



Counselor Day 2024

GCC Programs & College Highlights



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Dear High School Counselors,

A big thank you for making Glendale Community College's Fall 2024 Counselor Day an incredible success! Your visit meant the world to us, and your presence added so much value to our event.

Your dedication to guiding and supporting your students shone through as you engaged with our faculty and staff, asked insightful questions, and took an interest in the opportunities we offer at GCC. Your enthusiasm and commitment to your students do not go unnoticed, and we appreciate your partnership in helping them on their academic journey.

The information and insights shared during Counselor Day will undoubtedly help students make informed decisions about their future. Your role as counselors is pivotal in shaping their educational path, and we're grateful for your continuous support.

If you ever need more information about GCC or have further questions, our team is here to assist you and your students. We're excited about the opportunity to work together in the upcoming spring 2025 semester.

Thank you once again for your visit, and we look forward to building on this connection.

**Student Outreach Services Team
Glendale Community College**

GCC COUNSELOR DAY 2024
Event Agenda

8:00 am | **Check in and Breakfast**

8:30 am | **Welcome From GCC Administration**

Dr. Ryan Corner, President/Superintendent
Dr. Alen Andriassian, New Vice President of Student Services
Gary Shamoyan, Manager of Student Outreach Services

9:00 am | **GCC Updates**

Financial Aid
Transfer Center
Athletics
Student Outreach Services
(Promise Plus & Early Admissions)

10:20 am | **Break**

10:30 am | **Specialist Workshops & Demonstrations on Campus (A)**

Virtual Reality Demonstration
Career Education Showcase
GCC 101: Student Resources

11:50 am | **Specialty Workshops & Demonstrations on Campus (B)**

Virtual Reality Demonstration
Career Education Showcase
GCC 101: Student Resources

1:00 pm | **Lunch & Student Panel**

2:00 pm | **End of Event w/ Optional Campus Tour**

Getting Started with GCC: Counselors



Student Outreach Services (SOS)

We're here to help you guide your students as they begin their journey at Glendale Community College! Our friendly staff and student ambassadors work to make the transition to college as smooth as possible. Student Outreach Services (SOS) provides campus tours, presentations, application workshops, and college night events—both in person and online.

Wondering how easy it is for your students to become GCC students? It's as simple as SOS! If you or your students have questions and aren't sure where to turn, contact SOS. We're here to assist, and if we don't have the answer, we'll connect you with someone who does.

SOS offers personalized support for your students through:

- » Application and enrollment assistance
- » Campus tours and information sessions
- » Connecting students with departments for specialized services
- » Participation in college fairs
- » High school visits to each of your campuses

Visit glendale.edu/HSCounselors to get access to resources for GCC services or email us anytime at outreach@glendale.edu.

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center at GCC is a valuable resource for your students as they transition from high school to college. We assist students in navigating the admissions process, registering for classes, and accessing important college services. Our knowledgeable staff is here to ensure that students can successfully complete all steps for enrolling at GCC and connect with the support they need.

How can we help your students?

- » Completing the GCC application
- » Retrieving their Student ID number
- » Registering or dropping classes
- » Learning how to navigate MyGCC
- » Activating their GCC student email and Canvas account
- » Connecting with student services and resources

Contact Information:

- » Phone: (818) 240-1000 x 4767
- » Email: WelcomeCenter@glendale.edu
- » Instagram: @gcc.welcomecenter

Hours of Operation:

- » In Person (SM266)
 - › Monday-Thursday: 8:30am – 5:00pm
 - › Friday: 8:30am – 3:30pm
- » Virtual
 - › Monday-Friday: 10:00am – 2:00pm
 - › Tuesdays (after school for high school students)
3:30pm-5pm “You Can Dual It”

Please encourage your students to reach out—we’re here to make their transition to college smooth and successful!



