

*Santa Monica Community College District
Strategic Planning Task Force*

Mission, Vision, and Goals

**Santa Monica College: Changing Lives in the Global Community
Through Excellence in Education**

Mission

Santa Monica College strives to create a learning environment that both challenges students and supports them in achieving their educational goals. Students learn to contribute to the global community as they develop an understanding of their personal relationship to the world's social, cultural, political, economic, technological, and natural environments.

To fulfill this mission, Santa Monica College provides open and affordable access to high quality associate degree and certificate of achievement programs. These programs prepare students for successful careers, develop college-level skills, enable transfer to universities, and foster a personal commitment to lifelong learning.

Santa Monica College serves the world's diverse communities by offering educational opportunities which embrace the exchange of ideas in an open, caring community of learners and which recognize the critical importance of each individual's contribution to the achievement of the college's vision.

Vision and Core Values

Santa Monica College will be a leader and innovator in student learning and achievement. Santa Monica College will prepare and empower students to excel in their academic and professional pursuits for lifelong success in an evolving global environment.

As a community committed to open inquiry that encourages dialog and the free exchange of ideas, Santa Monica College will serve as a model for students in the practice of its core values: **intellectual inquiry, research-based planning and evaluation**, democratic processes, communication and collegiality, global awareness, and sustainability.

Goals

To achieve this vision, Santa Monica College has identified the following Institutional Learning Outcomes and supporting goals.

Institutional Learning Outcomes:

Santa Monica College students will:

- Acquire the self-confidence and self-discipline to pursue their intellectual curiosities with integrity in both their personal and professional lives
- Obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to access, evaluate, and interpret ideas, images, and information critically in order to communicate effectively, reach conclusions, and solve problems.
- Respect the inter-relatedness of the global human environment, engage with diverse peoples, acknowledge the significance of their daily actions relative to broader issues and events.

- Assume responsibility for their own impact on the earth by living a sustainable and ethical life style.

Supporting Goals

Innovative and Responsive Academic Environment

- Continuously develop curricular programs, **learning strategies**, and services to meet the evolving needs of students and the community

Supportive Learning Environment

- Provide access to comprehensive student learning resources such as library, tutoring, and technology
- Provide access to comprehensive and innovative student support services such as admissions and records, counseling, assessment, outreach, and financial aid

Stable Fiscal Environment

- Respond to dynamic fiscal conditions through ongoing evaluation and reallocation of existing resources and the development of new resources.

Sustainable Physical Environment

- Apply sustainable practices to maintain and enhance the college's facilities and infrastructure including grounds, buildings, and technology

Supportive Collegial Environment

- Improve and enhance decision making and communication processes in order to respect the diverse needs and goals of **the entire college community**. ~~all college constituencies~~

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