10TH ANNIVERSARY

GIVING

THANKS(GIVING)'26

Santa Monica College
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 17, 2026

Presented by
Lizzy Moore, EdD • Emily Vogel
LoReyna Cue • Sofia Dawson-Montalvo • Edgar Prado • Natalia Ramirez-Siguenza

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MONDAY, 11/23
12-8 PM



TUESDAY, 11/24
12-8 PM



QUAD LAWN

YEARS 1, 2, 3







YEAR 4



YEAR 5



YEAR 6



YEARS 7, 8, 9


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SMC Associates
Thank you for supporting SMC students and for getting us to the finish line!


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WESTSIDE FOOD BANK
Thank you for supporting SMC students!
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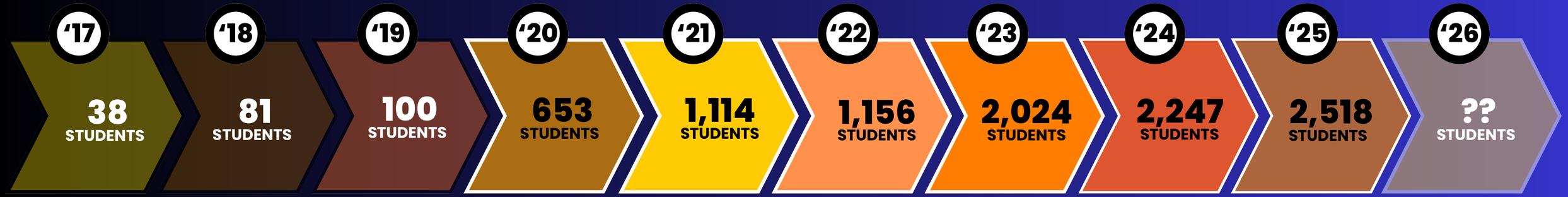
HISTORY



Homegrown by Wendi DeMorst & Lizzy Moore

9YEARS...9,931 STUDENTS

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FOCUS GROUP
43 students

Q: What if we changed GTG from groceries to serving a holiday meal?

"It's like bringing community together, especially for people who don't have family [here]."

"Yes, it was nice to get free stuff but the old way lacked intentionality. Being together over a meal would be so cool."

Student Ideas

- Let's have a DJ!
- Round tables please
- Students invite faculty & staff - GTG "gram"
- Host activities for after dinner (games, music, photo booth, etc.)
- Create somewhere to "hang out" after dinner >> lounge
- Designate tables for students who speak languages other than English (i.e. Swede's here!)
- Offer Area-Specific Seating (STEM, Clubs, New to SMC)
- Parenting Students - bring their family??

"Beautiful idea! Love it!"

Peer Navigators

Student Ambassadors

SMC Cheer Club

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GIVING THANKS(giving) originated with the goal of providing a comfortable environment and a home-cooked meal for students who had nowhere to go for the holidays.

To celebrate our 10th year, we are returning to our original mission: a hot, delicious meal and a comfortable location, centering togetherness...at SMC!