Next Steps for Students: Getting Started



promiseplus+

Program Benefits

- » Free tuition for up to 2 years
- » Dedicated Promise Plus counselors and peer mentors
- » Priority registration in high demand reserved classes for students
- » Special classes to help students identify future majors and careers
- » Success Activities emphasizing personal, academic, and professional growth
- » Summer Bridge program to support college transition (one-week)
- » \$400 book voucher for early applicants before April 19th 2024. For more info, visit ECAP+

Requirements

1. Apply to GCC for summer/fall 2025; high school graduates who had an ID number from before must reapply as a high school graduate
2. Submit 2025-2026 FAFSA/CADA application for financial aid w/ GCC's federal school code (001203)
3. Request counseling appointment: GCC will contact you to schedule an appointment with a promise plus counselor
4. Attend GCC full-time with at least 12-credits: Students may still qualify with fewer units with accommodations from DSPS
5. Register & complete Summer Bridge with a passing grade: Student Development course as orientation

Early College Acceptance Program (ECAP+)



The ECAP+ (Early College Acceptance Program) is designed to make the transition from high school to college easier by guiding your students through the entire enrollment process.

Students who complete all the required steps for ECAP will enjoy special perks like a \$400 book voucher in their first year at GCC, priority registration for classes, and all the benefits of the GCC Promise Plus program.

The ECAP field trip experience includes:

- » A campus tour with a spirit bag
- » An overview of college life
- » Application and onboarding assistance (as needed)
- » A financial aid overview
- » A one-on-one appointment with a college counselor or scheduling for a later date

We take care of everything—food and transportation are covered. All you need to do is schedule a field trip day with our Outreach Coordinator, Olga Tovar. Reach out to Olga and the SOS team at ecapprogram@glendale.edu to get started.

Resources for Current High School Students Concurrent Enrollment at GCC

Jump Start

- » College credit
- » \$100 book voucher
- » All semesters (summer, fall, winter, spring)
- » Classes in person, online & hybrid following GCC's class schedule, days and times

Dual Enrollment (Partnerships w/ High School Districts)

- » College credit
- » High school credit
- » Textbooks are lent to students by GCC
- » Fall & spring semesters
- » Classes in person, online & hybrid following GCC's class schedule but scheduled after school hours

