Mission

"Institute of Community and Civic Engagement advances education for democracy with full participation of all of our communities as its core value"

Our goals are to:

- Empower students to be agents of change in their communities
- Define education as transformative and deeply relevant
- Teach and practice democracy for advocacy and change
- Embrace the cultural and social contexts of students
- Foster a democratic environment

History and Background

De Anza College is a major force in the social, cultural, and economic life of the large multicultural community that is the Silicon Valley. It serves over twenty three thousand students per year, of whom, over 75% identify as non-white.

De Anza has a reputation for being one of the best places for students to get a solid academic foundation. The college is one of the top three institutions in California transferring students from UC and CSU systems.

Although proven in academic excellence, we recognize that our diverse student population is still underserved and its assets are underutilized. For the past six years the college has been engaged in a concerted effort to achieve educational equity across different racial and ethnic groups. Our programs bring our students a meaningful educational experience, while helping to build community and social capital.

Civic engagement helps us to reach our equity goals as well as to achieve other long-standing goals of the institution.

Student Testimonials

"The institute's passion for community involvement and raising awareness of important issues has inspired me to be more active in the community. The ICCE makes an enormous effort to provide opportunities for students to connect with current issues and to community organizations working on those issues. We should all participate in creating better communities and a better world."

Isabella Imprenta, De Anza Student

"Public Allies Silicon Valley seeks partnerships with the community at large to promote the value of civic Participation. The Institute of Community and Civic Engagement offers us the opportunity to deepen our impact and outreach to our core audience, young leaders ages 18 to 30."

Ato Walker, Director of Recruitment

Community Engagement is our college's active role in supporting a mutually beneficial relationship with on- and off-campus community partners in a range of ways.

Civic Engagement is our college's active role in developing educational opportunities focused on meaningful participation of students and community members in public programs, services, and policy-making.

Programs

Youth and Student Leadership

The annual De Anza's Student Leadership conference, "Youth Voices United for Change," connects high school and college students to community-based youth and student organizations.

Community Service Learning (CSL)

CSL is a form of experiential education in which students apply knowledge, skills, critical thinking and good judgment to address genuine community needs.

Community Scholars

The "Community Scholars in Residence" program brings community organizers and leaders to the campus as educators for public lectures, workshops and team teaching opportunities.

Community and Civic Engagement Certificates

The leadership and social change certificate will be offered in 2010.

ICCE Internship Program

The ICCE Internship Program provides the students a practical and purposeful experience of community service, engage students in working to make a difference in the civic life of our Silicon Valley communities, provide students the opportunity to develop their interpersonal relationships, and gain knowledge of the functional activities of a participating organization.

Community Partners

Santa Clara County (partial list)

Asian Americans for Community Involvement
Asian American Recovery Services
Californians for Justice
Choices for Children
Community Family Services
Community in Action Team
Estrella Family Services
Girls for a Change
Filipino Youth Coalition
FIRST 5
Iranian Federated Women's Club
KQED Education Network
Next Door
Organization of Special Needs Families
PAYVAND
Public Allies
RAFT
Sacred Heart Community Services
Santa Clara Office of Human Relations
Second Harvest Food Program
Silicon Valley Conference for Community & Justice
SIREN (Services, Immigrants Rights, Education Network)
Silicon Valley DeBug
Unity Care
Vision New America
West Ed E3 Institute

De Anza College

Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute
California History Center
Cooperative Education
Diversity Leadership Training Institute
Euphrat Museum of Art
Latino/a Empowerment at De Anza
Occupational Training Institute
Office of Outreach & Relations With Schools
Professional & Workforce Development
Student Organizations
- Latino/a Empowerment at De Anza
- Asian Pacific Americans Students for leadership
- Black Student Union
- Student for Justice
- 4 Elements Hip Hop Club
- Working to Institute a Substantial Environment on the 37th Parallel

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