Students + SMC Employees

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GTG 2026 BY THE NUMBERS



Estimated Attendees

Confirmed Volunteers

Fundraising Goal

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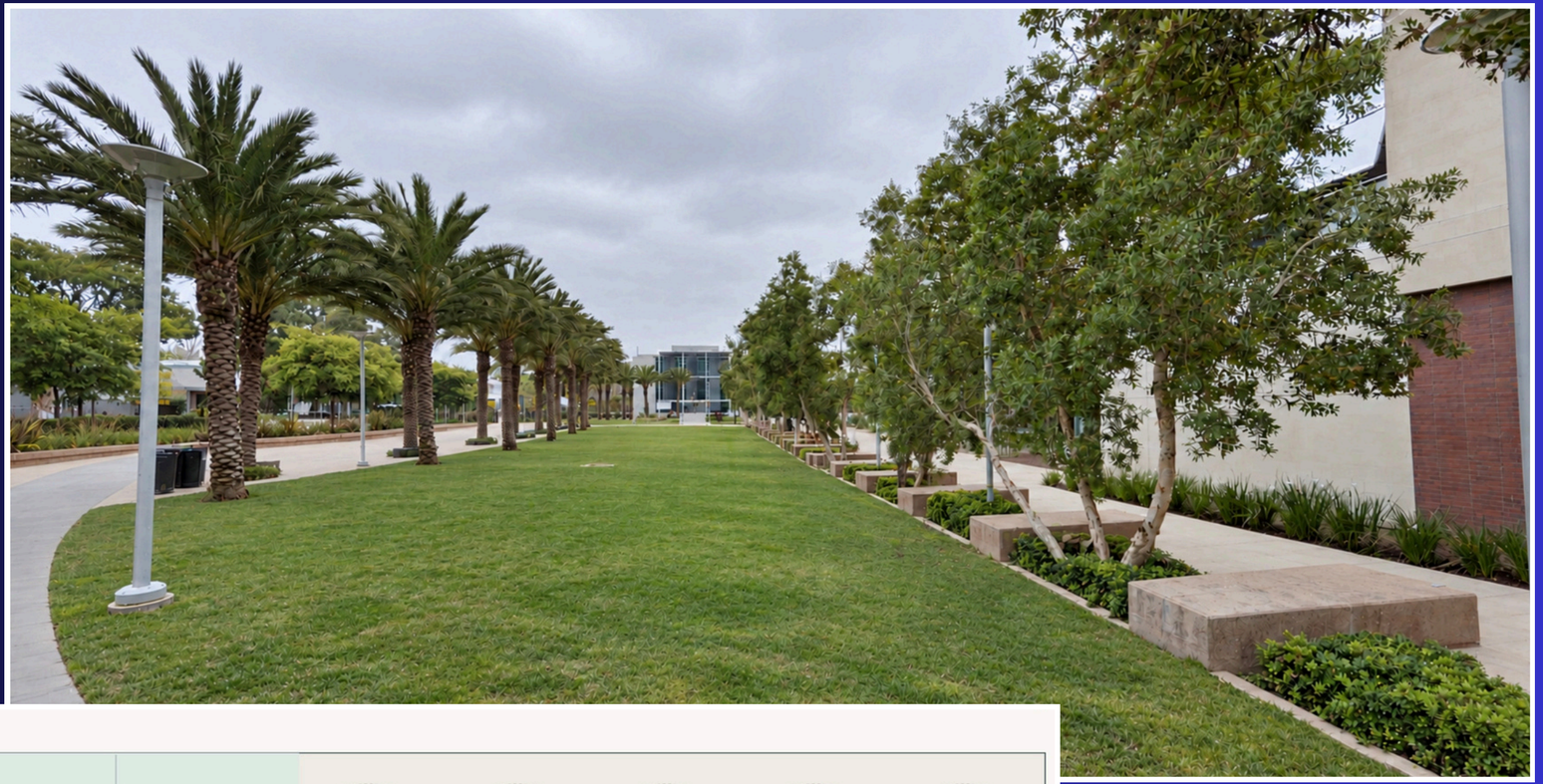
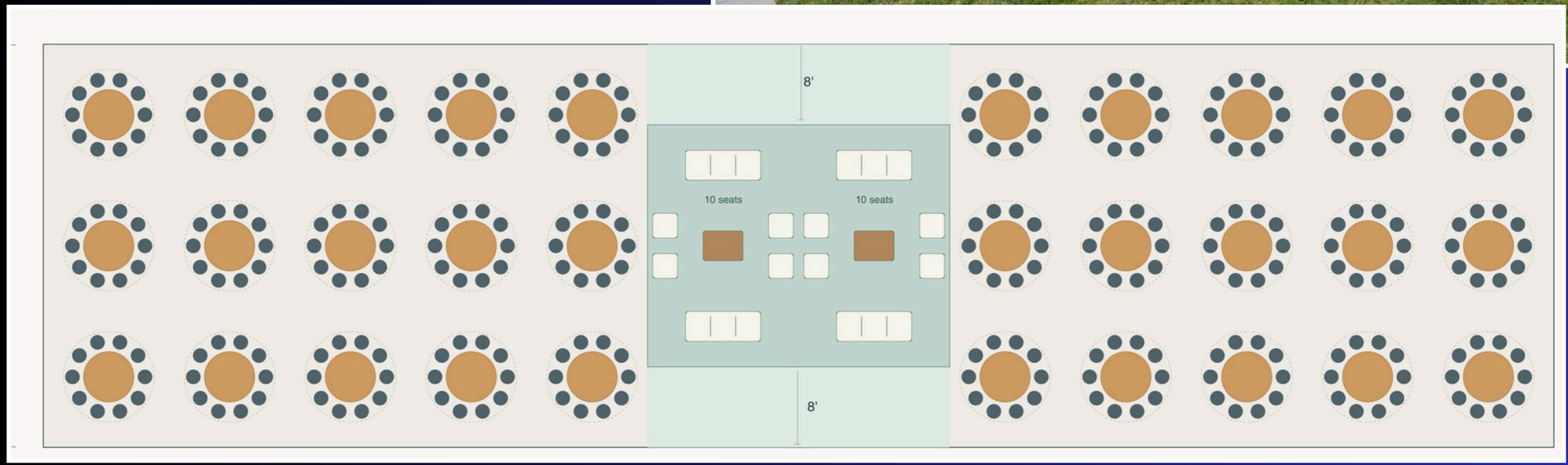
Dining Tent & Activities