Early College Academies

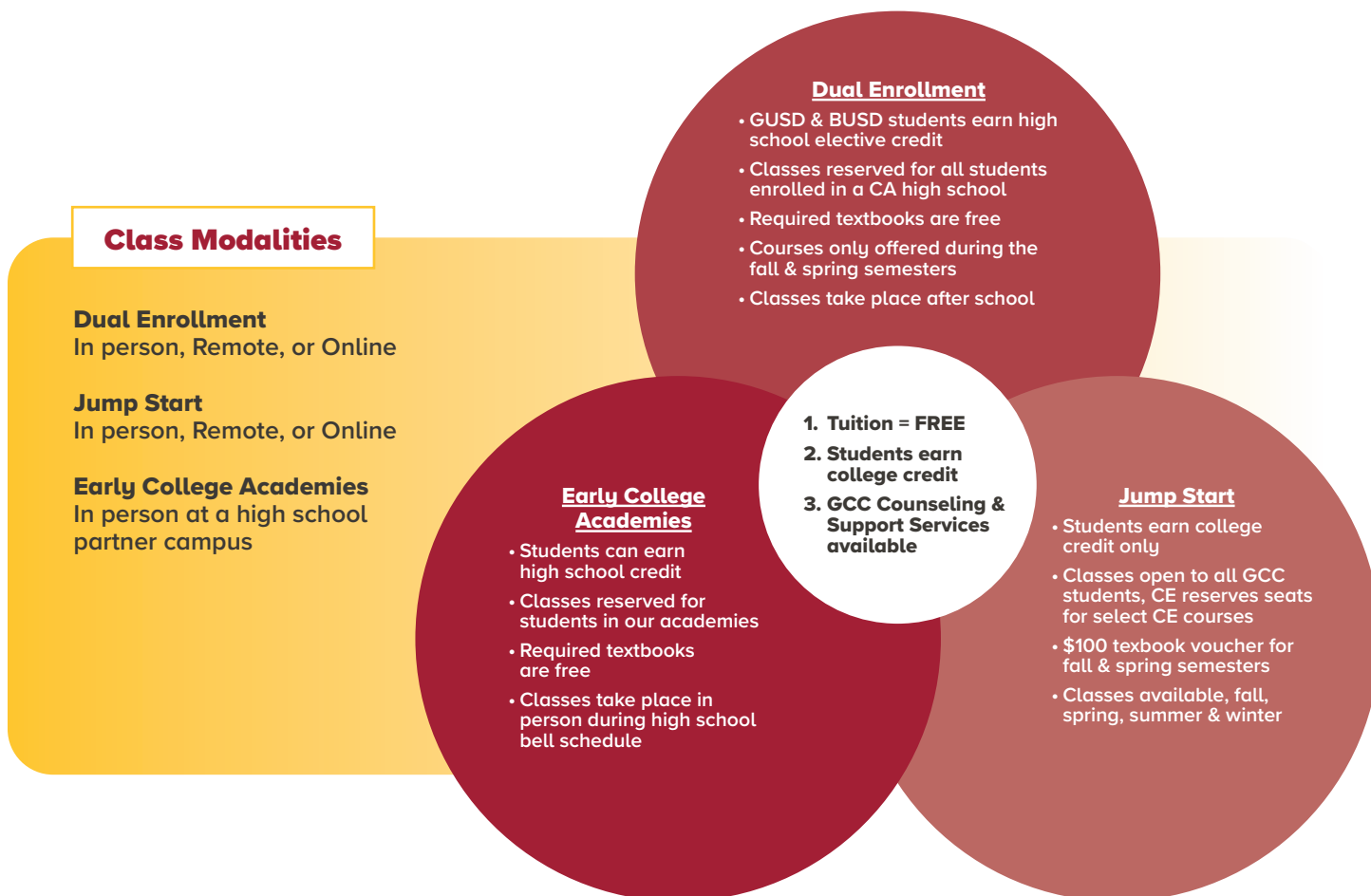
- » College credit
- » High school credit
- » Textbooks are provided for pathway classes and all extra classes
- » All semesters that are part of pathway for three years (10th - 12th grade)
- » Classes in person @ high school sites during high school days

Dual Enrollment Course Request



Looking for a course that's not available? Submit a request, and we'll contact you.

For additional questions, contact our coordinator for Dual Enrollment, Daisy Lovo or email us at dual@glendale.edu.





Student Support Services & Programs



CalWORKs Parents Program

If your family receives cash aid or CalWORKs services from DPSS (The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services), then you may qualify for extra support in your Dual Enrollment or Jump Start classes, including:

- » A cash grant in Spring and Fall
- » Money for the full cost of your textbooks
- » Money for your material fees
- » Wireless earbuds
- » Borrowing a laptop or tablet for the whole semester

Career counseling, including helping you choose a career, explore college majors, write your resume, and practice interviewing.

To find out more, call us at (818) 240-1000, extension 5508 and say you're a high school student interested in learning more about CalWORKs.

Email us at calworks@glendale.edu. If you have a screenshot from Benefits Cal or a document showing your family receives CalWORKs you can attach that to your email.

We're also happy to talk with your parents about your family's CalWORKs status. Our staff speaks English, Armenian, Farsi, Spanish, and Chinese.



Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS)

DSPS serves individuals with verified disabilities, including:

- » ADHD
- » Acquired brain injury
- » Autism
- » Blind/low vision
- » Deaf/hard of hearing
- » Developmental/intellectual disability
- » Mental health
- » Physical
- » Specific learning disability
- » and other as deemed a disability by a qualified professional

Incoming high school students (and their parents) should understand that DSPS is not a continuation of special education. Special education does not exist in college/university.

Classes and course content are not modified (changed) for students registered with DSPS. For example, a student with DSPS cannot complete fewer assignments, take fewer tests/quizzes, or be graded on a different scale than non-DSPS students. Students are expected to advocate for themselves. Third parties, such as a parent/guardian, may attend an appointment if the student provides a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) waiver for that particular appointment. FERPA protects the privacy of students' educational records and gives students control over who can access their information, including during appointments.

