

SAN DIEGO COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION  
**FOUNDATION**

# Newsletter

## Accomplishments Fall 2023



### Gateway to College and Careers, ELL, Immigrant and Refugee Program

San Diego College of Continuing Education Foundation's Gateway to Success program provides these youth with high-touch and intensive case management, increased academic counseling services, mentorships, civic engagement opportunities, transportation and other supports to remove barriers to success. As well as incentives for active participation, occupational skills training, which lead to industry-recognized certifications and credentials, job readiness, on the job training, and job placement services to end generational poverty. The program, now in its third year of a four-year contract, services a total of 86 students annually to help them meet their academic or career goals leading to post-secondary education and/or employment.

#### Accomplishments:

- Successfully met and passed the targeted enrollment of 86 participants with a total of 98 active students.
- Successful enrolled six students in internship opportunities
- Created a collaborative partnership with Mira Mesa High School to support student enrollment
- Participated in over 50 community events throughout San Diego.



## Scholarship & Awards

Last year, the San Diego College of Continuing Education Foundation hosted the 15th Annual Stars on the Rise Scholarship and Awards Event, celebrating our students' progress, completion, and success. At that event, 227 Scholarships and Awards amounting to a total of \$80,000 were announced. This is the highest number of scholarships that we have issued and the largest amount.



## Apprenticeship Readiness Program

In partnership with the San Diego Workforce Partnership, San Diego College of Continuing Education Foundation designed an Apprenticeship Readiness Program (ARP) committed to breaking barriers to employment in construction careers. The main objectives of ARP include: increasing the number of women, racial/ethnic minorities, disadvantaged youth, and formerly incarcerated individuals who have the skills and resources required to be successful in pre-apprenticeship programs.

Apprenticeship Readiness Program cohorts in the San Diego and Imperial County Region offered between January 2021- March 2023, average 27 participants in each cohort. We have served 141 students successfully in this program. Each student was provided an opportunity to gain certification in Multicraft 3 (MC3), Elevated Platform Worker; CPR; and OSHA 30. While enrolled in the program students received weekly stipends to support their enrollment. Students were also provided with Personal Protective Equipment to support their employment goals, steel toed boots,

childcare and housing to break down any barriers to success. Additionally, students were connected with a dedicated math instructor to support their basic skills needs; a job placement specialist to support their job readiness goals which included resume writing, interviewing, and application assistance. Students were also provided program laptops and Wi-Fi hot spots to access virtual class meetings.

### Accomplishments:

- Successfully completed 9 cohorts of students
- Supported 289 students in receiving an MC3 Certification
- Supported 40 students into apprenticeship and union positions
- Provided the opportunity for five additional certifications to support student employment goals
- Program was successfully registered and is recognized in the Department of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS)

## Foster Care Youth (Community Development Block Grant CDBG)

- Awarded a grant from the City of San Diego in the Amount of \$120,000 to support 30 transition aged foster care youth
- Provided wrap around supportive services for 30 foster care youth currently enrolled in post-secondary courses throughout San Diego



## More Grants:

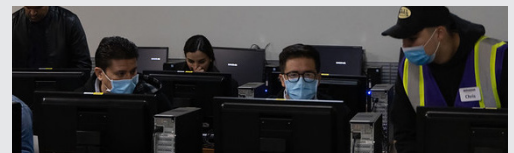
- Received a \$1.4 million grant that was celebrated during a June 23 check presentation. The \$1.4 million was directed to SDCCE and nonprofit Promises2Kids through California State Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins (D-San Diego), who was a featured speaker at the June 23 check presentation at the SDCCE's Educational Cultural Complex.
- Gateway to College and Career secured a \$1 million award from the U.S. Department of Labor Community Project Funding at the recommendation of Rep. Scott Peters (D-San Diego). Gateway to College and Career is based at the SDCCE's Educational Cultural Complex in the heart of the southeastern area of San Diego. Among offices and class-rooms are a computer lab, pantry, even diapers for the children of young parents.



## Pathways

Pathways is a retention model program providing intensive case management with direct support services to students experiencing homelessness and increased levels of housing insecurity on their pathway to completion of academic courses and job training, a new career, and/or transition to the credit college.

