

Student Services Newsletter

July 2024



From left, Superintendent/President Dr. Erika Endrijonas, Christian Limón, and CSEA President Liz Auchincloss

Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year 2024 Awarded to Christian Limón!

For the second year in a row, the Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year 2024 was awarded to a Student Services staff member. DSPS Service Provider, Christian Limón was this year's winner of the prestigious award (last year's winner was Senior Admissions & Records Technician Akil Hill).

Known as one of the kindest and hardest workers at SBCC, CSEA President Liz Auchincloss noted in her announcement that Christian "shines as a diplomatic and gracious team member" and that "his warmth, efficiency, and boundless knowledge of SBCC has led to countless students and staff coming back and

requesting him by name."

Christian humbly accepted the award at the May 23rd Board of Trustees meeting, and acknowledged the four other remarkable employees who were nominated (Citlalli Jauregui-Romero, Camerin Poulson, Regina Reese, and Tracy Reynolds).



Career Center Moving to West Campus

The Career Center faculty and staff are moving to the West Campus in the BC (Business/Communications) building. A Student Services office supply 'giveaway' was held on June 11th and 12th for items left behind to be utilized by departments. The remaining items were designated "surplus," and will be moved out of the

lobby area in the near future. Once the office space is refurbished, the University Transfer Center will move into the space.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

REGISTRATION WORKSHOPS

For New to College students who have completed class planning and need help registering for courses.

May 23 – August 22 / ZOOM ONLY

Tuesdays 2–3 p.m. / Thursdays 10–11 a.m.

Workshops are on a first come, first served basis with a maximum capacity of 30 students. Wait times may vary.



Meeting ID: 882 5252 5994
ZOOM PASSCODE:
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WORKSHOP DATES

May 23, 28, 30

June 4, 6, 11, 13, 25, 27

July 2, 11, 18, 25

August 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22

[SBCC.EDU/ENROLLMENTSERVICES](mailto:INFO@SBCC.EDU) OR EMAIL INFO@SBCC.EDU

Registration Workshops Hosted by Academic Counseling

by Vanessa Olguin, Academic Counselor

We are set to begin our first pilot of registration workshops for all New to College Students slated to launch on **May 23rd!** This aligns with the open registration dates for out of area **First Time New to College** students and **New International** students.

Who:

These workshops are

for **any** New to College students who have completed class planning and need help registering into courses. Workshops are based on a first come, first served basis with a maximum capacity of 30 students, based on staffing.

Why:

Our registration workshops are meant to close the gap for all New to College students in their steps to enrollment and to ensure successful class registration. Our charge is to proactively contribute to increased enrollment for our campus community.

What:

We will be offering registration workshops staffed with:

- Counseling assistants (CA's) to help students with the actual registration process
- A counselor to assist students with updating their Summer/Fall 2024 course plan based on a change to their major or to help identify a substitute course in case the classes on their plan are full (i.e. due to late registration, etc.)

Where:

We will be offering these registration workshops on Zoom. The QR code on the flyer below takes students directly to the Zoom room. If students are joining from a computer, they can log into the Zoom room by going to Zoom.com and entering the Meeting ID and Passcode.

When:

We will be offering these registration workshops twice a week on Tuesdays 2PM-3PM and Thursdays 10AM-11AM throughout most of the entire summer starting on May 23rd and ending on August 22nd.

What can you do? Please share the flyer to your SBCC instagram pages, let us know if you would like us to drop a flyer off at your office to post somewhere, and refer New to College students to attend!



New Campus Portal Starting August 1st

by Dean Nevins, Executive Director of Information Technology/CISO

We are thrilled to announce a significant advancement in our online services for students. On Thursday, August 1, we will transition to the [My.SBCC.edu](https://my.sbcc.edu) campus portal, designed to streamline access to resources and information for SBCC students.