Dual-enrolled high school students are considered college students. Therefore, FERPA is in place and accommodations/services established via DSPS apply, not those outlined in an IEP or 504 Plan.



Financial Aid & Application Support

Scan to request a financial aid presentation



Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA)

MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) serves to help underserved and underrepresented students majoring in calculus based science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) academic fields who want to transfer to four year institutions of higher education. Academic and student services support will be provided along with a variety of community-building opportunities.

Benefits of joining MESA:

- » Peer-led Academic Excellence Workshops (AEWs), tutoring and speaker series
- » Access to a STEM/MESA Counselor
- » Scholarship opportunities
- » Semester-long material loans
- » Community of STEM majors to support one another
- » Study space
- » Professional development opportunities
- » Networking opportunities
- » Internship and research experience opportunities

Rising Scholars Program



The Rising Scholars Program is designed to create a pathway into higher education for formerly incarcerated, reentry, and system impacted individuals by addressing students' academic and social needs.

Formerly Incarcerated Individuals: Justice-involved students, including incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, and or currently/ formerly detained in a juvenile facility

System-Impacted Individuals: individuals who have experienced arrest without conviction/ incarceration

We challenge stigmas associated with incarceration and provide a safe space where students can network, learn how to navigate the educational system, and develop the necessary skills to thrive in college

- » Rising Scholars are connected to off campus and on campus resources as needed throughout their educational journeys
- » Individualized academic counseling to support and guide Rising Scholars
- » We provide opportunities for Rising Scholars to come together once a month and share their experiences, connect with their peers, and be in community together
- » Rising Scholars receive bookstore vouchers, gas cards, and meal vouchers
- » End of Year "Beyond Barriers" Graduation Celebration event takes place to acknowledge and celebrate our Rising Scholars

For more information, or to connect with a staff member call 818-240-1000 x5816

Dream Resource Center (DRC)



The Dream Resource Center is located within the Multicultural & Community Engagement Center (MCEC) in Sierra Madre (SM) 267.

The mission of the Dream Resource Center at Glendale Community College is to empower undocumented students to achieve academic and personal pursuits and become active members of our communities

The Dream Resource Center is a safe space for our undocumented students and their allies

- » We provide academic, personal, and career counseling to help support Dreamers students' educational journeys
- » We help determine AB540 eligibility and provide assistance with filling out the affidavit
- » We connect students to resources (both on and off campus) including information on financial aid (California Dream Act) and scholarships that are available to students
- » We empower undocumented students to achieve their academic and personal pursuits and reach their goals
- » We provide training and workshops to campus community members to inform folks about Dreamers students and their needs

For more information, or to connect with a staff member call 818-240-1000 x5810

The Pride Center



The Pride Center is located within the Multicultural & Community Engagement Center (MCEC) in Sierra Madre (SM) 267.

The Pride Center aims to provide a secure, supportive, and accepting environment for students across all gender and sexual identities including those that identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+), and their allies. The Pride Center is a safe space designed to bring awareness of diverse sexual and gender identities, healthy masculinity, affirmative consent, and upstanding to prevent violence. We strive to recognize the complexities of intersectionality and encourage the exploration of both privilege and oppression across coexisting identities.

The Pride Center is above all a safe space for students that identify as LGBTQ+ and their allies. Ultimately, the Pride Center aims to create and promote a culture of acceptance.

- » We offer bi-weekly group meetings for students to come together in community.
- » We offer support through food vouchers and bookstore credit to help students while in college.
- » We provide trainings to campus community members
- » We promote safe spaces on campus

For more information, or to connect with a staff member call 818-240-1000 x3574

Scholars Program (Honors)

The GCC Scholars Program is GCC's college honors program, offering three major components:



1. **Academic Excellence:** Students complete 15 units of Honors general-education courses with personalized counseling.
2. **Community Engagement:** Active participation in community service and social activities.
3. **Social Development:** A vibrant social club fostering strong connections among students.

