Irvine Valley College Shapes Students' Futures

Irvine Valley College’s small-college environment encourages students like Asal Dastmalchi to find their passion and turn it into a career.

Two classes with astronomy professor Roy McCord inspired Asal’s love for scientific discovery and led her to participating in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars program. After spending five weeks of her summer studying Mars and NASA, she traveled to the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center near Palmdale, Calif., to work with other students in building mini rovers.

But first McCord wanted to make sure she had some experience building robots so he introduced her to professor Jack Appleman, advisor to the Applied Science and Engineering Club. Asal jumped right in, joining the club’s Robotics Activity Group.

Armstrong Flight Research Center Chief Scientist Abibin H. Bowers hopes Asal will add more time with NASA to her resume in the future. “Students like Asal are exactly our target audience,” said Bowers. “We want to engage with young, bright minds and encourage STEM careers for them. And if we can attract them to come back to NASA as interns and eventually join NASA as engineers, that’s a success! NCAS is just the first step. We look forward to having more students from Irvine Valley College come and visit us in the High Desert.”

Transfer to the Next Step

IVC is proud to support and guide students like Asal as they figure out their future through the college’s more than 80 associate degrees and 60 career and technical certificate programs.

IVC has the No. 1 transfer rate among all Orange County community colleges and is No. 2 in California. Students can take advantage of IVC’s Transfer Admission Guarantees with six UCs and 22 transfer degrees that guarantee admission to the CSU system. IVC’s Honors-to-Honors agreement with UCI allows students to receive early admission to UCI. A similar agreement with UCLA allows for priority consideration for admission to the UCLA College of Letters and Science. Students have also transferred to Columbia, California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Brown University, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University and Stanford.

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The Chapman agreement joins IVC’s Guaranteed Accounting Program 4+1 (Gap4+1), a fast-track pathway designed to meet the demand for a new generation of accounting professionals. As a yearly cohort, students take classes that ensure they will transfer to Cal State Fullerton for their bachelor’s degree and have the option to earn a master’s degree. Students who complete the program meet the educational requirements to become a licensed certified public accountant.

Tailored to Industry Needs

IVC is expanding its services for area businesses with its Economic Workforce Development program at the The Advanced Technology and Education Park (ATEP) in Tustin, ATEP, which is an initiative of the South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD), encompasses just over 60 acres of land situated on the site of the former Marine Corps Air Station Tustin. The district’s vision for the project, which broke ground in September 2016, is to create a cutting-edge education park that supports advanced technology, workforce development and career-technical education.

IVC’s building at ATEP will integrate education with industry. It is scheduled for completion in December 2017, with classes beginning in Spring 2018. The total building area of over 32,000 square feet will contain five classrooms and four specialized teaching labs: an alternative energy lab (indoor and outdoor), an opto-photonics lab, an electronics lab, and an automation/digital manufacturing lab.

Encouraging a student-centered academic experience through collaboration, the building will meet the needs of the program with a high-quality design and a simple structural system that will allow the interior of the building to be flexible. The partnerships between IVC and local businesses will ensure students obtain the skills necessary to be competitive in the workforce.

Hand-in-Hand with Employers

The Career and Job Placement Center assists currently enrolled students with each step of their job search. Alumni are also welcome to make appointments for assistance.

The center aids students in the transition from college life into productive employment. Local employers can submit full-time, part-time and internship opportunities while students and alumni can post resumes, create online portfolios and look for jobs on www.collegencentral.com/ivc. Career and job fairs are offered throughout the year, along with various on-campus recruiting opportunities.

Additionally, students can earn CSU-transferrable credit while they work as an intern or employee through enrollment in discipline-specific Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) courses.

More Than Just the Classroom

IVC’s students do so much more than study.

Student athletes have brought home 21 state championship titles. Competing in the toughest college conference, the Orange Empire Conference, IVC’s teams brought home 41 conference titles from 1990 to spring 2015. Student performers ply their crafts – from choral performances to composing music – in the $40 million high-tech Performing Arts Center. The Speech and Debate Team has hosted nearly 20 international teams, most recently a team from China. The Model United Nations won top honors at the national conference in Washington, D.C. in November.

The Associated Students of IVC (ASIVC), in addition to giving students a voice in college administration, sponsors clubs ranging from gardening to improvisation to table tennis.

Student services include full academic, career and personal counseling services, a health and wellness center, a library filled with modern equipment, a student success center, the Veterans Services Center and a Disabled Students Programs & Services department.

