

# REGION X NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT

### Advocacy Academy

December 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Riverside Convention Center  
Riverside, California

### Federal Advocacy Academy

March 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Washington, D.C.

### General Assembly

March 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Hyatt Regency  
San Francisco, CA

## REGION X COLLEGES

Southwestern College Imperial Valley College San Diego Mesa College San Diego City College

San Diego Miramar College Cuyamaca College Grossmont College MiraCosta College Palomar College

San Diego College of Continuing Education

# LETTER FROM THE REGIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

*Yonatan “Yogi” Hernandez*

Dear Region X

As we begin a new term together, I want to take a moment—before the meetings pile up and the calendar fills—to simply say: welcome.

Whether you're a returning leader, a new student stepping into your first role, or a trusted advisor guiding from behind the scenes, I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to be on this journey with you.

This year, I serve as your Regional Affairs Director for Region X, and that title, while formal, doesn't quite capture what this community means to me. Because for me, Region X is more than a region. It's a home base for ideas, growth, advocacy, and above all—people. Real people, each navigating school, family, work, healing, identity, and life—and still choosing to lead.

Our goals this year are bold. We want to grow engagement across our 10 colleges, uplift new voices, create more access to leadership opportunities, and build a culture of kindness and shared purpose. Whether we're co-hosting a regional event, drafting legislation, sharing mental health resources, or simply showing up for one another—we'll do it with intention, and we'll do it together.

One of my favorite metaphors comes from a story where a traveler is told to walk through the world with a spoon full of oil—never spilling a drop, while still taking in all the beauty around them. It reminds me that leadership is a balance: between our goals and our joy, between our vision and our people. This year, let's aim to hold both.

In the weeks ahead, you'll receive opportunities to engage with the Region—meetings, trainings, surveys, and initiatives we hope will add value to your own campus journeys. But more than anything, I hope you feel that your voice matters here. Because it does. We are Region X. We are artists, dreamers, parents, transfer students, advocates, and change-makers. And together, we rise.



*With care and in unity,  
Yonatan “Yogi” Hernandez  
Regional Affairs Director*



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# ACTIVATED COLLEGES

## *Region X*

We will announce the names of the delegates and their respective college in our next newsletter.

Thank you to all who submitted applications, in response to our last newsletter - we love seeing your interest.

**Southwestern College**

**Imperial Valley College**

**San Diego Mesa**

**San Diego City**

**San Diego Miramar**

**Cuyamaca College**

**Grossmont College**

**MiraCosta College**

**Palomar College**

**San Diego College of Continuing Education**



# SPOTLIGHT

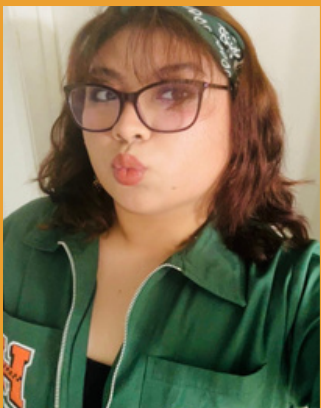
*ASG 2025 San Diego City College*



"Hello! My name is Celina Martinez, I am the President of the San Diego City College ASG. I am a first-generation student studying political science and I am pursuing a career in corporate and immigration law. I enjoy doing outdoor activities such as hiking, HIIT, and exploring adventures. I am excited to advocate and fight for our students at the state level as a Trustee and president!"



"Hi, I am Alexandra Gutierrez, I am the Vice President of San Diego City College ASG. I have lived all my life in México and just about a year ago started college here in the United States, currently studying Political Science and History hoping to transfer and one day become a Pro-Bono Environmental and Immigration Lawyer. I love studying dinosaurs, finding ways to help others and I'm a friendly person".



"Hello! My name is Carolina Prado; I am 18 years old and I'm the Secretary of the city college Associated Student Body. Currently studying Psychology and Sociology and looking to transfer to a 4-year university and earn my bachelor's degree on Clinical Psychology. I studied in Sweetwater High School and graduated last year. I love dancing, and having fun with my friends, especially when involves a beach and some snacks."



# SPOTLIGHT

*ASG 2025 Cuyamaca College*



Hi my name is Marseel A Bahnan, my journey began at the age of eight when she moved to the United States from Baghdad, Iraq. After spending time in Turkey, Michigan, and Arizona, I now proudly calls San Diego home.

I'm currently pursuing a degree in Psychology, I have a strong passion on mental health and sports, planing to earn a Master's Degree in Sports Psychology. I'm also on the Cuyamaca Cross Country and Track & Field team.

As President, I'm dedicated to fostering stronger connections between students and Cuyamaca College, particularly through athletics. Outside of academic and leadership roles, I'm an animal lover, especially fond of cats. In my free time, I enjoy expressing my creativity through nails and drawing."



"Hi! I'm Sofia Hernandez, I will be serving as the Executive Vice President for the 2025-2026 term, and I couldn't be more excited about it. I'm currently studying Electrical Engineering and hope to transfer soon to continue my academic journey.

I care deeply about supporting student voices and helping everyone feel connected to their community. In my free time, I enjoy quiet moments, such as spending time with my cats, crocheting, watching shows, and taking on random crafting projects. Just as much as I enjoy cozy hobbies, I love working with others to create a meaningful impact."



"Hi I'm Marcelia Y. Villaseñor, I'm the new Student Trustee at Cuyamaca College, where I'm an advocate for our student body and work to ensure that equity and access remain a priority on campus and district level. I'm passionate about community, education, and the power of representation. I'm majoring in physics and hope to eventually find new innovative ways to merge my interests in science and public service, to continue helping people on a larger scale."

# SPOTLIGHT

*ASG 2025 Mesa College and Miramar College*



Hello! my name is Jeremiah Palomino Im a 20-year-old second-year student at Mesa College, currently serving as the Associated Student Government President and Student Trustee. I'm Passionate about leadership and community, and dedicated on representing and uplifting the voices of fellow students. Outside of academics and leadership, I enjoy reading, boxing, and pursuing personal growth. I'm excited and optimistic about the opportunities and experiences the upcoming year will bring".



Hi, im Ariella O'Garro, Miramar Community College's ASG president and student trustee. I'm an English major who dreams of becoming a professor! I desire to be both a voice and advocate for the student body.



Hello, my name is Anchal and I am the new Secretary for Miramar College's ASG! The last two semesters, I was an ASG Senator and I worked with fellow members on a menstrual equity project to improve the restocking of menstrual products on campus. I'm passionate about making an impact in the world any way I can, even if it starts with just a small act of kindness. I'm excited to work with everyone in improving student life at Miramar!

# OPPORTUNITIES

*Get Involved!*

## Become a Delegate

A delegate is a student representing their respective college, who gets to vote on their behalf and is present, for any major decisions that need a vote on a statewide level.

*Apply here:* <https://www.sccc.org/regions/region-x> .



## Join a Caucus

A caucus refers to an autonomous group comprising individuals who share common interests and seek to formally express their perspectives to the SSCCC. There are many different groups, dedicated to different causes .

*Apply here:* <https://www.sccc.org/get-involve>



## Participatory Governance

SSCCC appoints students to statewide committees that shape policies and resources across California's community colleges. Get involved and make your voice heard.

*Apply here:* <https://www.sccc.org/what-we-do/statewide-advocacy/participatory-governance>



**We'd love to hear from you!  
We welcome your suggestions, input and  
interest in being featured in the next newsletter.**



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