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South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC)

March 2026 Regional Update

SCCRC Executive Director/Regional Chair

From Holly Nolan Chavez

Spring brings a renewed sense of energy across our region, and I'm grateful for the momentum our colleges and partners continue to build together. This season always reminds me of the strength of our shared mission—expanding opportunity, supporting students as they pursue their goals, and ensuring our communities have the skilled workforce they need to thrive. The collaboration happening across campuses, industries, and education partners is both inspiring and essential, and I want to thank each of you for the dedication you bring to this work.

As we move into the final stretch of the academic year, our focus turns to aligning regional priorities, strengthening pathways, and preparing for the opportunities ahead. I look forward to continuing these conversations with you at our next regional meeting on [April 22nd at the CCCAOE Spring Conference in Sacramento](#). It will be an important moment to reflect on our progress, share insights, and set direction for 2026–27.

I appreciate your leadership, your partnership, and your commitment to students. I'm excited for what we will accomplish together this spring.

Chancellor's Office REGIONAL MONITOR UPDATE

From Katie Gilks, Regional Program Monitor

- [March 2026 - WEDD Update from Katie Gilks](#)
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SCCRC FISCAL AGENT DIRECTOR UPDATE

From Luann Swanberg, Regional Fiscal Agent Director

- [March 2026 - Fiscal Agent Director Update](#)
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REGIONAL K14 & K12 STRONG WORKFORCE PROGRAM UPDATE

From K14 Technical Assistance Provider (TAP) Giselle Bice

Selection Committee (K12 SWP Round 9)

- Applications for Selection Committee members close on March 31, 2026.
- Selected applicants will be notified during the first week of April 2026.
- Selected members will serve two-year terms.
- Participation requires attendance at the SCCRC Kickoff Event on May 8, 2026.

Regional Dual Enrollment Research Initiative

- As part of ongoing work with the South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC), the region is conducting research to better understand how dual enrollment requests originate and move from K–12 districts to community colleges, with a focus on CTE pathways.
- This effort is designed to:
 - Identify shared processes and patterns across the region
 - Surface barriers and opportunities for alignment

- Inform strategies to streamline and expand equitable student access
- Pathway Coordinators are asked to outline their local dual enrollment request process, beginning from the K–12 district perspective.
- Findings will inform a regional report to be completed by June 30, 2026.

Purpose and Impact

- This work supports stronger **K-14 alignment**, improves **system coherence**, and advances **equitable access to early college credit opportunities** across the region.
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CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (COE) UPDATE

From Jacob Poore, Director, South Central Coast Center of Excellence

The SCC COE has received nearly 70 requests for labor market data from regional community colleges since the beginning of 2026, far outpacing the number of requests received over the same period last year. As a result, the turnaround time for LMI requests has temporarily increased to six weeks instead of the usual four weeks. We anticipate the turnaround time will go back to four weeks by mid-to-late April.

The SCC COE is also in the process of publishing several reports and products, including:

- Opportunities and Strategies to Support Adult Learner Success
- SCC Region District Profiles
- Emerging Technologies and Occupations Analysis:
 - Aerospace and Defense
 - Clean Energy
 - High Tech
 - Life Sciences
 - Working Lands and Water

The SCC COE is also supporting regional apprenticeship development efforts and will be in attendance at the Statewide Convening on Community College Apprenticeship Program Creation and Expansion in March, as well as the Advancing Apprenticeship Reporting & Program Development SCCRC Regional Convening in April.

To stay informed of all SCC COE reports, dashboards, presentations, and more, sign up for the [SCC COE newsletter](#).

Labor Market Information (LMI) Requests & Recommended Programs

- [LMI Requests can be viewed HERE](#)

There were 11 Recommended Programs since our last meeting of Feb 20, 2026

- [View Recommended Programs HERE](#)
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CTE LIAISON UPDATE

From Thesa Roepke, CTE Liaison, Allan Hancock College

Allan Hancock College is proud to announce a series of significant advancements across its Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, marked by extensive facility modernizations, record-breaking student achievements, and the launch of innovative workforce partnerships.

As part of a campus-wide commitment to student success, the college is currently executing several classroom and lab modernization projects. The college is working on implementing state-of-the-art upgrades for Vet Tech, Sports Medicine, Early Childhood Studies, CNET, and Cybersecurity labs to ensure students train on industry-standard equipment.

The college is also preparing to host two high-impact professional events: a joint CTE/STEM Symposium and the "Pathways to Success: AI Impacts in the Workforce" industry forum. These initiatives follow a historic performance by the college's SkillsUSA team, which saw a record number of participants and Gold and Silver medals awarded at the regional level.

Further strengthening its commitment to career and technical education, the college is rolling out the Wingspan integration through Job Speaker through the Career Center to meet the professional development

and job seeking needs of our students. New regional collaborations are also on the horizon, including: Aerospace Technician Partnership: A new collaborative effort with REACH, Pre-Apprenticeship Boot Camp: Targeted training for local Union Shop applicants, and the Education Apprenticeship Program: Awaiting final approval from the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) for the Early Care and Education Teacher. Finally, we are building a CDCP certificate Career Readiness course sequence called Bulldog Bootcamp in which more than 10 CTE Programs of Study will enroll 15 or more students to participate in an intensive 2-week (80 hour) discipline specific career training program supported by faculty and industry representatives.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION (CCCAOE)

From Mike Hoffman, Regional CCCAOE VP

March 2026 Regional CCCAOE VP Report is [HERE](#).

In brief:

- Support letters sought to end \$60 million SWP carveout (letter template provided)
 - [CCCAOE Spring Conference 2026](#), April 21-24 at the Hyatt Regency, Sacramento
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- **SCCRC Regional Meeting at CCCAOE: Weds, April 22, 10-11:30am**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

2026 Upcoming SCCRC & Regional Meetings

(click on links to register)

 *Please let us know if your college would like to host a regional meeting* 

March 20	Mtg Cancelled - <i>This memo instead</i>
April 22	10:00 - 11:30 am SCCRC Regional Meeting at CCCAOE
May 15	9 - 10:30 am SCCRC Regional Meeting (Zoom)
June 26	10:00 am - 2:00 pm SCCRC Regional Meeting (in person)

IMPORTANT LINKS

SCCRC Regional Meeting Minutes can be found [here](#)

[CCCCO Strong Workforce Program FAQ Page](#)

[Labor Market Information \(LMI\) Request Form](#)

[Vision Resource Center](#)

From the Chancellor's Office:

- [CCCCO Strong Workforce Program FAQ Page](#)
- [Regional Consortia NOVA Resource Bank](#)
- [WEDD Webinars](#)
- [WEDD Program Updates & Newsletters](#)
- [WEDD Memos](#)
- [Grant Opportunities and Reporting Links](#)
- [NOVA Training Videos](#)

System Webinars in the Vision Resource Center:

- Recordings of Chancellor’s Office System Webinars, and related materials can be found in the [Vision Resource Center](#):
 - Log in to the Vision Resource Center at: <https://visionresourcecenter.cccco.edu/login> (or create an account to get started)
 - After logging in, under the “Communities” menu visit “All Communities” and look for “CCC | Webinars, Conferences, and Events”
 - Select the community and then click “Join Community” to access the content.

Community College and/or K12 Strong Workforce Listserv’s

Go to the following links to subscribe to the Chancellor’s Office Community College and/or K12 Strong Workforce Program listservs.

For CC SWP: <http://subscribe.wfd.strongworkforce.net/>

For K12 SWP: <http://subscribe.k12.strongworkforce.net/>

Always a Good Practice

View and register for SCCRC meetings and events [HERE](#)

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