

San José City College Launches No-cost College Program

Initiative is a Key Part of Citywide San José Promise Program to Make College Affordable, Accessible

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- [San José City College](#) (SJCC) has launched its Promise program, taking a big step toward making no-cost college a reality for all students, including low-income, first-generation, and students historically underrepresented in higher education.

As part of the initiative, this week, the first group of 120 recent high school graduates began the transition to college with the help of the [Caminos Summer Bridge](#) program.



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By the time Fall Semester begins, 250 students will enter SJCC with College Promise Scholarships that will pay full tuition, fees, textbooks, transportation, and summer transition programs for up to two years. The scholarships were offered to students who graduated from San José high schools this month.

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complete their education without student loans or having to work excessively to pay for their studies.”

SJCC’s Caminos Summer Bridge and First Year Experience (FYE) programs support incoming students making the transition from high school to college. Caminos provides an opportunity for students to begin the first year of college by completing foundational coursework during Summer Bridge while learning to navigate college life. Students continue their Caminos experience through FYE with a team of counselors, instructors, and peers that guides students beyond the first year of college and through graduation.

The SJCC Promise is a key element of Mayor Sam Liccardo’s collaborative city-wide San José Promise launched in March. The aim of the initiative is to ensure that college is affordable and accessible to all San José high school students. The San José Promise is built upon three core elements: College Readiness Programs, College Promise Scholarships, and College Pathways Partnerships.

College Promise scholarship programs are available at SJCC and Evergreen Valley College as a result of a \$1.5 million grant from the California College Promise Innovation Grant Program awarded to the [San José-Evergreen Community College District](#).

About San José City College
Established in 1921, San José City College is the oldest community college in Silicon Valley and offers 68 degrees and certificates. The college features a state-of-the-art Technology Center, the Cesar E. Chavez Library and Learning Center, Student Center, Science Complex, Applied Science Center, Cosmetology Building, the Carmen Castellano Fine Arts Building, Multidisciplinary Building, and the soon-to-be-completed Physical Education Building.

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SJCC President Dr. Byron D. Cliff Breland addresses Promise Scholarship students.



Students attend official launch ceremony of San Jose City College Promise program.

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