The Speedy S.L.O.

Newsletter of San Diego College of Continuing Education's Student Learning Outcomes Committee

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Student Spencer Love speaks at SDCCD's Board Meeting about SDCCE's Culture of Belonging, while Student Trustee Haydee Zuniga applauds with pride!

📚 SLO Assessment Week 2025: Making Learning Visible

This year's **SLO Assessment Week** (April 14–18, 2025) brought faculty together through engaging events designed to strengthen assessment practices and uplift equity-minded teaching. The week kicked off with "SLO Basics & Using AI," where Marne Foster provided the basics and Czarina Piniol introduced backward design strategies for aligning AI-generated prompts with course outcomes. Faculty also tuned in to a spotlight presentation at the Academic Senate, led by Marne Foster, emphasizing the college's progress in institutional assessment.

Midweek, faculty were encouraged to focus on their assessments and connect during the SLO Committee Meet & Greet. On Thursday, the DEIAA Committee hosted a session on embedding equity into SLO assessment—introducing the powerful concept of "The 5th SLO," led by Esteban Alvarado and Marne Foster. The week closed with "SLO Jeopardy," a fun, collaborative wrap-up led by Kirsten Lachenmayr, celebrating all we've learned and accomplished. Congrats to 1st & 2nd Place Jeopardy Winners *Carol Philips* and *Diana Larson!* Thank you to everyone who participated in SLO Assessment Week 2025 and helped to make learning visible at SDCCE!
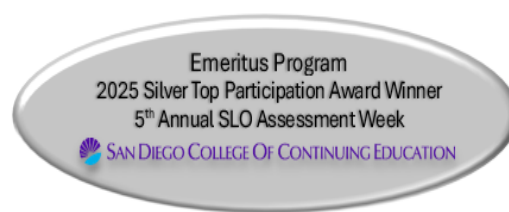
🎉 Celebrating Top SLO Assessment Participation!

Child Development Wins Gold

Emeritus Wins Silver

The SLO Committee proudly congratulates the **Child Development** and **Emeritus** programs as the 2025 Gold and Silver Top Program Participation Award Winners for their outstanding commitment to the assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs). Your efforts ensure we continue to grow a culture of meaningful learning and improvement. Thank you for leading the way! Your dedication supports our mission of equity, access, and student success. Proudly include your gold or silver insignia in your email signature!

Child Development Program
2025 Gold Top Participation Award Winner
5th Annual SLO Assessment Week
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Emeritus Program
2025 Silver Top Participation Award Winner
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Please join us in celebrating these exceptional programs and the faculty who make it all possible!

☕ SLO Assessment Opportunity Drawing Winners

We're thrilled to recognize our 2025 SLO Assessment Opportunity Drawing winners: **Carol Phillips, Jason Greeno, Abedin Jamal, Jessica Peterson,** and **Henry Nguyen**! Your names were drawn as a small token of appreciation for engaging in our SLO assessment process.

If you have not yet received your **Mental Bar Coffee Shop** gift card, please contact **Marne Foster at mfoster@sdccd.edu.**

📊 By the Numbers: SLO Assessment Snapshot 2024–2025

Program	Total Met	Total Not Met	Total Assessed	Total Enrollments	Total Courses Assessed	Total Courses	Course Representation
Automotive	143	8	151	522	4	9	44%
Business and Accounting	28	0	28	3,883	1	34	3%
Child Development	424	155	579	936	17	17	100%
Clothing and Textiles	219	26	245	377	9	17	53%
Digital Media and Programming	381	120	501	1,078	23	31	74%
Disability Support Programs and Services	82	28	110	1,452	4	20	20%
Emeritus (for age 55+)	3,800	448	4,248	7,489	18	21	86%
English as a Second Language / Citizenship	2,460	1,071	3,531	10,564	19	28	68%
Healthcare	272	8	280	374	7	9	78%
High School Diploma / High School Equivalency and Basic Skills	139	59	198	2,045	10	32	31%
Hospitality and Culinary Arts	293	75	368	429	13	23	57%
Information Technology	130	26	156	663	4	16	25%
Skilled and Technical Trades	248	87	335	691	3	17	18%
Total	**8,619**	**2,111**	**10,730**	**30,503**	**132**	**274**	**48%**

Source: SLO Data Collection Survey (data as of May 5th, 2025)

With the latest round of information available from the SLO data collection survey (May 6th), all programs are now represented in the data! From 2024/2025, there have been assessments reported from 10,730 enrollments. Flashing back, this is 2% less than the final total assessed from the last academic year (10,950 enrollments), though there are still submissions coming in. From this academic year's pool, 8,619 enrollments, or 80%, have met the necessary criteria for their course's SLO. There were a total of 132 different courses assessed out of 274, or 48% of courses at SDCCE. This is a 38% increase from the last academic year! Meaning, while slightly less assessments have been reported, these assessments come from a greater diversity of courses.

Healthcare Professors Parker, Black-Tucker, & Dean Shafer

Chef Megan Leppert -Culinary & Hospitality Faculty & Students

Diving further to look at specific programs from this academic year, Child Development has information from each one of their courses represented, or 100% course representation! With this, they have over half of their enrollments represented. Hospitality and Culinary Arts has the highest representation of assessed students with 368 assessments out of 429 — 86% of their enrollments have been represented. Other programs with high enrollment representation include Healthcare and Clothing and Textiles. The program with the most assessments reported is Emeritus (4,248) followed by English as a Second Language (3,531).

Henry Nguyen

🌟 Faculty Spotlight: Kirsten Lachenmayr & Alphonso Brown

Professor Lachenmayr, Dean Gray, and Professor Brown

Today's faculty spotlight shines on the dedicated coaches of San Diego College of Continuing Education's **Cyber Security Competition Team**. Did you know we had one? Well, meet **Alphonso Brown** and **Kirsten Lachenmayr**—the driving force behind the team since Spring 2021. They began with any students they could recruit and have competed every Fall in the **National Cyber League**, which hosts nearly 5,000 teams, and every Spring in the **Southern California Cyber Cup Challenge**. That's right—they've never missed a season!

In Spring 2024, the team—formed the year before—had built solid momentum through multiple competitions. Fun fact: four of the students were enrolled in a **ukulele class** to meet eligibility requirements! (Any SDCCE class counts—you don't need to be in IT or cyber security.) The idea was to keep things fresh and avoid burnout, and it worked—they took **first place** in the Cyber Cup Challenge! Since then, team members have moved on, including their captain, who landed a cyber security job in Las Vegas and credited her competition experience for helping her stand out. That same team placed in the **top 70 nationwide** in the Fall league. So, here's to Alphonso and Kirsten—creating incredible learning opportunities, expanding access to tech careers, and taking students all the way to the top.

San Diego College of Continuing Education's **Cyber Security Competition Team**

🙌 A Special Thanks to the SLO Committee

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible SLO Committee members for their leadership and dedication: **Esteban Alvarado, Diana Black-Tucker, Lee Blackman, Margaret Braun, Marne Foster, Kirsten Lachenmayr, Margarita Posner, Jesus Rivas, Michelle Schauder,** and **Stacy Surwilo.**

Your time, effort, and insights make our assessment efforts more intentional, equitable, and impactful. We appreciate all you do!