Food Served from Cafeteria





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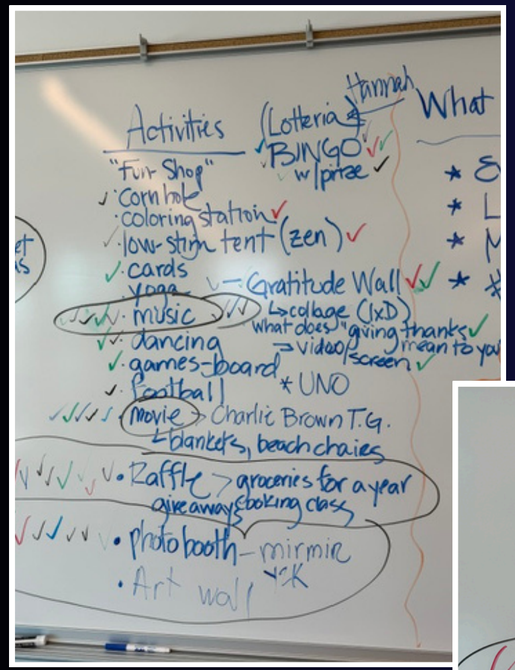
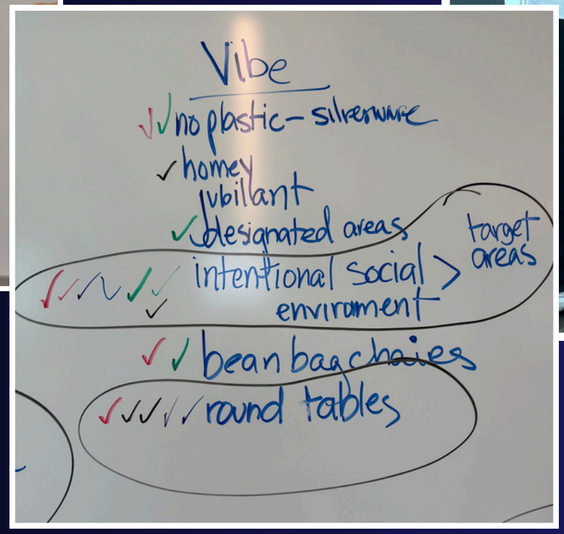
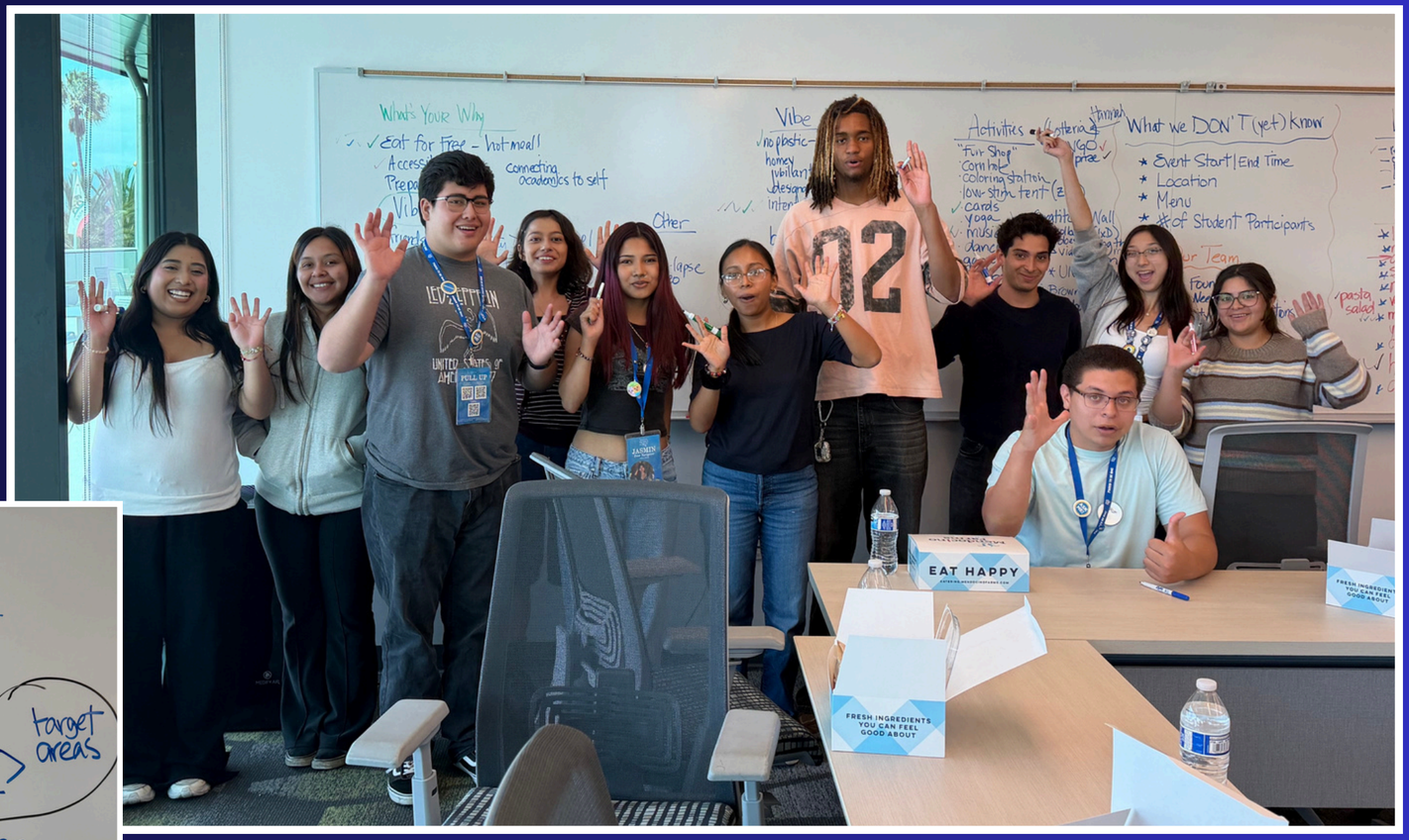
STUDENT-DESIGNED ENGAGEMENT

