

Serving the Community



A large percentage of area High School seniors choose to attend Sierra College after graduation:

Rocklin Unified School District	45%
Placer Union High School District	40%
Nevada Joint Union High School District	38%
Roseville Joint Union High School District	37%

Public Safety

California community colleges prepare **80% of law enforcement officers, 80% of firefighters and EMTs and 70% of California's nurses.**

The Sierra College Firefighter I Academy is offered through partnerships with the Placer County Fire Chiefs Association, the Nevada County Fire Chiefs Association and the City of Roseville Fire Department.

The Sierra College Administration of Justice department offers a concentration in three areas: Law Enforcement, Courts and Corrections.

The Nursing program offers an Associate's Degree in Registered Nursing, an Associate's Degree in Vocational Nursing and Nursing Assistant courses.

"Sierra College and the Roseville Fire Department have a long standing partnership to deliver high quality fire training. The programs offered are recognized statewide and are the cornerstone of our regional fire training system."

—Ken Wagner
Chief, Roseville Fire Department



Partnerships

Sierra College has established strong working relationships with:

Nursing Sutter Roseville Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital—Grass Valley, Marshall Hospital—Placerville

New Solar Energy Technology Program City of Roseville

Fire Technology Fire Departments of Rocklin, Roseville, Grass Valley and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District

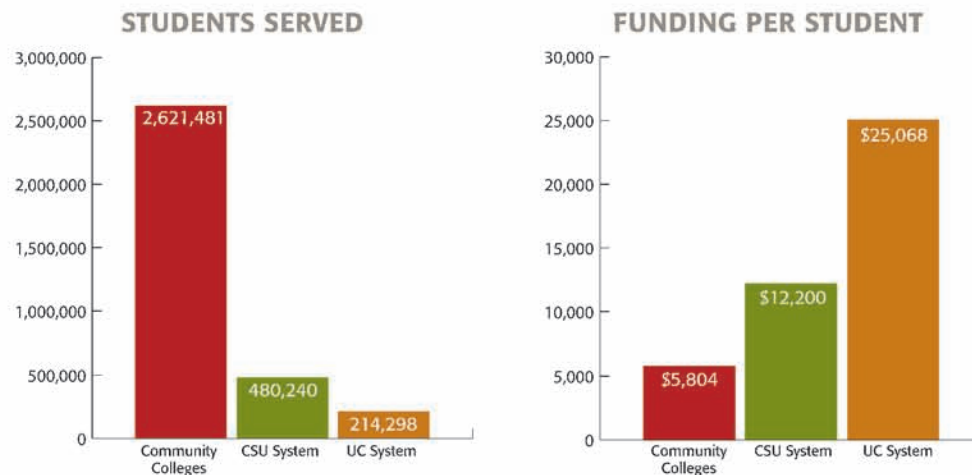
Administration of Justice City Police and County Sheriff Departments

MISSION STATEMENT

Sierra College provides a challenging and supportive learning environment for students having diverse goals, abilities, and needs interested in transfer, career and technical training, and life long learning. The College's programs and services encourage students to identify and to expand their potential. Sierra College students will develop the knowledge, skills and abilities to become engaged and contributing members of the community.

Education funding levels

California Community Colleges have a broad and complex mission. In addition to providing students with the first two years of post-secondary education in preparation for transfer to a 4-year institution, community colleges provide remedial and basic skills instruction, job skills training, workforce development and lifelong learning. More underrepresented groups take the first step toward higher education in community colleges than in the CSU and UC systems combined. Community colleges strive to fulfill this mission with the least amount of funding of all the education segments (K-12, CSU, UC).



Sources: Community College League of California (CCLC), Fast Facts 2008 • Legislative Analyst's Office, Analysis of the 2007-08 Budget Bill: Education, Funding per Student • CCLC, Fast Facts 2008

Economic benefits study

The Sacramento Regional Research Institute reports, Sierra College generates a total economic impact of almost 2,100 jobs and \$164 million of output throughout the local economy as a result of its operational expenditures, construction activities and out-of-area student spending.

The local economy benefits from increased economic development potential through Sierra College's ability to produce a higher-educated workforce and attract businesses to the area. Certificate and associate degree earners have the potential to obtain jobs that they would not have been qualified for before—graduates that fill these types of occupations could provide a total of approximately 800 jobs and \$79 million of output every year to the local economy.

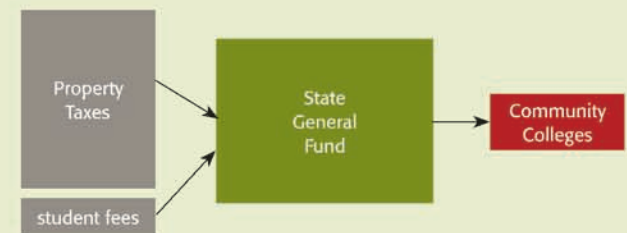
July 2007, Sacramento Regional Research Institute, A Joint Venture of SACTO and Sacramento State

Explanation of funding

Proposition 98 In the California Master Plan for Higher Education, California community colleges are part of the K-14 system and receive funding according to Proposition 98. Proposition 98 is funded by two major sources—statewide property taxes and the state General Fund. According to Proposition 98, community colleges are to receive 10.93% of Proposition 98 funds which represents the amount community colleges were receiving when the proposition passed in 1988. The community college system has not received 10.93% of Proposition 98 funding since the passage, resulting in \$4.5 billion of underfunding.

