



# GAVILAN COLLEGE

## Student Services

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**Dr. Renee Craig-Marius**  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice-President of Student Services

**Board of Trustees Update**  
**April 9, 2024**

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### **Vision Aligned Reporting (VAR)**

The CA Community Colleges Chancellors Office is aligning program reporting to focus on critical outcomes identified in the [Vision 2030](#), which expands and builds upon the Vision for Success and the [Governor's Roadmap](#). Vision-Aligned Reporting (VAR) is an initiative from the Chancellor's Office for a new program reporting process focused on collecting only information that offers direct visibility into how program efforts impact student outcomes.

Starting in fall 2024, [Vision-Aligned Reporting](#) will launch with the following pilot programs: NextUp, CalWORKs, CCAP/Dual Enrollment, DSPS, EOPS, Middle College HS, MESA, SEA, Strong Workforce, Transfer Center, Veterans Resource Center. Several Gavilan staff attended a regional training on March 22nd to learn more about the reporting tool. Implementation team meetings will begin in April 2024.

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### **Guided Pathways**

A Gavilan team attended the CA Guided Pathways Institute #6 in San Diego, CA from March 20th - 22nd. This was the last GP Institute for the colleges in cohort 2. The institute focused on sustainability of GP efforts and institutional best practices that transform the student experience to promote equitable outcomes in access, completion, and post-graduation success for students. Gavilan College attendees included Dr. Pedro Avila, Dr. Renee Craig-Marius, Scott Sandler, Debbie Gilstrap, Diego Espinoza, Noah Lystrup, and Grace Cardinali.



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## **Educational Pathways/Dual Enrollment** *Lelannie Mann, Interim Director*

Dual Enrollment staff are working with our HS partners to finalize the addition of more courses to our current CCAP agreements. The goal is to align course selection with academic pathways so students can get a head start on their interest of study and general education. We are in discussions with Mt Madonna High School, part of Gilroy Unified School District, to initiate a pilot CCAP agreement as well.

Counselors Jessica Weiler, Blanca Melchor and Outreach Specialist, Stacey Porteur, are scheduled to present to our Adult Ed students in the upcoming weeks.

Ram-O-Rama is one month away! We are anticipating up to 1,200 students visiting our campus the week of April 22-26! A follow event will take place on May 4th to assist high school seniors from Ram-o-Rama, with enrollment!

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## **Outreach** *Stacey Porteur, Sr. Program Specialist*

For the month of May, Outreach staff will be visiting 5 different high schools including the San Jose Conservation Corps and Charter School and the Monterey County Office of Education in Salinas. Outreach will also be an integral part of the Ram-O-Rama events taking place April 22nd through April 26th.

## **Student Life & Engagement** *Jacquie Martin, Student Life & Engagement Coordinator*

- On April 16th, as part of Pride Month, Student Life will be hosting a campus LGBTQ/Undocumented Student Event with guest, Armando Ibanez for 9:45am to 11:10am in the Student Center N/S Lounge.
- Additionally, on April 16th, Voter Registration tables for San Benito and Santa Clara counties will be available. The San Benito County table will be at the Hollister Briggs Building site starting at 9am to 12pm

## **Counseling, Student Success & Equity** *Diego Espinoza, Dean*

### **Counseling Department**

- As of 3/20/24, counselors have completed a total 1048 graduation petitions
- 372 petitions for Fall 2023 graduation
- 676 petitions for Spring/Summer 2024 graduation

### **Gav Connect**

Work continues to build out scheduling for all counseling areas. It is anticipated that all counseling areas (with the exception of AEC) will be able to transition from SARS to Gav Connect for scheduling by Summer 2024.



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## Welcome Center

*Michele Castro, Sr. Program Specialist*

- Stevan Manzur, Peer Mentor, worked with the Security team to create a security plan for large groups on campus. Stevan gave an overview of how to handle various safety issues and their responsibilities.
- 5 Peer Mentors assisted 80 incoming GECA students with their CCC applications for dual enrollment.

Other events Welcome Center staff and Peer Mentors are supporting include:

- FAFSA and CADA Application Workshop on March 16th.
- Supported Rebekah Children's Services event with in-person and zoom assistance.
- Engaged in Q&A at the Sansón and Me movie event sponsored by the Higher Aspiration Program.

## Financial Aid

*Kelli Bostwick, Director*

The [Financial Aid website](#) has been updated to include links and up to date information regarding the FAFSA changes. An all-person email was sent out to staff and students, to keep informed of financial aid workshops, as well as how to find up to date information on the website.



## Financial Aid - con't

Staff have collaborated with Cal SOAP to provide Cash4College workshops at the following high schools:

Hollister High School  
Anzar High School  
San Andreas High School  
Ann Sobrato High School  
Live Oak High School  
Central High School  
Pacific Point Christian High School

We opened the application for students to request emergency financial assistance. To date, we have awarded more than 375 students with a \$500 grant.