Learn more about IVC at ivc.edu.
TAILORED TO INDUSTRY NEEDS

With a robust academic program and the number one transfer rate in Orange County, Irvine Valley College draws over 14,000 students to its campus each year. From academics to co-curricular activities and workforce development offerings, IVC is a gem among Orange County community colleges.

Workforce Development: Integrating education with industry, IVC’s 32,000 square foot building in the Advanced Technology and Education Park (ATEP) in Tustin, pictured below, will offer students a state-of-the-art facility to obtain the academic and technical skills necessary to succeed in future careers. Classes at ATEP will begin in Spring 2018.

Co-curricular programs: IVC’s student government supports over 30 clubs and co-curricular programs, including award-winning Model United Nations, Speech and Debate, and Administration of Justice teams.

Honors Program: An exceptional Honors Program at IVC offers approximately 25 honors classes, an award-winning chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and an active chapter of Psi Beta.
Santiago Canyon College Delivers a Truly Student-Centered Experience

Since its founding in 2000, Santiago Canyon College (SCC) has worked to provide a truly student-focused experience supported by encouraging faculty and staff. Diverse academic programs and career-technical education options, proven university transfer success, and accessible state-of-the-art facilities are just the beginning. Students who attend SCC are empowered to seek opportunities that they deserve and desire right here, right now.

Among SCC’s signature programs are its outstanding Business and Career Technical (BCTE) Programs. The high-quality courses are taught by professionals with industry-specific knowledge and expertise. The programs appeal to a wide range of students, many of whom are working adults.

Business-Minded Pros
The business department at Santiago Canyon College offers a variety of courses designed to prepare students for an associate degree or certificate. The fields of study include:

- Accounting – The associate degree and certificate in accounting prepares students for entry-level positions and promotional opportunities in accounting and administrative departments of businesses in the public and private sectors.
- Business – The Associate in Science in Business Administration for Transfer degree provides students with a comprehensive business education in the principles and practices of all phases of business.
- Entrepreneurship – The associate degree and certificate in entrepreneurship assist students in the development of fundamental skills necessary to open and operate a small business and/or to continue the pursuit of a bachelor’s degree.
- Management – The associate degree and certificates in management prepares students for various management positions in business, government, and public organizations and helps existing managers in upgrading their skills.
- Real Estate – SCC’s courses fulfill the educational requirement to sit for the Real Estate Salesperson exam. Bestcolleges.com ranked SCC #5 of the best online real estate programs nationwide.

Community Leaders
Santiago Canyon College offers a range of courses designed for individuals who see themselves destined for a career in community service. The fields of study include:

- American Sign Language – The Certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language (ASL) helps students develop linguistic competency in ASL and prepares them for entering a formal interpreter training program.
- Child Development – The early childhood certificates emphasize infant/toddler, preschool, and school-age courses necessary for employment in state-licensed Title 22, publicly funded Title 5 programs and religious affiliated programs.
- Code Enforcement Officer – The Certificate of Proficiency in Code Enforcement prepares students for employment as a code enforcement officer as well as sworn or non-sworn inspectors, officers, or investigators employed by a city, state, or county agency.

Technical Thinkers
Santiago Canyon College offers CTE programs for individuals who relish precision and systems. The fields of study include:

- Biotechnology – With the completion of just three classes, students can earn a Biotechnology Lab Assistant Certificate of Proficiency to land an entry-level position at a biotech company. SCC also offers the Biotechnology Technician Certificate, the Biotechnology Biomolecular Manufacturing Technician Certificate and an Associate of Science degree offered in biotechnology.
- Computer Information Systems – The associate degree and the certificate help students develop procedures which are effective and efficient, computer languages suitable for starting these procedures, and systems for executing the procedures.
- Computer Science – Courses on specific languages for professionals who want to supplement their skills with the knowledge of a current programming language are offered as well as a certificate for students desiring to enter the workplace at entry-level positions. An associate degree preparing students for transfer is also offered.
- Gemology – An associate degree and certificate in gemology provide technical and practical theory and knowledge in diamonds and colored stones including laboratory grading, identification and evaluation of gems.