This campus portal serves as a valuable resource for both faculty and students. As a dynamic platform, it will evolve over time, and we welcome your constructive feedback to help us enhance its functionality and usefulness.

Thank you for your support and patience as we make this important shift to the [My.SBCC.edu](https://my.sbcc.edu) campus portal. This is an exciting milestone for our campus!

Welcome New Staff!

Dr. Maria Montejano-Thayer, Director, EOPS/CARE/CalWorks



Dr. Maria Montejano-Thayer, a proud first-generation college graduate, former EOPS student, and daughter of farmworker immigrants, holds a Doctorate in Higher Education Leadership from California Lutheran University, a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI), and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Chicana/o Studies from California State University, Northridge (CSUN). With over 15 years of experience in higher education, she is passionately dedicated to fostering an equitable, inclusive, and supportive community to ensure student success.

In her previous role as Director of Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) Initiatives at California Lutheran University, she participated in the President's Equity Council (PEC), led DEIJ and HSI programming, and managed two grants. Additionally, Dr. Montejano-Thayer spearheaded campus-wide initiatives to support underserved students, including launching multiple student support programs, developing summer research opportunities, comprehensive mentorship programs, and culturally responsive professional development sessions.

As part of her dedication and commitment to social justice and community service, Dr. Montejano-Thayer serves on the board of directors for two non-profit organizations. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and their two daughters, traveling, going to the beach, gardening, and practicing yoga.



Special Thank You to Rebecca Robertson

We want to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Robertson for her dedicated leadership of the EOPS program during this transitional period. We wish Rebecca the very best of luck in her next adventures! Rebecca's last day at SBCC will be July 12th.

Joseph Campos, DSPS Assistive Technology Lab Technician



Hello all. I'm Joseph Campos and I'm grateful to become a part of this amazing campus. I was born and raised in Lompoc, CA and graduated from UCSB with a degree in Biology while still working the front desk here at DSPS. My journey within this wonderful department continued on, my roles evolved, and fortunately I've been taken on as the DSPS Assistive Technology Lab Technician. In this space, I have the privilege of supporting our students in overcoming barriers, leaving them empowered and equipped with tools to help them succeed. As far as my passions, I have always been driven towards human services. Prior to this

position, I worked in pediatrics, caregiving, youth empowerment, and biomechanical research. I now find myself in a role that combines technological expertise with a strong human component, bringing together all my past experiences. Every day, I look forward to meeting new students, catching up with our regulars, and maintaining an environment where students feel more confident in themselves and their capabilities. Outside of work, I enjoy playing guitar and jamming with friends, basketball, or adventuring outdoors, especially up north in the redwoods.



Jesus Torres, EOPS Student Program Advisor

My name is Jesus Torres. I am a first-generation immigrant who was born in Mexico with an interesting background of being raised both in the United States and in Mexico for parts of my life. Thanks to this I was able to conquer the language barrier and become excellent in both Spanish and English languages. I attended Santa Barbara High School, graduated 2015 to then attend SBCC and graduate with 3 Associate degrees in Administration of Justice, Liberal Arts, and Sociology in 2019 to then transfer to UCSB and graduate in 2021 with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology.

I am currently working as a College and Career Advisor for UCSB's fellowship program DCAC, which stands for Destination College Advising Corps, where I am located in Carpinteria High School and I am able to assist students from 9th through 12th grade in Academic help, financial planning for their future educational plans, and career planning for their future. Helping students, parents, and even campus staff has really brought out a passion in me in continuing the educational pathway and has really inspired me to apply for this position as a Student Program Advisor for the EOPS program and thanks to my background I feel I will be very comforting and relating with our students and partners as a first-generation bilingual Latino! For my social side, I love spending most of my free time by staying active either going hiking, running, to the gym, and playing soccer. I also love music and playing the guitar whenever I get a chance. I hope to be the best I can as EOPS Advisor y estoy muy agradecido por haber recibido esta oportunidad tan especial!

Gracias!