Key Benefits

Why GCC Scholars Makes a Difference:

- » **UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (TAP):** Enhanced application consideration for UCLA's College of Letters and Science. Certification requires strong academics and active Scholars participation.
- » **Priority Registration:** Active Scholars enjoy priority in course registration, smaller class sizes, and specialized counseling.
- » **Honors to Honors (H2H):** Qualified students may transfer to UCI's Campuswide Honors Collegium.

Participation Requirements:

For more information and applications, visit our website or contact Dr. Michael Harnett and Mizonna Swerdloff at scholars@glendale.edu.

Student Equity Learning Communities



La Comunidad Learning Community

La Comunidad is a learning community designed for GCC's Latinx students. La Comunidad provides opportunities for students to connect with one another and build community while at GCC. We provide an enhanced college experience for our students through the following programming efforts:

- » Peer to peer connections through social mixers
- » Exploration of identity through group meetings
- » Exploration of opportunities through our Career Adventures seminars
- » Specialized academic counseling to help with educational, personal, and career goals
- » Safe space at GCC where students feel welcomed and can connect with others
- » End of Year Celebration events to celebrate and acknowledge accomplishments

Students must be GCC credit students to join La Comunidad. High school seniors that are getting ready to transition to GCC for their college going journey can apply and join the program.



Black Scholars Learning Community



Black Scholars is a learning community designed for GCC's Black and African American students. We help students gain a sense of belonging and provide ways that help build community.

Black Scholars at GCC benefit from the following programming efforts:

- » A safe space where identities are nurtured and culture is celebrated
- » Opportunities to connect with peers and make friends through social mixers and activities
- » Group meetings where students engage in dialog about culture and identity
- » Designated counselors that support students' educational and career goals
- » University tours to explore transfer options, including northern California schools, Southern California schools, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- » Bookstore vouchers to support with supplies and books

Students must be GCC credit students to join Black Scholars. High school seniors getting ready to transition to GCC for their college going journey can apply and join the program through our website.



Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Learning Community



The APIDA learning community is designed for our Asian Pacific Islander and Desi American students at GCC. To support our APIDA students and help them stay engaged and feel connected while in college, we offer:

- » Bi-annual staff, faculty, student APIDA social mixer to help everyone connect and engage with one another and to build community
- » Designated counselors to help support students' educational and career goals
- » Local field trips with other community peers to explore, learn, and grow together
- » End of Year Celebration event to help cheer out students and acknowledge their accomplishments

Students must be GCC credit students to join APIDA. High school seniors getting ready to transition to GCC for their college going journey can apply and join the program through our website.



Cultural Diversity

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The purpose of the Cultural Diversity Program at GCC is to engage students, faculty, staff, and administration on the current political and social environment which impacts the campus community and the populations which we serve. The Cultural Diversity Coordinator employs an equity framework to organize programming that aims to be responsive to current events and student needs, organizes events which celebrate diversity, and plans around the cultural calendar recognized by the National Education Association. Cultural Diversity events occur throughout the year and are open to the campus community as well as to the public. Please join us in celebrating and learning together throughout the year.

The following events are coordinated through the Cultural Diversity program coordinator each year:

- » MLK Breakfast (each January)
- » Black History Month
- » Armenian Genocide Commemoration Month (each April)
- » APIDA Heritage Month
- » Pride Week
- » Latinx Heritage Month
- » Fiiipinx Heritage Month
- » Dia de los Muertos
- » Native American Heritage Month
- » Honoring the Legacy of Cesar Chavez

Please take a look at our events, updated on our website monthly and join us.



GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GARFIELD CAMPUS



Garfield Campus

The Student Success Center (ABSE) program offers courses and services for students who are getting their high school diploma or equivalency, basic skills preparation, or college preparation.

» GED/HiSet Test Preparation

- › Small, instructor-led classes designed to prepare students for the high school equivalency exams in Science, Math, Social Studies, and English Language Arts.
- › Test preparation classes to promote online test taking and multiple choice answering
- › On site testing

» High School Diploma

- › High school classes for high school credit advancement and/or remediation
 - Curriculum aligned with Common Core Standards
 - *New- Ethnic Studies offered Summer 2025!
 - Open Entry and self-paced
 - Online, Asynchronous Classes

» College Preparation Courses

- Algebra and Statistics Review Classes
- College Essay Reading and Writing class.