Enrollment The amount budgeted for enrollment growth constitutes a "growth cap." If community colleges receive funding for 3% growth, but enrollment increases 5%, those additional students are not funded. Sierra College consistently enrolls a large number of unfunded students in order to meet the needs of the community.

Student Fees Unlike the other systems of higher education in California, the CSU and UC systems, community colleges do not control their own fees; fees are set by the legislature. Student Fees are deposited into the state General Fund. Currently, fees generate approximately 2% of community college funding. Community college fees in California are the lowest in the country.



For a detailed explanation of Community College funding go to www.ccleague.org

Transfer Statistics

Sierra College students receive outstanding undergraduate preparation for transfer to the top four-year universities in California and across the nation. Students completing 60 transferable units with a 2.0 grade point average are guaranteed admission to the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) systems. Almost 33% of the UC graduates and more than 50% of the CSU graduates begin their higher education at a community college. **Community college transfer students earn GPAs equal to, or better than, those who start at a CSU or UC.**

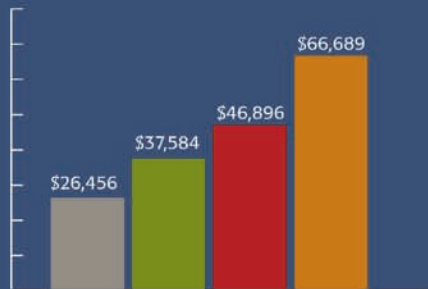
Sierra College also offers transfer admission guarantees, or TAGs, which guarantee students admission to specific institutions after successful completion of the agreement. Sierra College has TAGs with Sacramento State, Sonoma State, UC Davis, UC Merced, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz.

Degrees and Certificates Awarded

In 2007-08, Sierra College students earned 2,446 Associates Degrees and Certificates. Students also participated in transferable coursework for pre-law and pre-medicine studies. Sierra College offers 78 Associate Degree programs and 81 Certificate programs through courses that provide breadth of knowledge in the sciences, humanities, communications, analytical thinking and health.

Increased earning potential of graduates

- no diploma
- high school diploma
- A.A. Degree
- B.A. Degree



Source: U. S. Census Bureau

Sierra College top five declared majors

- Business & Commerce
- Nursing
- Liberal Arts
- Psychology
- Administration of Justice

job markets

- Industry sectors in Placer County posting the highest five-year growth
- Financial Activities
- Educational & Health Services
- Leisure & Hospitality
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities
- Construction

Source: Placer Co Economic and Demographic Profile 2008

Baseball—2008 State Champions

For the fourth consecutive year, 100% of the baseball sophomores will be transferring to a 4-year university, 85% on scholarship.

Sierra College Athletics has ranked in the top five community college sport programs nationwide in the last five years. Our student athletes transfer to many top schools.



Nursing—98% pass rate.

The Sierra College nursing program has a 98% pass rate on the State licensing exam, which is in the top 1% in the state for community colleges. It was also the first in California to develop an online curriculum.



Honors Student— Allison Bosserman

“The students and faculty at Sierra College have encouraged me to grow intellectually by teaching me that education is more than just memorizing dates, names and formulas. Its about finding out who you are, and who you want to be, and bridging the gap in between.”



Honors student Allison Bosserman is the Sierra College Phi Theta Kappa President and plans to transfer to a UC in the fall.

VISION STATEMENT

We will challenge ourselves and our community to become fulfilled citizens in a global environment by contributing to and engaging in the thoughtful application of knowledge guided by respect for others and the world in which we live.



Museums

The **Sierra College Natural History Museum** in Sewell Hall features the exhibits of fossils, mammals, and minerals. The **Ridley Gallery** features an exceptional range of artwork throughout the year. The **Sierra Nevada Virtual Museum** is a multimedia interactive online experience and part of the **Sierra College Center for Sierra Nevada Studies** that provides public programs and lectures. The **Sierra College Press**, the first complete academic press operated by a community college in the US, produces eJournals and books.

Cultural Events

The Natural History Museum presents the world of dinosaurs during the **Dino Day and Science Fest**. **People and Culture Days** and **Earth Day** are yearly outdoor community awareness events. The Sierra College Foundation's **A Taste of Excellence** is the area's premier food and wine tasting gala. In its sixth season, **Chamber Music Alive!** continues to gain acclaim for their outstanding performances. Throughout the year, the drama and music departments have an array of productions open to the public.

Community Resources

Sierra College is the only community college in California offering an **Osher Lifelong Learning Program (OLLI)**. The OLLI program provides high-quality learning experiences for active adults in more than 175 tuition-free non-credit classes. **Sierra College Community Education** offers more than 600 short courses, including many online, in a wide variety of subjects ranging from computers to cooking and travel. Each summer more than 2,000 children also participate in youth sport camps, swim programs and the Youth String Orchestra.

Sports

Sierra College athletics consistently ranks among the top five nationwide. The public can attend numerous men's and women's athletic events throughout the year, including **football, basketball, baseball, water polo and wrestling**. Students and community members also have the opportunity to participate in **sports, fitness and wellness classes**.

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CORE VALUES

The following core values will establish our ethical principles and will guide our institutional decision-making. Sierra College will:

- Support and model excellence in teaching, learning, scholarship and creativity.
- Provide the tools for continuing success in an ever-changing world.
- Provide, and demonstrate the value of, an inclusive community.
- Demonstrate collaboration in decision-making.
- Foster active citizenship in our community, our nation, and our world.
- Create and nurture meaningful connections to our community.
- Recognize that students are active participants in their education.
- Support and demonstrate the sustainable use of all resources.