



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Boundless Opportunities



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Our Mission

De Anza College provides an academically rich, multicultural learning environment that challenges students of every background to develop their intellect, character and abilities; to realize their goals; and to be socially responsible leaders in their communities, the nation and the world. The college is committed to equity and engages students in creative work that demonstrates the knowledge, skills and attitudes contained within the college’s Institutional Core Competencies:

- **Communication and expression**
- **Information literacy**
- **Wellness** and personal responsibility
- **Civic capacity** for global, cultural, social and environmental justice
- **Critical thinking**
- **Quantitative reasoning**

Accreditation

In January 2025, De Anza’s accreditation was reaffirmed for a full seven-year cycle by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. With this action, the commission also commended the college for exemplary performance in using disaggregated data to guide planning and programs supporting historically underserved student populations.

The commission’s action was based on its review of an extensive Institutional Self-Evaluation Report and other documents, along with findings of an external peer review team that visited the campus over two days in October 2024.





A Message from President Torres

Dear De Anza College Community,

Having completed my first year as president of De Anza College, I find myself reflecting on what has been an incredible journey of learning, growth and collaboration.

When I arrived one year ago, I came with high expectations shaped by De Anza's distinguished reputation. What I've discovered exceeds anything I could have imagined. This past year has revealed the true heart of our institution — a community defined not just by academic excellence and community engagement, but by genuine compassion, innovative thinking and an unwavering commitment to student success and service.

I've spent this year listening and learning. From early morning conversations with staff to meetings with student and faculty leaders, from community forums to classroom visits, each interaction has deepened my understanding of what makes De Anza truly special. Members of the campus and larger community have shared their dreams for this college, their thoughts on opportunities and their innovative ideas. Most importantly, they've shown me that De Anza's strength lies in its people.

Together, our campus community has made meaningful progress this past year, shown in a series of extraordinary accomplishments including:

- Our college successfully received **full reaffirmation of accreditation** for seven years without any noted areas of deficiency.
- For the fourth consecutive time, we have been selected as **eligible for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence** while once again earning accolades from the **Campaign for College Opportunity** for student success in completing transfer-level math and English.
- We've successfully launched a new **baccalaureate degree** in Automotive Technology Management.
- We finalized our next **Strategic Plan 2027-2030** and new **Strategic Enrollment Management Plan 2027-2030**.
- We've begun engaging in professional development with statewide partners to create new opportunities for our community through **continuing education** and **contract education** workforce training.
- We began offering a new **Leadership Academy**, where our administrators are currently designing five new project innovations that will provide even greater opportunities for our students and the college as we look to the future.
- We premiered a new **Career Center** that provides students with resources, guidance and opportunities to explore careers, build professional skills and prepare for employment.



And so much more.

Working with our district partners, we have begun offering **affordable student and employee housing**, which will benefit our community for years to come. And most importantly, we've watched our students achieve remarkable success — transferring to top universities, securing careers in high-demand fields and returning to give back to the community that supported them.

Looking ahead, my commitment is to build on our momentum while staying true to our mission. The rapidly evolving job market demands we continuously adapt our programs. Our region needs us to expand access while maintaining the quality education De Anza is known for. We will continue strengthening pathways from high school through career. We will deepen our community partnerships, including joining local and state boards of directors, to create more opportunities for our students. And we will ensure that every decision we make centers on one question: How does this best serve our students?

I'm energized by what we'll accomplish together in the year ahead. Thank you for welcoming me, teaching me and inspiring me every day.

With gratitude and optimism,

Omar Torres, Ed.D.

President, De Anza College



Year In Review

100 Days of Listening

President Torres began the year with “**100 Days of Listening**,” attending more than 100 sessions and hearing from more than **750 campus community members**. He distilled those conversations into nine themes that drove college planning, summarized at deanza.edu/president/100-days

Strengthening Effectiveness and Student Success

De Anza was accepted into **three competitive statewide programs** that offer opportunities to enhance institutional effectiveness and student success:

- **Strategic Enrollment Management Academy**
- **Vision-Aligned Reporting Academy**
- **Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative Partnership Resource Team**

Innovative Initiatives

We launched **Senior Guided Pathways** in partnership with Successful Aging Solutions, offering courses and mentoring for adults 50+. We also implemented expanded **Credit for Prior Learning** tools, enabling more students to earn credit for work, military and life experience and accelerating their progress toward certificates and degrees.