Instructor mentors work with students and support student success.

For more information, or to connect with a staff member, call 818-240- 1000 x5050, x5686, or x5045



The Short Term Vocational

STV offers free business courses designed to provide students with essential skills in office administration, computer applications, and accounting. These programs are adaptable to various business operations, helping students become knowledgeable, ethical, and technically proficient professionals. With flexible scheduling options, students can earn a “Certificate of Completion” that enhances their qualifications for the workplace.

Short Term Vocational Website



The Allied Health

A state-approved sequence of courses offered in our Short-Term Vocational programs will earn you a “Certificate of Completion” with high potential for employment and upward mobility in the healthcare professions. These programs include training for roles such as Medical and Dental Front Office, Clinical Support, Home Caregiver, and Certified Nurse Assistant. They provide both job security and exciting challenges, ensuring a rewarding career for many years to come.



GCC's Traveling & Exciting Programs



Study Abroad

GCC has offered programs in a variety of countries including Bali (Indonesia), Italy, Greece, Spain, New Zealand, Australia, Czech Republic, Ireland, England, Fiji, France, Armenia, Tahiti, Argentina, Japan, Ghana, and Austria.

At GCC there is the Study Abroad Scholarship and Jo Rae McCuen Scholarship for students participating or planning to study abroad. Award amounts can vary and we highly recommend students to apply for scholarships as soon as possible. Applications for study abroad scholarships are available in spring for summer programs.

In addition to what GCC could offer, there are several other resources that you can apply for scholarships including the Gilman Scholarship for those receiving a Pell Grant. Please visit the Financial Aid/Scholarship page for more links and descriptions.

Upcoming trips scheduled for current high school students and GCC students

- » Winter 2025
 - > France
- » Summer 2025
 - > Bali
 - > Armenia
 - > Greece








Baja Program

Our Baja California Field Studies Program just celebrated 50 years of academic excellence! Classes are open to all; application and interview required. Some scholarship support is available to qualified applicants. Winter and Summer 2025 classes available now! Life-changing experience with experienced and passionate instructors.

Outcomes at GCC



Career Education

-  **+\$14.00** change in hourly wages after completing training
-  **+88%** change in hourly wages after completing training
-  **79%** reported being employed for pay
-  **48%** reported transferring to another college or university
-  **90%** reported being very satisfied or satisfied with their training

2022 Santa Rosa Junior College Career & Technical Education Employment Outcome Survey of GCC alumni

Career Education

Career Education (CE) programs prepare students by providing them with entry or advanced-level education, knowledge and skills critical for the workforce. Glendale Community College's CE programs are designed to provide educational and technical training that can lead to specialized employment, career advancement, and/or transfer to a university. Our CE programs are taught by knowledgeable and skilled faculty who are dedicated to the students they serve, providing them with opportunities to gain skills and knowledge. In addition, CE counselors who specialize in CE programs and the workforce, can help students navigate their educational and career pathways that lead to the world of work. In partnership with K12 partners, the GCC CE Team supports building K14 Pathways to college with dual enrollment and high school articulation. Learn more at the links below and connect with our team!

GCC CE Website: glendale.edu/CareerEd

GCC CE High School Articulation Website: glendale.edu/HSArticulation



CE Counseling Flyer



CE Programs Booklet



CE Youtube Channel

Transfer Center

GCC has one of the highest transfer rates in Los Angeles County

Glendale Community College has one of the highest percent of its students that transfer to four-year colleges than any other community college in the Los Angeles area. (source: California Community College Chancellor's Office)

One of the top 5 transfer colleges to UCLA, USC, CSUN, and CSULA.

