



# 19th Annual VIP Welcome Day and onboarding activities

Thursday, August 17 & Friday August 18, 2023

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# Numbers at a Glance

## Online VIP Welcome Day

Total # of Students preregistered: **1,131**

Total # of Students attended: **1,668**

### Workshop Attendance

- Transfer: **221**
- This is NOT high school anymore: **151**
- Get involved: **171**
- Financial Aid: **169**
- How to Prep for Success: **215**
- DSPS: **129**



## *Numbers at a Glance* **On-ground VIP Welcome Day**

**Total # of Students checked in: 1,700**

**Total # of Guests: 863**

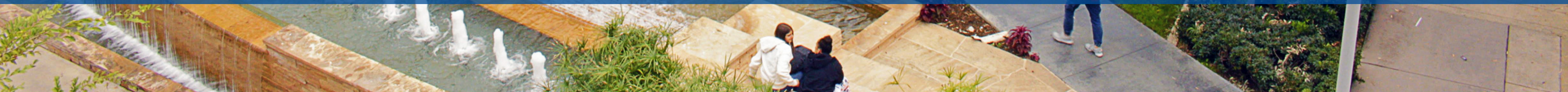
**Total # of Staff & Faculty: 594**

**Total # of Students at Enrollment Lab: 103**

**Total # of meals served: less than 2,500**

# What was different this year?

- More focus on engagement and connections, not just sharing information AT them.
- Opening ceremony was back- Cedrick Hackett did a great job! SMC Cheer team, too.
- Workshop tracks for parents and students.
- Enrollment lab
- AOI fair interaction: faculty role slightly different (engagement was the key).
- Engage & Explore: Get an AOI T-shirt!
- Bodega bags were given to EVERYONE this year





# Thank you to our VIP Super Group Planning team:

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# SMC START UP!

09.12.2023

**TUESDAY**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Main Campus Quad

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# MIDTERM MADNESS MOTIVATION

## DATES

TUESDAY, OCT 25  
WEDNESDAY, OCT 26

## TIMES

10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

## LOCATION

SMC MAIN CAMPUS QUAD

IT'S MIDTERM TIME!

Come check out all the college resources available to support you!  
Take a mental health break & connect with friends.

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