Creative Communicators
- Cosmetology – The associate degree exceeds the minimum California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology standards. Students will experience a combination of lecture and laboratory instruction covering various topics such as hairdressing, chemical waving and straightening, haircutting and shaping, hair coloring, scalp and hair treatments, facials, manicuring, and operation of a beauty salon.
- Digital Media Arts – The certificate programs reflects the industry standard in the field of advertising/graphic design for printed media, mobile devices, the web, and digital imaging. The programs combine courses from fine art, digital media, computer science, computer information systems, and marketing to develop technical skills and creativity in digital media.
- Graphic Design – The associate degree prepares students for entry into the broad field of visual communication, with an emphasis on the development of problem solving in the practical application of graphic design.
- Marketing – The associate degree and certificates in marketing prepare students for marketing, sales, and retail store management positions and help existing marketing managers and sales professionals in upgrading their skills.
- TV/Video Communications – The certificate in digital media production provides students with the skills and practical experience to create digital content and a certificate in digital media studies develops students’ understanding of television, film and digital media arts.

Hands-on Pros
- Apprenticeship – SCC provides one of the largest apprenticeship programs in the state with programs in carpentry, electrician maintenance mechanic, operating engineer, and power lineman. The program is offered in conjunction with various employers including several labor unions and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards.
- Survey/Mapping Sciences – The associate degree and certificate provide the student a thorough background in land surveying and mapping in addition to an introduction to collection, manipulation, formatting and mapping of geospatial data.
- Public Works – The associate degree and certificate in construction inspection prepares students to become public works inspectors or to advance in the field.
- Water Utility Science – The program serves those individuals employed or interested in employment in the water and/or wastewater fields and those who desire to upgrade their skills and/or receive certification from the State of California, the American Water Works Association, or the California Water Environment Association.

For more information about SCC’s Business and Career Technical Programs, please visit www.sccollege.edu/bcte or call 714.628.4883.
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What happens here matters.
Bridging the Skills Gap

The Saddleback College Economic and Workforce Division collaborates with employers, organized labor, city leaders, and local communities to help bridge the “skills gap.” The skills gap refers to local residents who are inadequately educated or trained, or mismatched for jobs in key Orange County industries.

Saddleback College is ideally suited to prepare today’s workforce for many of the “middle skills” jobs available in the county. These jobs are those that require some college but not always a bachelor’s degree.

As an example, advanced manufacturing plays an important role in the economic growth of Orange County and is growing in South Orange County. Advanced high-tech sectors, such as computer and electronic products and medical devices, feature the highest average manufacturing salaries. These positions require four-year degrees (or higher) at the advanced levels and two-year degrees and certificates as a minimum at entry levels. Overall job growth in this sector is predicted to be approximately 47 percent, with many positions requiring training in the use of new and emerging technologies. Incumbent workers will also need to retrain in order to keep pace with the advancements in manufacturing technologies.

Many employers in this industry sector often comment that they can’t find enough skilled workers for current job openings and also that their current skilled workforce is approaching the retirement age. Hence, further contributing to the skills gap.

Thus, both the apprenticeship program and customized training are ideally suited to close both the skills gap and provide the trained workforce for many of middle skills jobs in Orange County.

In Orange County, what is our focus?

Priority Industry Sectors:
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Advanced Transportation & Renewables
- Energy Efficiency, Utilities & Construction
- Global Trade & Logistics
- Health
- ICT/Digital Media
- Retail/Hospitality/Tourism
- Small Business

Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Program to Meet the Skilled Workforce Needs of Orange County Manufacturing Firms

Saddleback College is deeply committed to creating an Advanced Manufacturing apprenticeship program in partnership with area Advanced Manufacturing companies. The apprenticeship program will assist young adults, re-entry students, veterans, and underrepresented populations in obtaining on-the-job training (OJT) while attaining post-secondary classroom instruction in Advanced Manufacturing.

The apprenticeship training model has been used for centuries to provide employers with a skilled workforce and has proven to be one of the most effective training methods available to small, medium and large employers. An apprenticeship combines classroom and/or lab instruction (related and supplemental instruction or RSI) with a work-based learning or OJT experience in which the apprentice is paid a salary or wage.

Apprentices attend classes on theory and then apply that knowledge to the workplace, generally under the supervision of an experienced worker, until the apprentice masters that particular area of their training. The employer is an integral part of apprenticeships. Without an employer to provide the OJT, there would be no apprenticeship.

Saddleback College is working with the State of California Department of Industrial Relations and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to obtain a high-quality state-registered apprenticeship program.

Customized Training – Responsive Workplace Training and Education for Business and Industry

The Saddleback College Economic and Workforce Development division facilitates a variety of solutions for employment development and workforce training. From no-cost to low-cost general training, the Economic and Workforce Development division can help businesses with their workforce training needs.

