



SSCCC Connect

March 2025

Berkeley, CA

Important Dates

General Assembly

April 4-6, 2025
(Los Angeles Airport
Westin)

Executive Committee

May 9, 2025
(Virtual)

Board of Directors

May 16 - 17, 2025
(Region X - San Diego)

Executive Committee

June 13, 2025
(Virtual)

Board of Directors

June 20 - 21, 2025
(Region IV - San Jose)

Other region meetings
and events are on our
website calendar [here](#).

President's Update

Dear Student Senate Family,

March has been a powerful reminder of what's possible when student leaders come together with a shared purpose. This month was filled with connection, advocacy, and the kind of meaningful conversations that fuel our movement and remind us why our voices matter. Across the state and nation, students stood up, spoke out, and proved once again that we are the driving force for change in higher education.

Earlier this month, the SSSCC Board of Directors had the privilege of meeting with students from the College of Alameda in Region III. The conversations were engaging, honest, and reflected the very heart of why we do this work — to ensure that student voices are heard and valued. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts, challenges, and ideas with us.

We also made history during our annual Advocacy Day and March in March. Hundreds of student representatives gathered in Sacramento, participating in over 80 legislative visits and marching through the Capitol with one unified message: California's community college students are here, we matter, and we are not going anywhere. Thank you to every student and partner who showed up and advocated for the issues closest to their hearts.

Additionally, I had the honor of attending the [A²MEND](#) Conference alongside several board and regional representatives. This

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Leadership in June

The SSCCC is proud to once again co-sponsor the Faculty/Student Leadership Institute in collaboration with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. This year's event will be held in San Francisco at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport from Thursday, June 12 through Friday, June 13. New students and faculty leaders will join forces to master the essential skills needed to lead their respective senates. We highly encourage student leaders' participation.

We understand that student leadership is the cornerstone of the student body association's success. Even the most accomplished CEOs and boards benefit from the right strategies and tools for effective collaboration. A robust partnership isn't just important—it's the key to more thoughtful decision-making and enduring impact. Watch for more information soon.

experience was both powerful and humbling. We engaged in critical conversations about the barriers our Black students face in higher education. I want to give special thanks to A²MEND for creating a space where we could learn, listen, and grow without judgment — this is the kind of work that strengthens our movement.

Behind the scenes, we've been hard at work preparing for the 2025 General Assembly — one of our most anticipated events of the year. We're excited to welcome hundreds of student leaders from across the state to discuss, debate, and vote on more than 80 resolutions. Delegates will also elect new executive and regional leaders who will carry this organization forward. If you haven't reviewed the candidate statements or resolution packets, I highly encourage you to do so and engage your Student Body Associations in these important conversations.

As always, the legislative cycle has kept us busy. This month, I had the opportunity to interview with POLITICO's California Education and Budget reporter, where I highlighted the bills we're sponsoring, co-sponsoring, and supporting. I am incredibly proud of our legislative team's hard work — advocacy is never easy, but together, we're making real change.

Finally, I want to send a huge shoutout to our SSCCC delegation that represented us in Washington, D.C. Although I couldn't join due to a scheduling conflict, I am beyond confident that our team carried our collective voice to the national level, advocating for student-centered policies and national proposals that matter.

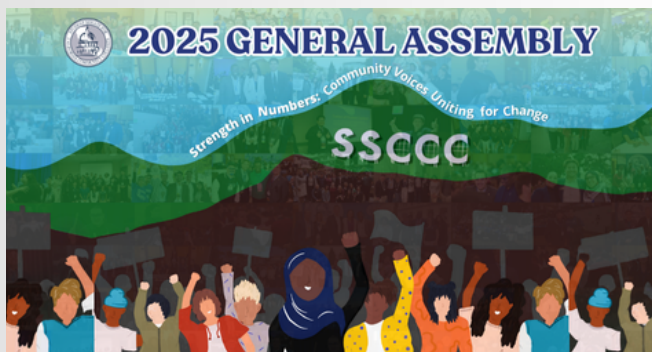
Thank you all for your unwavering bravery, resilience, and belief in the power of student leadership. Every step we take, every march we lead, and every conversation we hold honors the dreams of those who came before us, and paves the way for those who will follow. Together, we are building a more just and equitable system for all.