Pathways creates educational communities and focuses on the student's journey to break down barriers to access, retention, and completion by empowering students to drive their success and possibilities for achieving educational and career goals to reach self-sufficiency.



## Last year PATHWAYS served:

- 78 participants
- 257 affiliates
- 37 long-term housing
- 59 permanent employment
- 45 completed paid internships

## Employee Training Institute

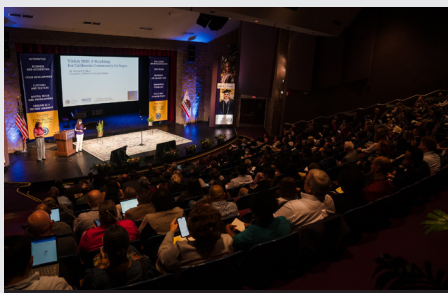
San Diego Community Colleges District's Employee Training Institute (ETi) provides fee-based education and contract education programs to the San Diego region and beyond. With the goal of empowering students and the business community to earn degrees and skills certificates within many local industries.

### The mission includes:

- To provide expertise and skill development to organizations and individuals, including government, business and industry, and nonprofit organizations to contribute to the economic development of the San Diego region.
- To offer programs and services that complement those of the San Diego Community College District and the College of Continuing Education.
- Over \$1.5 million in training contracts for organizations including, Miramar Brig, Pendleton Brig, Navy personnel, hospitality and utility industries, and others.

### Specialized training includes the following areas:

- Project Management
- Business Communication
- HVAC
- Professional Upholstery
- HAZWOPPER 30
- OSHA
- Small Engine Repair
- Carpentry
- Soft Skills
- Food Handling
- Vocational ESL for grocery industry
- Utility Line Clearance Arborist
- Pre-Inspector Training
- Apprentice Readiness Program



## Vision 2030 – Adult Education Summit

- Sponsored and supported President King's Adult Education Summit – October 5 and 6
- Educational leaders, legislators, and representatives from labor and industry participated
- Focused on how legislative actions can open opportunities for adult learners



# Plans



## Cultural Events

**Support Cultural Events for Students, Faculty, Staff, & the Community, including the following:**

- Dia de los Muertos
- Pride
- Women's History Month
- Juneteenth
- Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Black History Month



## Implement Staffing Plan

**Hire two new positions to increase organizational effectiveness:**

- Administrative Assistant
- Director, Fiscal/Accounting Services
- Hire permanent Chief Executive Officer – Executive Director

## Donor Communications

- Adopted Donor Perfect as donor management tool for tracking donors and providing receipts for donations in addition to providing Foundation updates
- Newsletter – develop a newsletter to communicate with donors and stakeholders about Foundation activities and plans

## Employee Handbook

- Review and update handbook for new and existing employees

## EMT Program

- Explore the feasibility of developing a pre-apprentice program for EMT in partnership with San Diego Fire Department



### Educational Cultural Center Historical Book

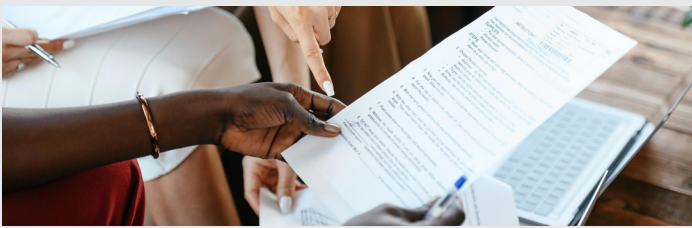
- The Palace of Vision: Drum Call to Destiny – a History of the Educational Cultural Complex

### Historical Preservation Committee

- Continue to support the Historical Preservation Committee

### Develop Marketing and Branding Program

- Review and update existing marketing materials and develop new materials for the Foundation and a special focus on the Employee Training Institute
- Strengthen social media presence



### Strategic Plan for Employee Training Institute

- Utilize services of experienced experts in the field to develop a comprehensive development plan for the Employee Training Institute

### Team Building for Gateway Program Staff

- Utilize services of experienced facilitators to increase teamwork for Gateway staff



### Operational Processes and Procedures

- Review and update internal processes and procedures
- Establish central location for reference materials

### Sponsor Reception for Return of Common Ground Theatre

#### Upcoming Events

- Scholarship Awards: Thursday, April 18, 2024
- Commencement: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

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