Expanding Access

Dual enrollment continued to grow through new partnerships with high schools and adult schools, increasing access to college coursework and building early college momentum. And we significantly expanded **Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC)** pathways, converting dozens of courses to **free or low-cost materials**. This initiative is transforming our college by lowering student costs, boosting access and success, and fostering faculty collaboration and innovation. Our new ZTC associate degree for transfer (ADT) in Mathematics, launched this past fall, **saved students \$500,000** in the first two quarters after its rollout alone. More than 80 courses using zero-cost materials are set to launch in 2026 and 2027.

Career Training for an Evolving Workforce

The **Silicon Valley Advanced Manufacturing Partnership**, funded with **\$5.6 million** from the U.S. Department of Labor, moved into implementation. The funding will be used by Foothill and De Anza colleges to expand workforce training for skilled manufacturing jobs, in partnership with other local colleges and leading manufacturers such as Applied Materials, Tesla and others.



Meeting Basic Needs

We also opened a **centralized basic-needs center—The Hub**—home to **Roary's Market** food pantry and essential support services, and launched a **new Career Center** providing counseling, job placement support and career exploration tools.

Aspen Prize, Pathway Champions

De Anza was among **200 community colleges** named by the Aspen Institute to be eligible to compete for the **\$1 million Aspen Prize**. After a rigorous review process, the Aspen Prize winner will be named in spring 2027.

We were also designated a **Pathway Champion of Placement and Placement Equity for 2025** by the Campaign for College Opportunity, recognizing our **leadership in advancing equitable student success**.

Community: 50 Years of Hope

De Anza and **Hope Services** celebrated **50 years of partnership**, a collaboration that has brought **inclusive educational programming** to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Planning and Data Gathering

We released several **key, integrated** planning documents:

- **Strategic Plan 2027-2030**
- **Strategic Enrollment Management Plan 2027-2030**
- **Student Equity and Achievement Plan 2025-2028**

And in keeping with our focus on data-driven planning, we launched the inaugural **De Anza College Fact Book** (deanza.edu/president/factbook).

High Rankings

Two reports examining **education and career outcomes** for college students ranked us highly:

- **18th** by the College Futures Foundation among 327 California community and career colleges in return on investment
- **Top 5** by personal finance company WalletHub, which named De Anza among the five best community colleges in the nation

By the Numbers

Courses and Programs

- 1,800+ courses
- 85 associate degree programs
- 119 certificate (technical or occupational) programs
- 30 noncredit certificate programs

Certificates and Degrees Awarded (2024-25)

- 2,111 associate degrees
- 792 technical or occupational certificates
- 644 noncredit certificates

University Transfers (2024-25)

2,473 students transferred to universities

- 1,296 to CSUs
- 1,017 to UCs
- 160 to independent or out-of-state universities (2023-24)

“In fall 2024, De Anza College students who applied to a University of California campus had an 81% acceptance rate.”

– *EdSource news site*

Our Students

18,257 students enrolled in fall 2025

Asian: 38%	Native American: 0.4%
Black: 4%	Pacific Islander: 0.6%
Filipinx: 6%	White: 19%
Latinx: 26%	Unknown: 6%

Average Age: 25

- 65% are age 24 or younger
- 35% are 25 or older

Worth Noting

- 42% are low income (annual household income under \$50,000)
- 28% are in the first generation of their families to attend college
- 1,155 international students are attending on F-1 visas

Cost of Attending

- \$1,569 annual tuition and fees to attend full-time. On average, that's
- \$13,365 less than a UC
- \$4,971 less than a CSU
- Many thousands less than most private or out-of-state universities

Tuition shown is for California residents. Nonresidents are charged \$249 per unit, in addition to the regular enrollment fee and basic fees.

