



Glendale Community College

Maintaining Student Success at GCC

Glendale Community College (GCC) is one of the region's top community colleges for students pursuing degrees, certificates and transfers, boasting one of California's highest transfer rates to the UC system and other in-state four-year colleges. GCC prepares students for success in 21st-Century careers. GCC must continue to evolve to meet the changing demands of today's high-tech economy, changes in education and the different needs of the diverse communities that comprise the Glendale area. Annually, over 30,000 students participate in education and job training programs at the Verdugo and Garfield campuses.

Affordable Access to Higher Education for the 21st Century

With the rising cost of four-year colleges, many students are turning to community college for local higher education at a fraction of the cost of UC, Cal State and private universities. To meet this demand, GCC needs up-to-date classrooms, labs and instructional technology to support 21st-Century higher education and job training programs. We also need to increase bandwidth and wireless connectivity so that our buildings are equipped to prepare students for the modern economy.

Educating Our Heroes

Many local nurses, police officers, firefighters and 9-1-1 emergency responders receive training at GCC. By keeping GCC's Firefighter Training Academy, law enforcement education facilities and the nursing/health care education programs up to date to support technology and training methods, we can maintain sufficient numbers of highly trained health care and public safety workers needed to keep our aging population safe and healthy.

Preparing Students for the Future

We need to guarantee that our community college keeps up with local demand and continues to offer students a quality education and preparation for job and university transfer. Many of GCC's classrooms, labs and other educational facilities were built over 60 years ago. These aging facilities are in need of repair and upgrades to accommodate up-to-date instructional technology critical for preparing students for careers, especially in electronics, engineering and the sciences.

Local Funding for College Improvements

In order to address identified facility improvements needed in aging classrooms, labs and job training facilities, the GCC Board of Trustees at its July 19 meeting voted to place a college facilities improvement bond measure on the November 2016 ballot that would:

- ▲ Provide students with educational facilities that prepare them for growing and high-paying professions like nursing, law enforcement, robotics and engineering
- ▲ Provide up-to-date classrooms and labs for students seeking to transfer to four-year colleges and universities
- ▲ Replace deteriorating gas, electrical and sewer lines
- ▲ Upgrade access to classrooms and labs for students with disabilities
- ▲ Increase earthquake safety and water conservation

For More Information

Please contact President Dr. David Viar at dviar@glendale.edu or (818) 240-1000 ext. 5105 with questions or for more information. To learn more about our facilities improvement plan, please visit <http://www.glendale.edu/FacilitiesUpdate>.

