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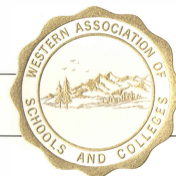
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## Accreditation/Self Evaluation

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges  
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

this is to attest that

SANTIAGO CANYON COLLEGE



was evaluated in 2014-2015 and is an

### ACCREDITED INSTITUTION

Date of Commission action 1/15

Next regular evaluation in 2020-2021

*Steve M. Kivella*  
Commission Chairperson

*Barbara A. Ben*  
President

Santiago Canyon College is accredited by the [Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges \(ACCJC\)](#) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), which is an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

ACCJC defines accreditation as " ...the process for evaluating and assuring the quality of education used by the American higher education community. It is a uniquely American quality assurance process through which institutions collectively set standards for good practice, conduct peer-based evaluations of institutions on a regular basis, confer accredited status on institutions, and make the results of accreditation review of institutions known to the public. Through accreditation, the higher education community shoulders the responsibility for monitoring the quality of the programs and services of member institutions."

### Self Study Report and Visit

At its January 2006 meeting, WASC acted to synchronize the comprehensive visits of Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College in accordance with the Commission's practice of scheduling simultaneous visits to colleges in multi-college districts. As a result, Santiago Canyon College completed an abbreviated [Self Study Report](#) and was visited by ACCJC representatives in the fall of 2008. Santiago Canyon College then developed a [Follow-Up Report](#) at the request of the Commission which was submitted in October 2009. At its January 6-8, 2010 meeting, ACCJC accepted the Follow-Up Report and reaffirmed Santiago Canyon College's accreditation. A [second Follow-Up Report](#) was submitted in October 2010, and was accepted by ACCJC in January 2011.

Subsequently, Santiago Canyon College completed a [Midterm Report](#) which was submitted to the Commission in October 2011. The purpose was to assure that the recommendations made by the 2008

evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the college had also provided an update on the self-identified plans for improvement which were included in the institutional Self Evaluation. The attached [letter from the Commission](#) confirms that SCC sustained the changes implemented to meet the recommendations of the 2008 comprehensive evaluation team and Follow-Up Report.

Beginning in the spring of 2013, Santiago Canyon College began the development of its next self evaluation report in preparation for an accreditation team visit in October of 2014. In January of 2015, the ACCJC again reaffirmed the accreditation status of Santiago Canyon College along with its sister institution, Santa Ana College.

### Child Development Center Program Accreditation

The SCC CDC has earned accreditation from the National Association of Young Children - the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences.

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