This isn't goodbye, it's just a 'see you later.' I can't wait to reunite with you all at General Assembly. Be sure to stop by and say hi; let's celebrate how far we've come and keep pushing forward, together.

With Gratitude,

Ivan Hernandez
President

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The Spring 2025 General Assembly is just days away, and we're excited to welcome over 720 students and advisors to the 29th annual event! As you prepare to attend, be sure to meet with your student body association to review the more than 80 resolutions included in this year's [Resolution Packet](#). Delegates should come ready to take informed positions and actively participate in the decision-making process.

Elections:

The SSSCC Executive Officer elections will take place on Sunday, April 6th. Students interested in running may still do so from the floor when nominations open during the Opening General Session on Friday at 11:00 AM.

Region elections will be held on Saturday evening at 5:15 PM during the Region Delegate Assemblies.

Declared candidates are featured in the [Candidate Statement Booklet](#)—delegates are encouraged to review their statements ahead of time and attend the Candidate Forum on Friday, as well as connect with candidates during the Candidate Meet and Greet immediately following the forum.

Delegates; Delegates should be prepared to vote on the resolutions and in the election. To prepare, Delegates are required to attend one of the mandatory delegate training webinars. The webinars will be held on

- Friday, March 28, 2025, at 2:00 pm - [Link](#)
- April 4th at 9:30 am on the first day of the General Assembly



Federal Advocacy Recap

In March, SSSCC leadership traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) conference. For the first time, the SSSCC hosted a Federal Advocacy Pre-Conference, bringing together over 50 students for a unique opportunity to prepare for national-level advocacy. Attendees heard from [Noah Brown](#), ACCT President Emeritus and former Senior Advisor to the Biden-Harris Administration, who offered valuable insights into the inner workings of Congress and shared his experiences in Washington.

The event also included workshops on crafting personal advocacy stories and understanding the legislative process, equipping students to confidently meet with their congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. Given the success of this inaugural event, the SSSCC Board is exploring the possibility of making it an annual tradition. Stay tuned—SSSCC is planning to return to Washington, D.C. next year for another impactful advocacy experience.

Statewide Student Leadership Opportunities

You've been an active leader on your campus and within your student body association, and now you're seeking new ways to expand your impact and share your passion. Consider stepping up to the state level! Two prestigious opportunities allow student leaders to serve at the highest level: the student positions on the [Board of Governors](#) and the [California Student Aid Commission](#). These boards advise the governor and legislature on key issues affecting students. Nominated by the SSSCC and appointed by the governor, each board includes a dedicated student position. We encourage you to explore their websites and, if you're interested, apply through these links: [Board of Governors Application](#) and [California Student Aid Commission Application](#).



March in March Recap

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC), in partnership with faculty unions, hosted its annual Advocacy Day and March in March, bringing over 600 students, faculty, and community members to Sacramento. Students engaged in meetings with more than 40 legislators to discuss key issues impacting California's community colleges. The day culminated in a march to the State Capitol, where attendees advocated for meaningful reforms including protection for undocumented students, access to affordable housing, and expansion of basic needs and financial aid resources.

Legislators with a strong focus on higher education, such as Assemblymembers Mike Fong and Al Muratsuchi, addressed the crowd, underscoring the importance of student voices in shaping policy. They highlighted the impact of advocacy not only at the Capitol but also on local campuses, encouraging students to continue engaging in dialogue with lawmakers to drive meaningful change.

For more information, see our Press Release [here](#)!

Conference Report

The SSSCC Leadership actively participated in several conferences hosted by our constituents. One recent event was the A2Mend Conference, held in Los Angeles in March. Here are some key takeaways from our leaders. In response to the question: What were your key takeaways from the conference? These two students shared:

Jerry Reyes, RAD Region V:

"The key takeaways from the conference were the importance of connecting with our cultural heritage, reclaiming rest, persevering through adversity, advocating for our education and leadership, and, in short, standing on business."

Chris Chandler, RAD X:

"It truly was amazing to see so many black students and professionals gathering in the same space and with the same goal of learning from each other. The energy and excitement in the room was palpable, and it felt comfortable to show up as your authentic self. In the current times we are living in, many of our underrepresented student communities are faced with being cutoff from the funding and support they desperately need. It is nice to see despite these challenges, there is a community of advocates continuing to work in service of helping and supporting black students."



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