Financial Aid

- 10,031 students received financial aid in 2024-25
- \$39 million in aid disbursed in 2024-25

Campus Life

- 17 athletics teams: nine for women and eight for men
- 85+ student clubs
- 18 Learning Communities: supportive, small-group programs
- 6 Villages: subject-focused communities
- 112-acre campus – including classrooms, labs, athletic facilities, outdoor plazas and natural gardens



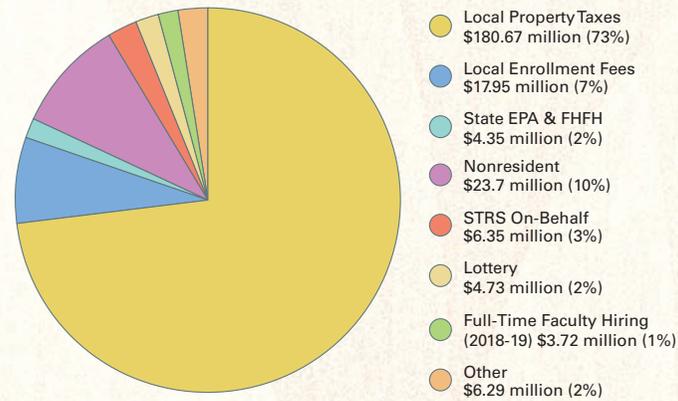
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Foothill-De Anza Community College District

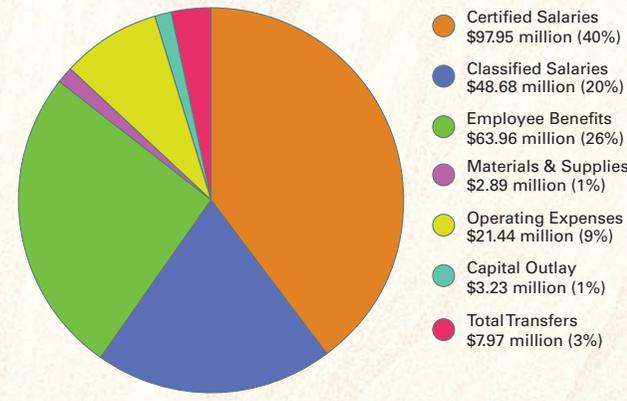
- \$248 million general fund budget for 2025-26
- Highest possible bond ratings: AAA (S&P Global Ratings), Aaa (Moody's)

Figures are total for the district and include Foothill College and central support services

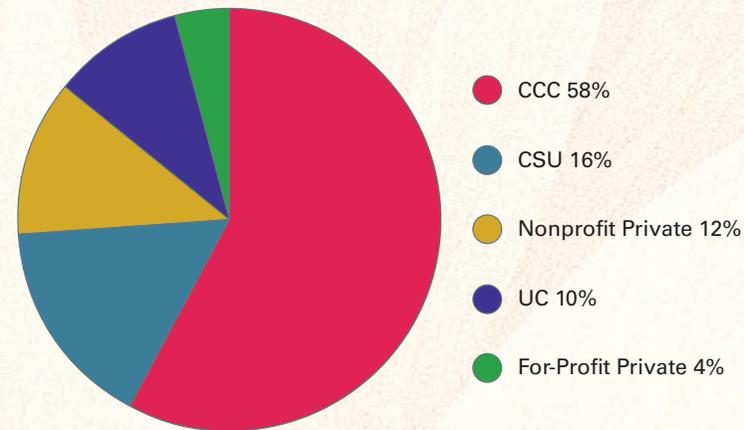
\$248 Million Revenue



\$246 Million Expenses



Community colleges account for more than half of college enrollment in California



Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Notes: Fall 2022–23 total enrollment; for-profit two-year colleges were excluded from this analysis. Chart excludes students in non-credit-bearing courses.



Measure G Update

Thank You for Supporting Measure G!

De Anza College appreciates the **generous support** of our community members who approved the **Measure G bond issue** for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. The bonds are helping to **upgrade, renovate or construct** needed **classrooms, equipment and other facilities**.

With the start of fall quarter, the first students moved into **McClellan Terrace**, the residential apartment complex in Cupertino that was acquired by the Foothill-De Anza district with Measure G funds to provide **more housing options for students** at De Anza and Foothill College.

And construction is nearly complete for **“The Beach”** — our beautiful new **Beach Volleyball competition facility**, which was made possible by funding from Measure G. The courts opened for limited use this past fall, and team practices began in January with the official start of the season. The team has **several competitions scheduled during winter and spring**, including hosting the Northern California Pairs Championships in May.