Saddleback College is dedicated to delivering results-oriented, customized training that builds and maintains a highly skilled and productive workforce. Whether your organization requires employee training in basic computer skills, customer service, or in a highly technical area such as advanced manufacturing technology, your community college has the training professionals and subject matter experts who can create and deliver programs to all levels of staff.

Benefits of High Value Customized Training through Saddleback College:
- Flexible, Rapid Delivery System of Training and Services
- Your place of business, third party location, or at Saddleback College
- Single point of contact for business and employers
- Customized solutions
- Performance improvement
- A better trained workforce

The primary industry sectors served in Orange County include:
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Advanced Transportation and Renewables
- Energy (Efficiency) & Utilities
- Global Trade and Logistics
- Healthcare
- Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) & Digital Media
- Life Sciences & Biotech
- Retail/Hospitality/Tourism
- Small Business

Your company may qualify for subsidized training through funds provided by the Employment Training Panel (ETP!)

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Rancho Santiago Community College District Does What Matters for Jobs and the Economy

By 2025, an estimated 30 percent of all job openings in California – a total of 19 million jobs – will require “middle skills,” defined as postsecondary education short of a four-year degree. California’s education pipeline has not been keeping pace with the higher levels of skills and education required by employers, and it must significantly increase the number of individuals with industry-valued, middle-skill degrees, certificates and credentials.

In keeping with Rancho Santiago Community College District’s (RSCCD) mission of providing quality educational programs and services that address the needs of our diverse students and communities, the district and its two colleges, Santa Ana and Santiago Canyon, are investing in California’s economic growth. Partnerships with business/industry/labor, educational institutions, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations are key to meeting the workforce development needs in Southern California.

RSCCD hosts a wide range of workforce development programs and initiatives. These programs serve college students and faculty, existing businesses, and emerging enterprises.

Center for International Trade Development
The Orange County Center for International Trade Development (OC CITD) is an economic/workforce development program that helps California businesses expand internationally as well as helps colleges become more globalized. Work within the global business community includes export/import and foreign investor assistance, grant subsidies to help local companies export, trade missions to promote exports as well as foreign investment attraction to Orange County.

OC CITD also connects local businesses and industry partners to the faculty and students at the colleges via student internships, faculty externships, company tours and industry advisory committees that guide curriculum and program development. Additionally, the OC CITD provides global business and industry credential training as well as credential exam subsidies for students and faculty.

The OC CITD regularly offers export compliance training to local students and businesses.

For more information OC CITD services, contact Lynn Stewart at stewart_lynn@rsccd.edu or 714.564-5419.

Digital Media Center
The 28,000 square-foot Digital Media Center (DMC), which opened in September 2006, was made possible through a $1.6 million U.S. Department of Commerce grant, land donated by the City of Santa Ana, and Measure E local bond funds. The state-of-the-art facility is home to Santa Ana College instructional programs, and a business incubator specializing in emerging technology companies.

The DMC is the first facility of its kind in Orange County combining education and business in the digital media industry. It provides business development, education, leadership and resources that support and promote the growth of innovative digital media technology and its application across industries.

The DMC business incubator is currently home to nine technology companies that concentrate in fields such as software development, energy efficiency, internet security, cloud services, and digital media communities or business models. DMC companies can work with talented students from the three Santa Ana College instructional programs onsite: digital media, digital music, and TV/video communications. Students are also able to benefit by obtaining quality internships with the companies located at the DMC, which leads them to gain not only real-world experience, but good paying jobs with companies in the community. These synergistic efforts, coupled with the supportive services provided (i.e. consultants, access to investors), have led some companies to great success, including Melitok, which has a patented Energy Internet of Things (IoT) Technology Platform being used commercially by some major companies and educational institutions.

For more information about the DMC, please call 714.241.5836 or visit www.ranchodmc.com.

Orange County Small Business Development Center
The Orange County Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a one-stop source for starting a business, obtaining a business loan, growing a business both domestically and internationally, and expansion strategies.

One of its specialties is helping new or growing businesses to gain financing. There are multiple business loan products offered by various lenders (banks, credit unions, micro-lenders, etc.). Each option has its own requirements in terms of credit, collateral, cash flow, as well as rewards, risks, costs, and benefits. The Orange County SBDC can help you build your business credit and get the working capital you need to grow your business.

If you are looking to access capital for your business, our business finance experts will help you:
- Determine eligibility, and pre-qualification for various options
- Weigh each option against your own specific situation, and
- Put the loan package together to meet lender’s specification.

