

Empowering Diverse Voices

The Student Equity Center is a collaborative and inclusive space consisting of four centers:

Gender Equity, Racial Justice, Pride and Dream

Resource Center. The Student Equity Center

empowers students to explore, affirm, and

celebrate their individual and intersectional

identities and define success for themselves.

Each center promotes a sense of belonging and

develops student leadership to work toward

social change on their campus and in their

communities.

Student Voices



Marbi-An Tejas

"My time spent at Santa Monica has been nothing but positive vibes because of the support given to me since day one. I thought that going to college was a waste of time and because of my status I was not qualified but turns out I was wrong. I was browsing the SMC website and happened to stumble upon a header that said DREAM program. I was cautious at first because we had an administration that was really targeting the undocumented community, so it was really scary to say I am undocumented, but I got to know that Dream Resource Center people are very trustworthy, and they provided me with a lot of resources and I'm very thankful for this. "



Nicole Eng, Graphic Design

“As a member of the Racial Justice Center, I bring back what I learn while participating here as well as my perspective as an Asian American woman as a lens for thinking about design. Design that draws from diverse perspectives is not just good design, but it’s often much more interesting as well.”



Lexi Lopez (she/her/hers), GSA Club Secretary

"It is so important to have safe, inclusive spaces on college campuses. Santa Monica College has been dedicated to forming these spaces for the LGBTQIA+ community within the Student Equity Center and with their Gender Sexuality Alliance club. These spaces have created a hub where students and faculty of all identities can come together in love and support to share stories, find resources, and continue to learn & grow."



Liliana Mendez-Pascual

I would like to quote from Gloria Steinem. "A gender-equal society would be one where the word 'gender' does not exist: where everyone can be themselves."

MORE STUDENT VOICES

The Four Centers

The Gender Equity Center at Santa Monica College is dedicated to creating an equitable community at SMC by addressing and challenging gender inequity through education, empowerment of women, consciousness raising, activism, and allyship.

The Racial Justice Center at Santa Monica College is dedicated to building a campus committed to dismantling racism, affirming racial identity, supporting cultural narratives, and promoting equitable access and opportunity for historically underrepresented students.

The Santa Monica College Pride center is dedicated to honoring and prioritizing intersectional LGBTQ+ identities. We are committed to improving campus culture where all queer and trans students can celebrate and embody their holistic selves.

The Santa Monica College Dream Resource Center is committed to creating a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment for undocumented students, and students from mixed-status households, to feel empowered to achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals.

Events

DEC
18



10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bundy
Campus

JAN
6



11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Main
Campus

JAN
17



9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Online

Take Action



Bystander Intervention Training

In response to the rise in Anti-Asian/American and xenophobic harassment, the movement Hollaback! partnered with Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC to adapt free bystander intervention training as well as offering a de-escalation training adapted to support the AAPI community.

Learn more about Bystander Intervention Training



Make the Pledge Today : No Hate at SMC

"I pledge to speak up and to speak out against all forms of hate, bias, bigotry, discrimination, harassment, and bullying. I will not tolerate intolerance based on race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, sexuality, gender, religion, ability, age, or socio-economic status. I will work together with my community and my peers to create a more inclusive and safe campus community that celebrates the power of diversity."

Learn more about No Hate at SMC Pledge

News



SECRETARY CARDONA: TITLE IX THE 'STRONGEST TOOL' IN PROTECTING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FREE FROM SEX DISCRIMINATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department of Education’s Dear Educator Letter outlines that there will be proposed rulemaking to amend the Regulations and plans to issue a Q&A document to provide additional clarity about how OCR interprets schools’ existing obligations under the 2020 amendments. No definite date has been set for these to be issued.



INSIDE BIDEN’S PROPOSAL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ENHANCED PELL GRANTS AND MORE

President Joe Biden’s unveiling of the American Families Plan on Wednesday has opened the door for some of the higher education policies proposed on the campaign trail.



EQUITY, ACCESS, AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL: ARE WE TRULY A PUBLIC SCHOOL?

It was clear. The children from more economically privileged, college-educated families took Honors, and the lower-middle, working class, and poor kids took College Prep. In the words of a school official from that time, “There are no poor kids in Honors Math.”

Messages of Support

"Today, I write again to share with our colleagues and students of Asian descent: you are not alone in this. We feel your pain and grief. We are here to support you, to listen, to collectively find ways to dismantle and move past the xenophobia that causes such trauma."

READ MORE MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

Featured Resources

Auntbertha.com

Search and connect for support. Financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced-cost resources.

Crisis Counseling

SMC Resources

- SMC Health & Wellbeing Services
- Housing
- SMC Sexual Violence Response and Prevention

Outside Resources


- Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center
- Sojourner Center/
- LA Domestic Violence Shelters
- Women's Shelters
- AFI Assets for Independence Resource Center

Financial Aid

SMC Resources

- SMC Student Relief Fund
- SMC Promise Program

Outside Resources

- Crisis Response Guide for the Financially Vulnerable
- COVID-19 Student Relief Fund
-  Income Benefits for College Students
- SoCal Gas Waiving Payments
- Unemployment Benefits
- LA County Department of Public Social Services
- COVID Financial Assistance

- California Domestic Violence Help, Programs and Statistics
- Peace Over Violence
- Center for the Pacific Asian Family
- General Relief
- SMC Student Relief Fund
- CalFresh

Help us improve the SEC with your feedback!

This should take no more than 5 minutes.

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Designed by SMC students for SMC students - [Read About Our Student Team Here](#)