Additional Measure G projects in progress or completed include:

- Construction of a new **Creative Arts building** with classrooms, studios and flexible event space, on the site of the former Flint Center
- Renovating the **Physical Education** complex including the gymnasium and pool
- Updating **restrooms** in several buildings
- Upgrading fire alarm and **fire suppression** systems
- Expanding **wireless networking** across the campus
- Modernizing building **exteriors and roofing**
- Campuswide **infrastructure** upgrades and improvements

More information about Measure G projects can be found at deanza.edu/measure-g

Grants and Donations

- **Industry Driven Regional Collaboratives: \$500,000** to expand our programs in advanced manufacturing and industrial automation. Our Design and Manufacturing Technologies Department will use the grant to build out programs in collaboration with local employers, workforce boards and educational partners, and to help pay for new curriculum, equipment upgrades, faculty training, lab renovations and targeted outreach to underserved students.
- **Metallica Scholars Initiative: \$75,000** for career technical education and training, funded through a collaboration that includes a foundation established by the iconic music group Metallica. The money will provide scholarships for two student cohorts pursuing training and certification in two important roles: Electric vehicle technicians and computer numerical control machinists.
- **SEIU Education and Support Fund: \$250,000** for the Child Development and Education Department to further expand its innovative apprenticeship program for training students to work in the child care field.
- **NOVAworks: \$50,000** from the regional workforce development board to support student internships in industrial automation through the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships program.
- **Gene Haas Foundation: \$28,000 in new scholarship funding** for students in our CNC technology and machine-based engineering programs based in Design and Manufacturing Technologies.
- **KPMG: \$15,000 donation** to support our Accounting program's Advancing Accounting Preparedness initiative, which promotes student engagement, academic readiness and support for accounting students whose goal is transferring to a four-year program.



Senior Guided Pathways: Never Stop Learning

Our New “College Seniors” are Continuing Their Educational and Growth Journeys at De Anza

De Anza launched an exciting new program, **Senior Guided Pathways**, in fall 2025, offering **credit and noncredit courses** and **mentoring opportunities for older adults**.

The initiative is a partnership with **Successful Aging Solutions and Community Consulting**, a nonprofit in the West Valley, to provide **older adult learners** with clear, supportive pathways to **achieve their goals** — whether that’s **preparing for their next chapter in life, increasing their skills for today’s job environment** or simply broadening their knowledge.

The program also offers opportunities for participants to share their experience and hard-earned wisdom with younger students at De Anza, by serving as **volunteer mentors**.

Course offerings range from **art, languages, literature and science** to practical **career training** in **business, computer science, real estate** and other fields.

By making college more accessible, welcoming and intentional for seniors, De Anza aims to **expand educational opportunity for learners at every stage of life** — affirming that it’s never too late to learn, grow or pursue new possibilities.

Learn more at deanza.edu/senior



Workforce Training: Careers Grow Here

- 25+ career programs
- 73% of students found jobs in or close to their field of study*
- 47% report a wage of more than \$30 per hour*

(*2024 student survey)

De Anza's career training programs are designed and taught by industry experts, preparing students to enter the workforce, enhance their careers or transfer to a university where they can earn an advanced degree.

New programs added in 2025 include a bachelor of science in Automotive Technology Management, associate in arts degree and an advanced certificate in UI/UX (User Interface/User Experience) Design and a noncredit Project Management Practitioner Certificate of Completion.

Students in De Anza's Nursing program consistently perform well on state licensing exams – with a 98% pass rate for 2025 graduates who took the exam last summer.

Career Technical Education also includes advanced manufacturing technologies, business administration, child development, information technology, paralegal studies – and more.

Learn more at deanza.edu/career-training

Free Noncredit Programs

De Anza also offers free, noncredit programs and certificates in career fields including Auto Tech, Computer Science and Information Systems, Photography and Real Estate, along with free, noncredit courses and certificates in subjects including Math and English as a Second Language.

Learn more at deanza.edu/noncredit





Commencement

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

De Anza held its 58th annual commencement celebration at the Santa Clara Convention Center on June 29, 2025. The graduating class included nearly **1,900 students**, earning nearly **2,350 degrees** and more than **750 certificates**.

