Executive Leadership

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History

In 1985, Santiago Canyon College (then called the Rancho Santiago Orange campus) opened its doors to about 2,500 students on its 82 acre campus. The college became independently accredited by the ACCJC in January of 2000.

Santiago Canyon College recent facilities improvement and expansion include a new humanities building, athletics and aquatics center, science center, library building, student services/classroom building, maintenance and operations center, parking lots, and soccer and softball fields, thanks to bond Measure E, passed by voters in 2002.

Fast Facts

- Ranked #13 among the 50 Best Community Colleges in the U.S. by College Choice.
- Recognized by The Chronicle of Higher Education as a Great College to Work For Honor Roll Institution for fourth consecutive year.
- One of two colleges in the Rancho Santiago Community College District. The College Mascot is the Hawk.
- Identified as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) committed to serving a diverse student population.
- Sponsors a range of co-curricular student activities beyond the classroom including Associated Student Government, Model United Nations and Forensics (Speech and Debate).
- Engages students through a vibrant Honors Program across multiple disciplines, whose students transfer to top universities.
- Home to national, state and local award-winning sports teams that compete in the Orange Empire Conference. Home of the 2016 state champions in softball and the Orange Empire Conference Champions in women’s soccer.
- Offers a comprehensive STEM program with dedicated counselors and a series of supplemental instructional resources.
- Offers the most comprehensive water utility sciences program in Orange County. Graduates work at water districts and agencies throughout Southern California.
- Offers the only comprehensive survey/mapping sciences program among Orange County community colleges.
- Directs the state’s largest trade’s apprenticeship program, providing skilled workers in the fields of carpentry, cosmetology, electricity, maintenance mechanic, operating engineer, power lineman, and surveying.
- Offers one of the state’s largest continuing education programs, administered through the Orange Education Center, offered at 26 convenient locations throughout Anaheim Hills, Garden Grove, Orange, and Villa Park.
- Offers an excellent International Student Program to meet the needs of students visiting on an F-1 visa.
- Offers through the Community Services Program a year round educational and recreational schedule of classes to suit all ages.