## Student Support Programs

*Carina Cisneros, Dean*

Support Programs, including EOPS, CalWORKs, AEC, MESA, PUENTE and Athletics are supporting students with mid-semester progress checks that encourage faculty-student interaction and supportive measures from their counselor.

NextUp (a program supporting foster youth within EOPS) took 10 students on a southern California university tour on April 3-4th, during spring break.

- They visited Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UC Santa Barbara and CSU Northridge. This overnight trip introduced students to various transfer university options that provide extensive support for foster youth.
- Students were accompanied by Fabian Pacheco, NextUp Counselor/Coordinator and Breanna Aguilar, EOPS Sr. Program Services Specialist.

## Student Health Services/Mental Health

*Ryan Shook, Supervisor*

The 1st Annual **Cesar Chavez Blood Drive** was held on March 26th. Thank you to ASGC and Athletics for co-sponsoring the event. Here are some highlights:

- Over 35 students, employees, and community members donated blood at this event.
- 54 people in total participated in the blood drive.
- According to the Stanford Blood Center, 116 lives impacted by the lifesaving donations collected at Gavilan College during this event.

## El Centro-Student Health Community Resource Fair

- Over 30 community partners provide resources to our students and employees.
- Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Substance Use Prevention Program was there with the alcohol/marijuana impaired goggles to simulate sobriety tests and impaired driving.



## Healthy Relationships Workshop

- Student Health partnered with Community Solutions to facilitate a health relationships workshop that had over 110 students in attendance. Thank you to Diane Reid and athletics that brought their students.



## Mental Health First Aid Certification Training

- Mental health first aid certification will be taking place on April 19th AND May 3rd.
- This certification is similar to CPR and first aid certification but is based around recognizing signs and symptoms of mental health decline and ways to support individuals experiencing issues with mental health.
- Between these two sessions and the previous session, Gavilan will have nearly 75 employees and students trained as Mental Health First Aiders.
- Thank you to Jessica Weiler and Ryan Shook, two Gavilan employees already certified as mental health first aid instructors.

**Mental Health FIRST AID**  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

**WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?**  
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

On average, <b>130</b> people die by suicide every day. Save lives or find out if you're at risk.	From 1999 to 2019, <b>841,000</b> people died from drug overdoses. Save lives or find out if you're at risk.	Nearly <b>1 in 5</b> in the U.S. lives with a mental illness. Save lives or find out if you're at risk.
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**WHO NEEDS TO KNOW MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?**

- Employees
- Police officers
- Hospital staff
- First responders
- Family members
- Caregivers

**WHAT IT COVERS**

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect a person with help.
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use and self-care.

**THREE WAYS TO LEARN**

- In-person (and Online) - Learners receive their training during a 3 1/2-hour, instructor-led, in-person session.
- Blended - Learners complete a 2-hour self-paced online course, and participate in a 1.5 to 2-hour, instructor-led training. This instructor-led training can be:
  - A video conference.
  - An in-person class.

**Learn how to respond with the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (ALICE):**

- 1 Assess for risk of suicide or harm.
- 2 Listen non-judgmentally.
- 3 Give reassurance and information.
- 4 Encourage appropriate professional help.
- 5 Encourage self-help and other support strategies.

Source: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Suicide statistics: <https://www.afsp.org/afsp/2019/04/04/suicide-statistics/>; Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/death.html>; Substance Use and Mental Health Institute (SUMHI), <https://www.sumhi.org/2019/03/14/mental-illness/>

To find a course or contact a Mental Health First Aid instructor in your area, visit [MHFA.org](http://MHFA.org) or email [help@mentalhealthfirstaid.org](mailto:help@mentalhealthfirstaid.org)

# CalWORKs, Higher Aspirations, Fresh Success

Annette Gutierrez, Director of Basic Needs

## Higher Aspirations

- 93 current students for spring 2024
- Hiring of 2 additional Peer Mentors due to growth of program, for a total of 4
- 3 courses offered in the San Benito County Jail
- 2 courses offered in Elmwood (SCC)
- Pending MOU to begin offerings at James Ranch in Morgan Hill

## CalWORKs

- 104 current students for spring 2024
- Staff is excited to attend the annual CalWORKs Conference in San Diego, April 16-19, 2024.