TOPS in Transfer

Transfer Universities for the Class of 2025

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA: Berkeley • Davis • Irvine • Los Angeles • Merced • Riverside • San Diego • Santa Barbara • Santa Cruz • **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY:** East Bay • Fullerton • Humboldt • Long Beach • Monterey Bay • Northridge • Sacramento • San Diego • San Francisco • San José • San Luis Obispo • Sonoma • Stanislaus • **INDEPENDENT OR OUT-OF-STATE:** Adams State University • Alabama State University • Arizona State University • Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania, Mansfield • Eastern New Mexico University • Eastern Washington University • Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University • George Mason University • George Washington University • Graceland University • Grand Canyon University • Manhattan University • Mission University • Missouri Valley College • North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University • Northern Arizona University • Park University, Gilbert • Princeton University • Roosevelt University • Saint Mary's College of California • Santa Clara University • Stanford University • Sul Ross State University • University of Alabama • University of Hawai'i at Hilo • University of Hawai'i at Manoa • University of the Pacific • University of Pennsylvania • University of Silicon Valley • University of Southern California • University of Texas at El Paso • University of Washington • Valley City State University • Western Washington University • Westmont College • Yale University ... and more!



Events Enhance Campus Life

Every year, De Anza plays host to diverse cultural events, exciting competitions and inspiring concerts. The 2025 calendar included Nowruz and Diwali celebrations, a Hackathon and a marketing strategy competition. Musical performers included violinist Joseph Gold and pianist Carl Blake.

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| Opening Day | Veterans Day Celebration |
| Welcome Day | De Anza Hacks 4.0 |
| Open House | Auto Tech program's annual car show |
| AT&T Connected Learning Laptop Giveaway & Resource Fair | The California History Center's annual A Taste of History fundraiser |
| Diwali | Spring Career Fair |
| Nowruz | Business Model Canvas Competition |



Woven into Silicon Valley

De Anza welcomes community residents to a variety of cultural, civic and academic events on campus — from Silicon Valley Reads and the annual Taste of History fundraiser to conferences and career events for high school students. We also host popular events like the Cupertino Night Market, De Anza Flea Market and De Anza Farmers' Market.

Silicon Valley Reads
High School Student
Empowerment Conference
"Spring for Education"
fundraising event

De Anza Planetarium astronomy
and laser music shows
Cupertino Night Market
De Anza Farmers' Market
Flea Market

Dual Enrollment: College Classes for High School and Adult School Students

De Anza's dual enrollment program is a great way to get a head start on college or a future career: Students attending high school or eligible adult schools can take up to 11 units each quarter — free! Under a special arrangement, students in the Fremont Union High School District could also take classes taught by De Anza instructors at local high schools or online; in 2025, that offering expanded to the Palo Alto Unified School District.

Learn more at deanza.edu/dual



Education Extends to our Neighbors

De Anza's Community Education programs served more than 30,000 community members in 2025.

Planetarium

The De Anza Planetarium offers engaging astronomy programs and laser light shows for both children and adults, drawing more than 28,000 visitors last year, including over 300 school groups. New in 2025, a full upgrade of the planetarium's software, projectors and speakers are delivering an even more immersive and enhanced experience.

De Anza College Academy

Now in its 42nd year, this summer program offers classes for students in grades 6-12. New in 2025, the program introduced pre-career exploration classes in robotics, coding and 3D printing, along with a new registration system designed to deliver a more user-friendly experience.

Euphrat Museum of Art

The museum showcases exhibitions featuring artists from both the campus and the wider community and welcomed 6,700 visitors in 2025. More than 700 children participated in after-school and summer art classes and camps. The 2025 exhibition lineup included the annual Student Art Show in the spring and "Invoke-History" in the fall.

Child Development Center

The center provides affordable childcare for children ages 18 months to 5 years, serving both De Anza and community families, while also offering hands-on training opportunities for De Anza students in Child Development and Education. New in 2025, the program achieved a quality benchmarking score of 5—the highest level awarded by the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Short Courses

These not-for-credit classes are open to anyone seeking personal enrichment or career training, with specialized workforce courses offered in partnership with De Anza's Design and Manufacturing Technologies Department and ed2go.