What's Your 'Why'
Menu
Vibe
Activities
Logistics







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Special thanks to

Student Ambassador Program

Peer Navigator Program

IxD Students

who helped bring the

SMC version from concept to creation





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MENU & ACTIVITIES

DESIGNED BY STUDENTS

MENU

Herb Roasted Turkey
Country Sliced Ham
Turkey Gravy
Cranberry Chutney
Classic Mashed Potatoes
Traditional Stuffing
Macaroni & Cheese
Braised Collard Greens
Roasted Carrots & Parsnips
Marshmallow Sweet Potatoes
Chicken or Cheese Tamale
Bread & Butter
Apple Pie, Pumkin & Pecan Bars
Assorted Beverages

ACTIVITIES

Color Me Thankful: Coloring Station
Opportunity Knocks: Give-Aways
Pieces of Goodness: Puzzle Station
Sew Much Gratitude: Decorate a Quilt Square
With Love, Photo Booth
SMC Loteria & Other Games
In Tune: Unlock the power of your voice
Zen Den: Music, Meditate, Tarot
Bodega Rack Winter Coats
Fun Surprises

'26 SPONSORS + SUPPORT

Goal: $250,000

6 Days Left!

$50,000+

LAYLA BAGELS

$25,000+

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
BARI LIPP FOUNDATION
SMC EMERITUS PROGRAM

$10,000+

ALBERTSONS COMPANIES
SMART & FINAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
SMC EQUITY, PATHWAYS & INCLUSION
SMC HUMAN RESOURCES

$5,000

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