2023/24 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. San Diego City College secured approval to offer the first bachelor’s degree in the college’s 109-year history. Students at the downtown San Diego campus will soon be able to earn a four-year degree in Cyber Defense and Analysis, which is scheduled to launch in fall of 2024.

2. The college’s Nursing Program ranks second in the state and third in the nation for best nursing school in California, according to RNCareers.org.

3. The college was awarded a $2 million Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education to improve and expand its capacity to serve Asian American, Native American Pacific Islander students, and low-income individuals.

4. Award-winning Graphic Design program ranked as the top educational program of its kind in the world by a London-based, graphic design industry nonprofit. City also ranked second in the World Brand Society’s Global Design Education Ranking, which is based on cumulative number of points and awards secured in its competitions. City was the only community college on the World Brand Design Society’s lists for 2022-23.
5. Welcome Home City worked with 505 students to receive essential resources in the areas of housing and other basic needs based on the students’ individual needs; provided over $190,000 in direct rental assistance for City College students; supported 34 students and their families in achieving housing stability through deep touch case management and housing navigation services; and 15 students received direct, rapid-rental assistance through our One-Time Assistance pathway.

6. Opening of the Basic Needs Center and Knights’ Table Food Pantry in T-150 corridor (video) in February 2023. The Knights’ Table Food Pantry had more than 1,000 student visits since opening with a total of 267 unique individual students.

7. Opening of Knights’ Threads and Things in April 2023, in T-150, for a one-stop shop for students to access clothing and home goods. Since opening in April 2023, Threads and Things has had 78 total visits with 45 unique student visits.

8. Hunger Action Day had 1,931 total visits with 515 unique individual students, classified professionals, faculty, and community members.

9. In just over one week of starting to distribute Food Truck Vouchers, over 1,000 vouchers were distributed to City students to access daily meals between 3:00pm and 7:00pm when Cafeteria is closed.

10. Alumna Katya Echazarreta became the first Mexican-born woman and the youngest American woman to travel to space as part of the part of the six-person crew of Blue Origin’s NS-21 mission.

11. The Intercultural Centers in L-206 opened its door for in-person engagement on a regular basis for students to access the First-Gen Hub, Pride Hub, and Womxn’s Hub. The Dreamer Resource Center in AH-200A also opened its door on a regular basis.
12. Math X Mental Health presentation at American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

13. The college received 1,333 scholarship applications and awarded approximately $300K in scholarships to more than 300 deserving students in the 2022-23 academic year.

14. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation announced the semifinalists for the highly competitive Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. This year’s 459 semifinalists were chosen from a pool of more than 1,700 applicants and attend 215 community colleges in 38 states. Two of the semifinalists include the City’s own Julio Cedillo and Kimberly Kritzer.

15. The City College World Cultures Program hosted 35 events with a total of attendance of approximately 1,400 students, faculty, classified professionals, and community members.

16. President Shabazz was named Top 50 Black Leaders of Influence by the San Diego Business Journal. He was joined by President Hands of Mesa College and President King of College of Continuing Education.

17. Fully staffed Foundation: Erin Flanagan, director of Development and Entrepreneurship; Leah Watters, administrative assistant; and Edward King, administrative technician.

18. Luxe Gallery presented a Black Identity Photography Show, as part of our Black History Month programming. The event, which was open to the community, is the first juried showcase celebrating Black photography.
19. In partnership with Asian & Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APSA) and the World Cultures Program, hosted its first Lunar New Year Celebration in Curran Plaza.

20. The college held an Enrollment Management Forum, a space for those who want to play a role in shaping how the college spends its state allocation for student enrollment and retention strategies. City College is dedicating nearly $800,000 to four areas: retention, working adults, expanded promise, and concurrent enrollment.

21. General counseling connected with 6250 students, which is an increase of 1,274 students (25.6% growth rate) from 2021-2022. With a focus on access, Counseling also increased drop-in option for students with 2,870 students and Saturday hours with 372 students.

22. EOPS, CARE, NextUp engaged with 748 students with a 12.1% increase; CalWORKs saw 147 students with a 38.7% increase; and Career and Transfer connected with 1,102 students.

23. Communications and Outreach continued its diverse and robust marketing and outreach campaign, which include English and Spanish recruitment ads; information sessions; Signing Days at high schools; and email, text, and snail mail communications.

2023/24 CHALLENGES

1. Training and professional development for new people
2. Hiring
3. Facilities maintenance