Learn more at deanza.edu/communityed



Awards and Achievements

Local Acclaim

- **Toshi Komatsu**, director of the De Anza College Planetarium, was named “**Educator of the Year**” at the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce STAR Awards.
- The **De Anza Flea Market** was voted as the **best flea market** in the 2025 “Best of Silicon Valley” rankings by readers of the Metro Silicon Valley news site.
- **La Voz** student journalists won **31 awards** at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges regional conference.
- Our **Mountain Lions football team** shattered records when they **won one game 99-3**, which is a school record and believed to be a state record. The Lions continued on to their **second straight undefeated season**, remaining in the state Top 20 and landing at No. 30 in the national rankings.

Statewide Honors

- Our student-athletes won conference championships for **women’s track and field, men’s swimming and diving, and women’s badminton**. The badminton team went on to win gold medals in singles, doubles and team competition at the California Community College Athletic Association (3C2A) state championships.
- The **women’s cross-country program** claimed the conference championship, while the men’s team finished second. Women’s cross-country head coach **Andy Ponce de Leon** was voted 2025 Coast Conference Head Coach of the Year for women’s cross-country.
- Longtime instructor and coach **Cheryl Owiesny** was inducted into the California Community College Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and **Kulwant Singh**, retired longtime De Anza athletics director and soccer coach, was inducted into 3C2A’s Hall of Fame.
- De Anza students took **first place** in five categories of competitive business presentations at the **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) state conference** in March and also won several awards at the fall conference.
- De Anza’s Food Pantry (now **Roary’s Market**) earned the **highest level of certification** from the Nutrition Pantry Program, a statewide initiative.
- **La Voz** staffers won a total of **14 awards** from the California Newspaper Publishers Association.



National Recognition

- Students in the **Journalism program** took home **40 awards** after attending the Spring National College Media Conference.
- De Anza students won **two first-place awards** in competition against business and accounting students from nearly 150 colleges and universities at the **FBLA National Leadership Conference**.
- One of our student-athletes, **Jason Schwartz**, was selected as **Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year** by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators.
- De Anza students won **first place** in last year’s **Student Mathematics League competition** sponsored by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges.
- De Anza’s **women’s Beach Volleyball team** received a **Team Academic Award** from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Distinguished Alums

- Chefs **Stuart Brioza** and **Nicole Krasinski** were named semifinalists for a **James Beard Award** in the category of “Outstanding Restaurateur.” The pair are the owners of several restaurants in San Francisco, including the Anchovy Bar, State Bird Provisions and The Progress. The couple met at De Anza before working in kitchens in the Midwest and later returning to the Bay Area to open restaurants.

Fostering Innovation

- Our new **Innovation Grants** program, kicked off in March, is designed to advance student equity, retention and increased enrollment by providing financial support for **new, entrepreneurial project** ideas at De Anza.

Expanded Basic Needs = Greater Student Success

Thank You for Contributing!

Thanks to generous community donors—including a remarkable \$1 million matching gift from an anonymous donor—the Foothill De-Anza Foundation raised \$3.25 million for the Hope Initiative to support essential needs of our students.

The funds have been used to provide:

- \$78,000 in emergency cash grants to De Anza students facing financial hardship in the 2024-25 year
- Additional cold storage—commercial refrigerators and freezers—in Roary's Market, allowing De Anza to accept more perishable food donations and serve more students
- Tele-mental health services available to students free of charge, offering 24/7 counseling and mental health resources



The Hub: Expanded Basic-Needs Resources

Nearly half of De Anza's students are considered low income, and many struggle with the high cost of living in Silicon Valley. To help meet our students' basic needs—food, supplies, clothing, information and more—De Anza expanded its former Food Pantry and Resource Hub and reopened as The Hub at the start of fall quarter.

The Hub is located in the Baldwin Winery Building, consolidating multiple locations into one spot. The new, expanded location offers services including:

- Food support through Roary's Market (formerly the Food Pantry)
- Various supplies
- Roary's Closet, with coats and clothing
- Information and referrals
- Access to hot meals through a partnership with World Food Movement, which serves students every Wednesday
- A mobile Park-It Market from West Valley Community Services also visits campus twice a month, with free produce, dairy products and other groceries

The Hub celebrated its opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in December, attended by college, district and community partners.

The Hub – fall quarter 2025

- 1,625 students served
- 10,789 total visits





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