For those wanting to start a business, choosing the right small business – one that will succeed – requires planning, creativity, and hard work. The Orange County SBDC is ready to guide you through the critical steps to get started.

For more information, visit www.ocsbdc.org or call 714.564.5200.

Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Sector
The Deputy Sector Navigator (DSN) for Retail, Hospitality and Tourism (RHT) serves both the Los Angeles and Orange County regions. With an advisory board composed of human resources managers from local hotel properties, restaurants, tourist attractions, as well as other leaders in the workforce development arena, the DSN for RHT implements collaborative projects that provide interactive events and activities for students with the goal of promoting long-term, career pathways in the RHT industry.

With almost 350,000 new jobs this year alone in the retail, hospitality and tourism industry (U.S. Employment Development Department), the DSN can help employers close the skills gap for hiring and/or promotion by preparing students with industry-based certifications from agencies such as the American Hotel & Lodging Association, National Restaurant Association, and the Western Association of Food Chains. Working together with the industry, innovative training programs and college-based certificate and degree programs become the catalysts for students to increase their chances of upward mobility in job opportunities, internships and ultimately sustainable careers in the retail, hospitality and tourism sector.

For more information on the RHT sector and how Rancho Santiago Community College District can help you, call 714.241.5836 or email Ruth Cossio-Muniz at cossio_muniz_ruth@rsccd.edu.
Investing in Economic Growth and Global Competitiveness

Rancho Santiago Community College District’s (RSCCD) workforce development programs include:

- ACT Center
- Center for International Trade Development
- Corporate Training Institute
- Customized Training for Employees
- Digital Media Center
- Orange County Small Business Development Center

RSCCD takes a leadership role in these workforce training initiatives:

- Global Trade & Logistics
- Information & Communications Technologies/Digital Media
- Los Angeles Orange County Regional Consortium
- Retail/Hospitality/Tourism ‘Learn and Earn’
- Small Business

Learn how Rancho Santiago Community College District is investing in industry-specific partnerships, education, training and services that contribute to a highly skilled and productive workforce and how your business can take advantage of these resources.

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Many people might not think of community colleges as an investment. But studies show that community college funding is money well spent.

According to an economic impact study conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists International, the value of Orange Coast College can be measured and seen in the local and regional economy, including the cities of Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Newport Beach.

For example, during Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14, state and local taxpayers in California paid $103.4 million to support the operations of OCC. The net present value that OCC added to its local economy — measured by added tax revenue stemming from students’ resulting higher lifetime incomes and an increased output of businesses — amounted to $333.1 million in benefits to taxpayers.

Savings to the public sector added another $22.9 million in benefits, due to a reduced demand for government services in California. (The study showed that OCC students who achieve higher levels of education are statistically less likely to have poor health habits, commit crimes, or claim welfare or unemployment benefits.)

Dividing benefits to taxpayers by the associated cost yields a 3.4 benefit-cost ratio — that is, for every $1 in costs, taxpayers see a return of $3.40 in benefits. Thus, OCC’s average annual return on investment for taxpayers is 10.4 percent.

**Student Perspective**

Community college also makes fiscal sense for students, including older working adults who want to shore up their skills in order to advance their careers.

In FY 2013-14, OCC’s students paid a total of $30.9 million to cover the cost of tuition, fees and supplies. They also forewent $171.4 million in money that they would have earned had they been working instead of learning. However, in return for the monies invested in the College, students will receive a present value of $736.4 million in increased earnings over their working lives after leaving OCC. This translates to a return of $3.60 in higher future income for every $1 that students invest in their education, or rather an average annual return of 14 percent. Had students and their families taken the money they spent on their education at OCC and invested it instead in a standard bank savings account, they would have received a rate of return of less than 1 percent.

**Impact on Local Economy**

Orange Coast College also benefits its local community, both as an employer and buyer of goods and services. During FY 2013-14, OCC employed 1,064 full-time and part-time employees, resulting in $84.9 million in payroll expenses. Much of that amount was spent in the Coast Community College District to purchase groceries, clothing, and other household goods and services. The College spent another $58.9 million to support its day-to-day operations. The net impact of the College’s payroll and expenses in the Coast Community College District during the analysis year was approximately $84 million in gross regional product (GRP).
Orange Coast College

We’ll Help You Get There.

OCC is recognized for its outstanding academics and leadership, and even though we are one of the largest community colleges in the area, the faculty, staff and students at Coast form a tight-knit community. Here you will find a friendly and diverse academic environment that will give you the tools you need to succeed, whatever your goals are.

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