

# REGION IX NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025 EDITION

## IMPORTANT DATES



### Executive Board

May 30, 2025 at 12PM  
via Teleconference  
(linked on the Agenda)

### Delegate Assembly

May 31, 2025 at 3PM  
via Teleconference  
(linked on the Agenda)

### Fall Advocacy Academy

Friday, December 5, 2025 -  
Sunday, December 7, 2025

Riverside Convention Center  
3637 5th St, Riverside, CA  
92501 and via Teleconference

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



It's been a while since our last update, but Region IX has been hard at work!

During General Assembly in Los Angeles, we held our Delegate Assembly and successfully elected our incoming Executive Board for the 2025–2026 term.

We're also incredibly proud of our current board members as they prepare for exciting new chapters; ranging from competitive research internships to continuing their studies at institutions like UC San Diego, Cal Poly Pomona, and CSU San Bernardino.

Congratulations to each of them on their next steps!



## REGION IX COLLEGES

*Barstow College*

*Chaffey College*

*Copper Mountain  
College*

*Moreno Valley College*

*Mount San Jacinto  
College*

*Norco College*

*Palo Verde College*

*Riverside City College*

*San Bernardino Valley  
College*

*Victor Valley College*

# LETTER FROM THE RAD

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*Hello Region IX!*

As we move closer to the end of the school year, I just want to take a moment to recognize all of the hard work, passion, and energy you've each poured into this region. It hasn't gone unnoticed and it truly makes Region IX what it is.

I want to remind everyone of the progress we've made and the momentum we're building. Each of you brings something valuable to the table, and it's that diversity of thought, drive, and heart that makes our region strong.

I'm especially proud of the way so many of you have stepped up, whether that's been through organizing events on your campus, contributing to statewide conversations, or showing up for your peers. You're the reason we have been going so strong.

Keep going. Keep growing. And most of all, stay connected to each other, to your values, and to the purpose that brought you into student leadership in the first place.

It continues to be an honor to serve as your RAD, and I'm excited for what's ahead.

*Sincerely,*

*Joia Miller*

*Regional Affairs Director*



# **ACTIVATED COLLEGES**

## *Region IX*

**As of May 25, 2025, Region IX has activated  
9 out of 12 colleges!**

**Listed are the names of the delegates and  
their respective college.**

Melodia Torres  
Barstow College

Simran Sharma  
Chaffey College

Jadyn Bauer  
Copper Mountain College

Gissel Sanchez  
College of the Desert

Grace Lowry  
Moreno Valley College

Sam Cardenas  
Mount San Jacinto College

Myisha Jackson  
Riverside City College

DeAnn Fulton  
Victor Valley College

**We would also like to give a special “thank you” to our  
new delegates, Gissel Sanchez and Sam Cardenas, who  
have joined us since our last newsletter was published!**



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

*Gissel Sanchez / College of the Desert*



*"Education changes lives"*

*This Month's Spotlight...*

## **Gissel Sanchez** **College of the Desert**

Gissel Sanchez is a passionate student leader, filmmaker, and advocate graduating from College of the Desert with three Associate of Arts degrees in Film, Media & Television, Sociology, and Anthropology. As a Region IX delegate and Officer of External Affairs for ASCOD, she has represented students at both the state and national levels, including Capitol Hill. With a background in media production and over 600 hours of service through College Corps, Gissel has combined storytelling with advocacy to address food insecurity, support undocumented students, and push for equitable policies. She has interned with KESQ News Channel 3 and worked on local film projects, using media as a platform for social change. This fall, she will transfer to continue her education and pursue her dream of becoming a museum curator, Chicana studies professor, and film producer!



# **OPPORTUNITIES**

*Get Involved!*

## **BECOME A DELEGATE!**

Represent your college at the regional and state level by serving as a Region IX Delegate. You'll vote on important issues, contribute to student-centered resolutions, and help shape the future of California Community Colleges through meaningful advocacy and leadership.

## **BECOME THE REGION IX STUDENT INTERN!**

Want to get hands-on experience in student leadership? As the Region IX Student Intern, you'll support regional projects, help coordinate meetings and events, and develop skills in policy, organizing, and communication all while being surrounded by brilliant student leaders!

## **JOIN A STUDENT CAUCUS!**

Passionate about issues like equity, sustainability, or basic needs? Student caucuses bring together voices across the state to advocate for change and foster community. There's a caucus for everyone, get involved and help lead the conversations that matter most.

**To apply, please check out the SSCCC website:**  
<https://ssccc.org/get-involved/opportunities/>



***THANK YOU FOR READING!***

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