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Message from the Superintendent/President

Glendale Community College recently adopted a vision statement to serve as a guide in decision-making and a constant reminder of what we aspire to be as an organization in service to our students and communities. That vision is to be *“the Greater Los Angeles Region’s premier learning community where all students achieve their informed educational goals through outstanding instructional and student services, a comprehensive community college curriculum, and educational opportunities found in few community colleges.”* Each component of this statement is important.

Greater Los Angeles Region

This is our community and we must focus on meeting the educational needs of the region. While many of our students come from our namesake city, the majority come from the region. In many instances they could attend a closer community college but they come to GCC because of its well-deserved reputation. We see it as our role to continue that outreach.

Premier

We want to be the best in our service to students. Of the seven key measures in the Student Success Report Card for California Community Colleges, GCC ranks in the top three in six of the measures out of 14 colleges in our Los Angeles region. Among the 113 California community colleges, GCC is in the top 20% in four of the seven measures. We will not be satisfied until we are first in the region in all measures.

Learning Community

Learning together is valued at GCC. Whether it is students helping other students, staff and faculty supporting students, or faculty members reaching out to serve fellow faculty, all employees work collegially in addressing the important decisions to be made. We value learning from each other.

All Students Achieve their Goals

We will not have achieved our vision until all students are successful. To guide those efforts GCC has developed a Student Equity Plan focused on closing the achievement gaps and a Student Success Plan.



Dr. David Viar,
Superintendent/President

Comprehensive curriculum

GCC offers noncredit and credit programs leading to 76 degrees and 75 certificates. We have community services offerings, contract education, and a curriculum that includes basic skills courses, career tech offerings, and transfer programs. Even during the significant economic downturn the college chose to maintain a breadth of programs and courses.

Opportunities Found in Few Community Colleges

There is a long tradition at GCC of developing opportunities that you will not find in many other community colleges. Examples include our international students program, undergraduate science research opportunities, the Baja Mexico Field Station, study abroad, forensics and debate competitions, and the Scholars Program. Our faculty and staff remain committed to developing innovative and unique opportunities to serve our students and communities.

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