## Fresh Success

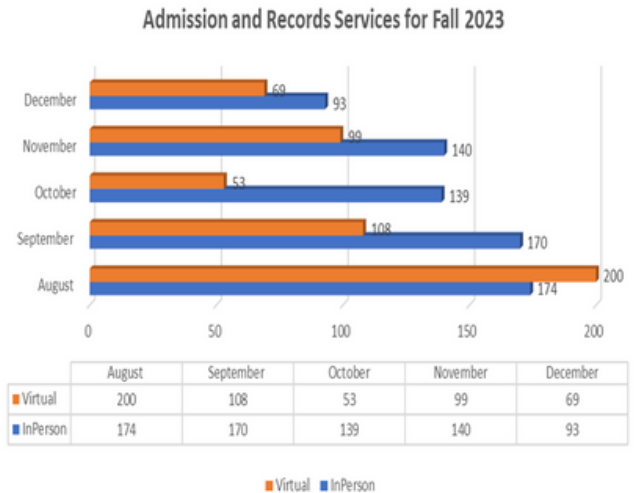
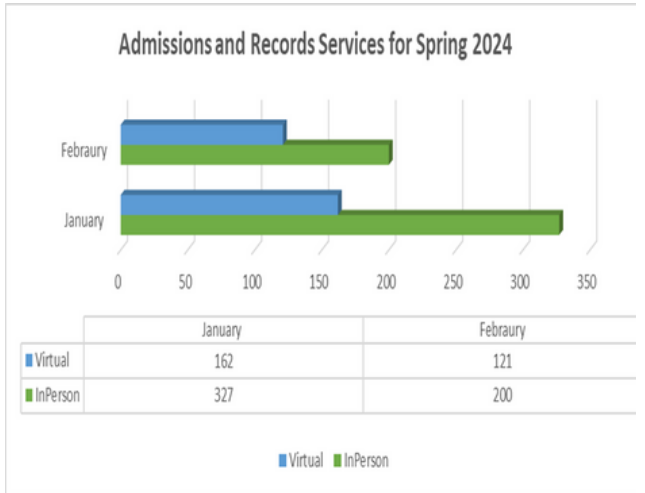
- 54 current students for spring 2024
- The hiring of the Basic Needs & Fresh Success Program Specialist is underway. This position will support Hollister and evening services, with the goal to increase outreach and awareness.

Below are some recent data on referrals to services and students served:

Basic Needs				
	Referrals	Served		
<b>Food</b>				
CalFresh Applications	57	57		
Food Distribution	84 (new)	400/month		
Produce Delivery	56 (new)	119		
Food Pantry	1434	1434		
<b>Meal Cards</b>				
February 2024	2300	2300		
<b>Financial Literacy</b>				
FAFSA Application Assistance	101	101		
CADAA Application Assistance	22	22		
Financial Literacy Workshops	48	48		
<b>Other</b>				
Laptop Loan	90	30		
Transportation	405	173		
Hygiene	344	159		
	Referrals	Served	Housing	
Rental	296	23 students awarded to-date	227 students pending documents	46 denied due to not having unmet need
Homeless	68	68 referrals to So. County Compassion Center		

## Admissions and Records Irene Haneta, Director

As convenient and popular as virtual services are for students, we are happy to see more student traffic for in-person services. This shift occurred in the middle of the Fall 23 term and continues to gain interest throughout Spring 2024.



### Undocu Liaison

Admissions and Records had the pleasure of recently welcoming our newest team member, Vita Castaneda – Morgan. Vita is temporarily serving as Gavilan’s UndocuLiaison till the end of the Spring 2024 term.

Vita is passionate about diversity and equity. She has dedicated much of her time with United Farm Workers and the Latino Generations Scholarship Fund.

Along with serving the students at Gilroy’s Main Campus, Vita will be expanding her services in Hollister. She will be at the Hollister Campus on Thursdays to be available to the San Benito and San Juan Bautista communities.

### Admissions and Records webpages

A&R webpages have been updated to include the Summer/Fall 2024 Registration dates. Click on the link below to go to the webpage:

[2024 Summer-Fall Registration Dates](#)



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## Career/Transfer Center

*Daisy Lopez-Jimenez, CAP Specialist*

Career and Transfer Services has a new home in the Library Building room LI 126. The opening celebration occurred on March 25th. The Space can be utilized for ASGC Meetings, CAP and program career/transfer related activities.

- Guided Pathways Office Hours - Weekly Office Hours are now held in the CTC on Tuesdays during College Hour. (1pm- 2pm) The time is dedicated for faculty, staff and members who have questions, concerns, or need a space to brainstorm activities related to Guided Pathways.
- Skills Trade End of the Semester Mixer - In May, our HVAC Program plans to celebrated their students for completing the semester. Industry employers will be invited.
- Next Steps Presentation - On March 18th, transferring students had an opportunity to connect with an admissions advisor from Sacramento State University. This presentation was geared to students who have applied to the university and to help educate them on the next steps moving forward through the admissions process.
- Resume Workshop - A special workshop on March 27th was provided by RO Health, a Health Industry Staffing Company. They connected with students who have in interest in Health Sciences and Wellness and provided industry insights and tips for creating excellent resumes.

