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Santiago Canyon College Announces Fall Enrollments

Orange—Initial enrollments are on target at Santiago Canyon College for the fall semester, despite a 6.1 percent reduction in the number of class sections, according to college administrators.

The college reduced the number of credit class sections from 588 last fall to 552 this year, in response to cuts in state funding.

The strength of the enrollments, despite the reduction in class sections, means the college has continued to increase its efficiency at a time when college accountability is becoming more important to taxpayers, according to SCC President Juan Vázquez. "Our classes are filled to 95 percent of capacity, which means we are offering the classes important to our communities," Vázquez said.

With a total credit enrollment of 8,048 students, full-time and part-time, the college is on track to meet its enrollment targets to receive the expected allocation of state support. Total credit enrollment is 2 percent less than last year's 8,211 students.

The number of full-time students, those enrolled for 12 or more units, is virtually even with last year. This year's full-time student enrollment is 3,569, compared to 3,571 in fall 2009.

The initial figures do not include non-credit students enrolled at the college's Orange Education Center, located on Batavia Street in Orange.

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Parking problems on the SCC campus were reduced this year with the addition of 400 spaces in a new lot located at Newport Avenue and Santiago Canyon Road. When the new parking lot is entirely completed later in the semester, it will contain 1,000 parking spaces for students, faculty and staff, which will reduce overflow parking in neighborhoods and shopping centers adjacent to the campus.

Santiago Canyon College is a public community college of Rancho Santiago Community College District, serving the residents of Anaheim Hills, Orange, Tustin and Villa Park. The college provides education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, and customized training for business and industry.

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