Glendale Community College has been recognized as one of the top colleges in the state for creating strong pathways to transfer through their Transfer Degree (AA-T/AS-T) programs. (Source: The Campaign for College Opportunity)



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out of 14 community colleges



New and Exciting Academic Opportunities



Creative Writing

GCC offers creative writing opportunities for students in the form of a Creative Writing AA degree option, a Creative Writing Certificate, classes in writing fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and screenwriting, as well as extracurricular opportunities like the Creative Writing Club, visiting writer readings and workshops, student readings, and other events.

Professor Elizabeth Bryer will be reading from her short story collection and conducting a workshop in late November. The workshop will be held on 11/22 from 12-2pm, in SV 280.



Journalism at GCC

As a Pulitzer Center Campus Consortium partner, Glendale Community College offers journalism students exclusive access to mentorship and professional development from award-winning journalists. Through this partnership, one outstanding student will receive a prestigious fellowship to report on gender issues from any location of their choice.

At GCC, our Journalism program provides real-world experience through producing newspapers, podcasts, and digital content. Students learn essential skills in reporting, digital journalism, and news photography, while exploring important topics like race, gender, and social justice. You'll also benefit from networking opportunities with faculty, media professionals, and peers.

With guidance from dedicated instructors and industry experts, GCC Journalism equips you with the tools to succeed in communications, public relations, and beyond—making you a part of a program that shapes tomorrow's storytellers.

For questions about the initiative, please contact gccpulitzercenter@glendale.edu.

Biotechnology Program & Research Opportunities

The Biotechnology Program is new and offers a three tier stackable certificate program and an AS degree path. The program prepares students for well-paid jobs in local industry, academic institutions and/or the opportunity to get hands-on valuable research experience to prepare for successful transfer to 4-year universities. The program is tailored to both bio majors and non-majors. Biology majors can easily obtain the first tier certificate by taking the research-focused course, Bio 298, or the industry-focused course infused with research experience, Bio 141, in addition to the required courses for the major. Bio 298 is only offered during the summer. Bio 141 will be offered spring 2025. The program also offers internship experiences in industry and academic institutions. Bio majors who have taken any of these courses have performed well after transfer to the universities, receiving research and/or job opportunities, such as lab techs and teaching assistants. Students have attended many undergraduate research conferences to present their work and some have published in peer-reviewed science journals. The Biotech Program Director works with the Verdugo Job Center to provide stipends to low income students pursuing a certificate or AS degree in Biotech.



For more information regarding the program and to learn the different advanced skills students will be trained in molecular and cell biology, microbiology, bioinformatics, and genetics, please visit the Biotech Program scan the QR code.



Scan the QR code for the flowchart to the three tiered stackable certificate program and AS degree.

For questions, please contact program director, Dr. Shelley Thai, at sthai@glendale.edu.

NASA's JPL Internship

Glendale Community College (GCC) is proud to lead in placing more students in NASA's prestigious Student Independent Research Intern (SIRI) program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) than any other community college. This competitive internship offers students the chance to work alongside JPL scientists and engineers on cutting-edge NASA projects. As high school counselors, you can guide your students toward this incredible opportunity, available to science, engineering, and math majors enrolled at GCC. It's a pathway that opens doors to valuable hands-on experience in STEM fields, providing a unique advantage for their future academic and career success.

For more information on how your students can participate in this program and be part of the next generation of innovators, visit:



GCC Science Programs



NASA/JPL SIRI Internship Program



Athletics

- » **Baseball:** Finished second in the WSC South with a 15-6 record and an overall record of 25-14. They swept L.A. Mission with 13-8 and 13-1 wins on April 11 and 12
- » **Men's Tennis:** Upset Irvine Valley College 5-2 in the Southern California Regional Semifinals and advanced to the So. Cal Regional Finals
- » **Women's Basketball:** Set a school record with a 30-3 record, 25 straight wins, and four wins in state playoffs. They lost to Orange Coast in the State Championship game 71-60 on March 17
- » **Football:** Won their fourth straight game, beating L.A. Pierce 54-20 on October 19
- » **Men's Soccer:** Shut out Canyons 3-0 to start WSC play on October 18.
- » **Women's Volleyball:** Swept Antelope Valley 3-0 in a WSC match on October 18



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