

REGION X NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

Advocacy Academy
Registration it's open
Dec 5th to Dec 7th 2025
Riverside, California

Federal Advocacy
Mar 1st to Mar 3rd 2026
Riverside, California

General Assembly
March 27th to 29th 2026
SFO, Hyatt Regency

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

Letter from the RAD	2
New Region X Team	3
Our Student Intern	4
Events and Conferences	5 - 6
Latinx Student Spotlight	7
What Have We Done So Far	8
Thank You for Reading	9

REGION X COLLEGES

1. CUYAMACA COLLEGE
2. GROSSMONT COLLEGE
3. IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
4. MIRACOSTA COLLEGE
5. PALOMAR COLLEGE
6. SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE
7. SAN DIEGO COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
8. SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
9. SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE
10. SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

LETTER FROM THE RAD

Yonatan "Yogi" Hernandez



My fellow students,

Even before classes begin, your Region X team has been hard at work representing you and building connections across our campuses and communities.

Our Communications Officer has expanded awareness across social media and connected with colleges throughout the region. We want this platform to reflect you—so please share what you'd like us to highlight. Together, we can keep Region X informed and strengthen our community.

We've also begun verifying our delegates. If your college has not yet submitted paperwork or identified a delegate, please connect with our Region X Student Intern, who would be glad to support you in the process: siregionx@ssccc.org.

This month, we celebrate the accomplishments of our former Legislative Affairs Director, who has been accepted into UC Berkeley! While we are sad to see her go, we are proud to cheer her success. Her departure opens a new opportunity—if you are passionate about advocacy, representation, and working alongside elected officials, we encourage you to consider running for this position.

Speaking of advocacy, Region X recently partnered with Councilmember David Alvarez on two important initiatives. First, we joined the Binational Higher Education Forum hosted at the Institute of the Americas at UC San Diego, where U.S. and Mexican universities came together to strengthen partnerships that will create more opportunities for students in the future.

We also participated in the California Student Aid Commission, where we heard directly from Dr. Daisy Gonzales, Executive Director of CSAC, and Dr. Mark Sanchez, Superintendent/President of Southwestern College. Their leadership is reshaping financial aid and expanding affordability for students across the state.

A big shout-out as well to Cuyamaca College ASG and Derin Mahmood, who have already begun drafting our first resolution of the year!

As the semester begins, please know that your Region X team is here for you. We are your servant-leaders—ready to elevate your voice, build opportunities, and walk beside you on this journey. We send you all a warm welcome and a reminder: you are not alone.

In service and solidarity.

Sincerely,

Yogi Hernandez

Regional Affairs Director

REGION X EXECUTIVE TEAM



Yonatan "Yogi" Hernandez
Regional Affairs Director
radregionx@ssccc.org



Xtopher Ruiz
Vice Chair
viceregionx@ssccc.org

VACANT

Legislative Affairs Director
ladregionx@ssccc.org



Arash Nawaey
Treasurer
treasurerregionx@ssccc.org



Claudio Nevells
Communications Officer
comsregionx@ssccc.org

MEET THE REGION X STUDENT INTERN

This Month's Spotlight...

Diego Padilla

Hello everyone,

I'm honored to serve as the Region X Student Intern for the 2025-2026 school year. I'm incredibly excited for this opportunity because of the valuable statewide advocacy experience it offers. Currently, I serve as the President of the Associated Student Government at MiraCosta College, where I've held multiple leadership roles and actively participated in a wide range of committees focused on student advocacy and equity. I know in this role I will be able to bring my experience to support Region X with everything they need to succeed.



Q: What is your go-to habit for de-stressing during finals ?

A: "I like to nap as a break whenever I'm too stressed or overwhelmed. It's a great way to recharge!"





SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE



Region X had a fantastic time attending the CA Student Aid Commission Annual Retreat at Southwestern Community College. It was an inspiring and collaborative experience, and we're grateful for the warm hospitality and generous welcome. Thank you for hosting such a meaningful event!



"Student Leadership Conference in Miracosta "



From laughter-filled workshops to inspiring speakers and new friendships, the Student Leadership Conference at MiraCosta College was a blast! We didn't just grow our leadership skills—we gained knowledge, built connections, and felt right at home. Here's to learning, leading, and living it up the Spartan way! 🧡🌟



ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ



Region X was thrilled to gain valuable insights and build connections during our recent engagement with Assemblymember David Alvarez. His dedication to student success deeply resonated with our goals, and the exchange of ideas was both inspiring and empowering. As we continue aligning our mission with the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC), this collaboration marks a significant step toward a brighter future for students across California. Together, we are committed to advocacy, equity, and meaningful change.



City College Classified Senate



On behalf of the Region X Board, we were honored to share the incredible work of our students with the classified staff. It was a joy to highlight their voices and achievements. Thank you for the kind invitation and for the tireless work you do every day to ensure our students are seen, heard, and supported.



Meeting Assembly Member David Alvarez

What have we done so far

In a dynamic effort to foster collaboration and strengthen community ties, Region X has actively engaged with the presidents of Associated Student Governments (ASGs), initiating meaningful dialogues with council members and visiting various schools. These interactions have not only enriched the understanding of student needs, but have also laid the groundwork for lasting relationships with advisors. Through these efforts, the region aims to create a unified approach to address challenges and celebrate successes, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued in the educational landscape.



Southwestern College



Juneteenth Miramar College 2025



City College



Miracosta College



Mesa College



Cerritos College Region VIII Last Delegate Meeting



Palomar College

THANK YOU FOR READING!

谢谢

Eyaay ahan

شكرًا لك

tack

多謝你

obrigado

Mahalo

fa'afetai

merci

təşəkkür edirəm

धन्यवाद

ຂອບໃຈ

gracias

תודה לך

Ngiyabonga

wonou wali

asante

Daalụ

አመሰግናለሁ



For any questions, suggestions or collaborations
contact :

Communications Officer

Claudio Nevells

comsregionx@ssccc.org

or

Regional Affairs Director

Yonatan "Yogi" Hernández

radregionx@ssccc.org

Follow us, like, comment
join us @ssccc_regionx