

## **Funding Proposal to De Anza Associated Student Body (DASB)**

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**Department/Program:** De Anza College Promise Program

**Date:** May 8, 2025

### **Promise Program End-of-Year Celebration and Stole Presentation**

#### **Proposal Summary:**

We are requesting funding support from the De Anza Associated Student Body to help host the first in-person End-of-Year Celebration for the De Anza College Promise Program. This event will recognize and honor our graduating and transfer students for their dedication and success, as well as celebrate their participation in the Promise Program, which provides two years of free tuition. A key feature of the event will be the ceremonial presentation of Promise-branded graduation stoles, which students can wear at commencement to proudly represent their achievement and involvement in this transformative program.

#### **Background and Purpose:**

The De Anza College Promise Program is a critical equity initiative that supports student access and success by removing financial barriers to education. By covering tuition and providing essential academic support, the program empowers hundreds of students each year—many of whom are first-generation college students, low-income, or from historically underrepresented communities.

This year marks our **first in-person graduation celebration** since the inception of the program in 2018. We aim to host a memorable and meaningful event that brings together students, staff, and supporters to recognize this major milestone.

#### **Event Details:**

- **Name:** Promise Program End-of-Year Celebration & Stole Ceremony
- **Date:** Monday, June 9, 2025 from 2-4pm
- **Location:** De Anza College, California History Museum
- **Estimated Attendance:** 100–150 students, plus staff and invited guests
- **Activities:**
  - Formal stole presentation to graduating and transferring students
  - Guest speakers from administration and student body
  - Light refreshments and music

- Photo opportunities with friends, family, and staff

**Funding Request:**

We respectfully request \$1000 from DASB to support the following costs:

Item	Estimated Cost
Food and Refreshments	\$1000.00

DE ANZA COLLEGE PROMISE

*End of Year  
Celebration*

STOLE CEREMONY

MONDAY, JUNE 9  
2:00 - 4:00 PM  
CA HISTORY MUSEUM

[Promise End-of-Year Celebration & Stole Ceremony](#) 🎉  
Join us for a joyful celebration as we honor our Promise Scholars and their achievements! This special event will recognize the dedication, perseverance, and success of our graduating students. Graduates will be presented with their Promise Stoles in a heartfelt tradition that celebrates their journey and marks the next chapter in their lives.

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**PROMISE**  
Get Your Degree - or Transfer - **FREE!**

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