced SDCCE mentors. Through shared learning and strategic exploration, participants built confidence in identifying funding opportunities and crafting proposals that support innovative campus initiatives. This boot camp marks a meaningful step toward expanding our collective impact and fostering a culture of resourcefulness and innovation across SDCCE.



SDCCE FOUNDATION'S FIRST EVER

HOOP HYSTERIA



Join Us!

- 48 teams | 5-on-5 single-elimination | 1-hour games
- Team registration: \$1,500
- Prizes:
 - 1st Place: \$2,000
 - 2nd Place: \$1,000
 - 3rd Place: Gift cards
- Food trucks + Silent auction
- **Sponsorship opportunities available**

• What To Expect:

An exciting 24-hour basketball tournament taking place October 11-12, 2025, at the Jackie Robinson YMCA. With 48 teams competing in a high-energy, single-elimination format, the event promises nonstop action, local food trucks, and a community-centered atmosphere.

All proceeds will benefit SDCCE's Basic Needs Program, which supports over 1,500 students each month. Whether sponsoring, donating, or playing, there are many ways to get involved and make a difference.





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Tami Foy, Ph.D.

As we turn the page to Fall 2025, I'm inspired by the progress we've made—and energized by what's ahead. This past year, the SDCCE Foundation has grown stronger, more connected, and more committed than ever to expanding opportunities for our students and community.

This fall, we're launching our first annual Hoop Hysteria event, a bold new tradition that will bring us together to celebrate, uplift, and fundraise for the future. We're also focused on growing our impact through external grants and donations, ensuring our programs continue to thrive and evolve.

The momentum is real—and it's only building. Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's keep rising, together.