

STEM-MAS

NEWSLETTER

MAXIMIZING ACHIEVEMENT IN STEM (MÁS)



Current STEM Peer Mentors/Tutors at
our most recent training

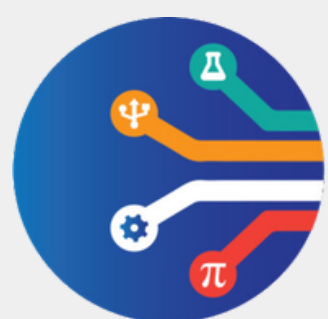

**SPRING
2025**
PART I

Our STEM/MÁS
Program Application
is now OPEN!



REMINDER

We encourage you to still check your STEM
Canvas regularly and to follow us on
Instagram @SMCSTEM for up-to-date
information.



STEM
SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

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STEM@SMC.EDU

DH302

PROGRAM SERVICES

STEM Counseling

Appointments can be made by contacting us directly via email, phone, or through our [Appointment Request Form](#)*.

Counseling Corner

Is this spring your final semester at SMC? If yes, make sure to meet with a counselor to determine any degrees, certificates and/or certification you may be eligible for! The [online petition](#) forms can be submitted at the start of the spring semester until April 15th.

Peer Mentoring and Tutoring

STEM Lab hours:
Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm
Location: DH 302

Online hours:
Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm

[Zoom Link](#)

Subjects:

| Bio | Chem | CS | Engr |
| Math | Physics |

Supplemental Instruction (SI)

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an academic assistance program at SMC that provides free out-of-class sessions to students enrolled in specific courses. SI leaders engage students in interactive group activities to help them learn course concepts, prepare for exams, and learn effective study skills.

STEM-MÁS PROGRAM - APPLY

MAXIMIZING ACHIEVEMENT IN STEM (MÁS)

APPLY NOW!

Maximizing Achievement in STEM (MÁS) is an academic support program designed to assist traditionally underrepresented students in successfully completing their STEM Courses. All students majoring in STEM are eligible to apply!*

Benefits:

- Priority enrollment
- Access to STEM Tutoring
- Connect with a community of STEM Peer Mentors and Alumni
- STEM Counseling/Advising
- Reserved sections of select STEM courses
- Scholarships
- Industry internships and externships

*Only students pursuing their first degree are eligible. Students who have earned a bachelor's degree are not eligible to apply.



APPLY NOW!

**Application
Dates**

**Application
is now
OPEN!**

**Application
deadline:
May 4th**

REQUIREMENTS

- Attend Program Orientation
- Participate in STEM Skills Week
- Take Counseling 12, Counseling 15, and Science 10 during their first year in the program
- Attend at least two counseling appointments during Fall and Spring
- Attend at least one Peer Mentor workshop in the Fall and Spring

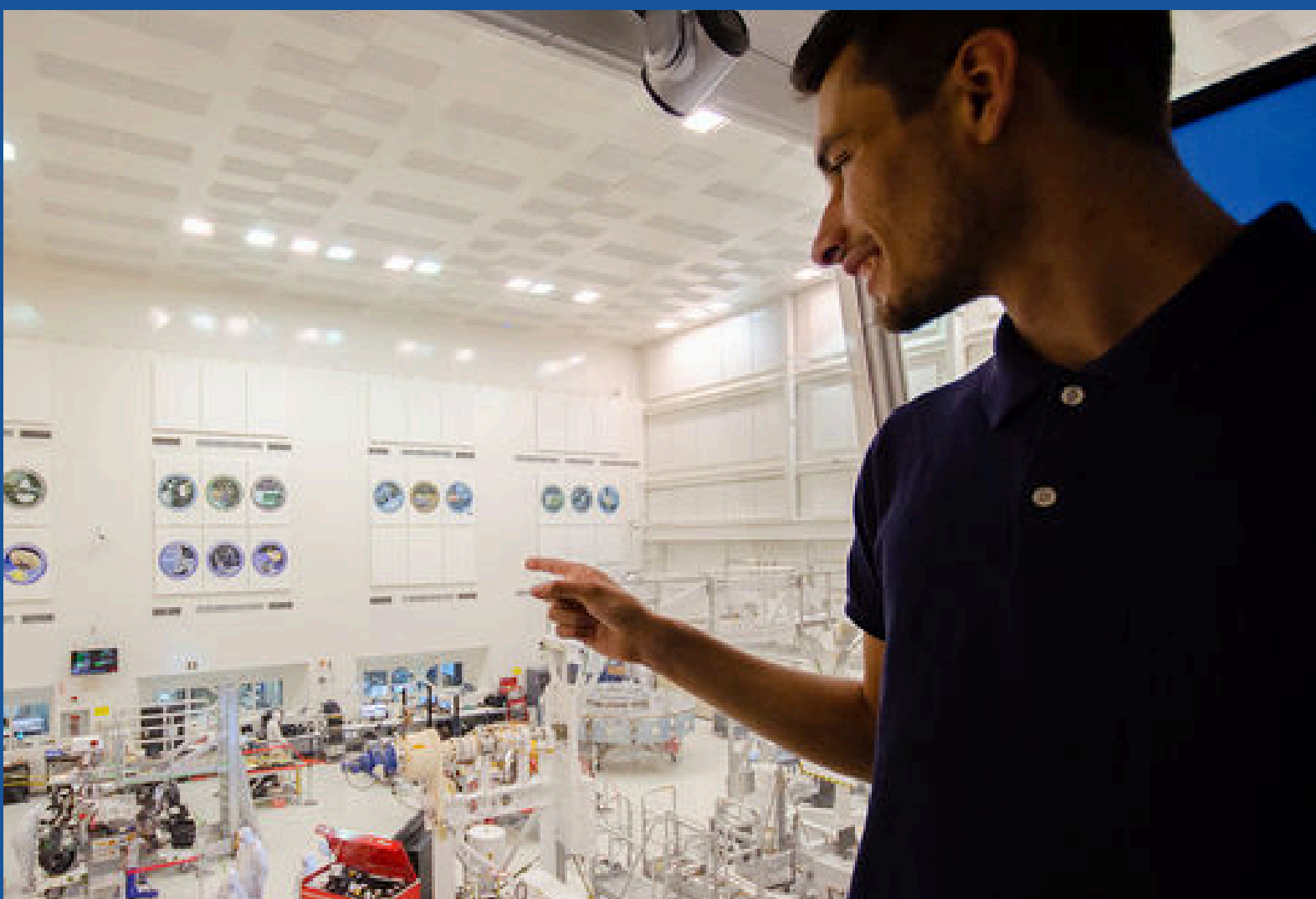


**Questions? STEM@SMC.EDU
(310) 434-3988
Main Campus, Drescher Hall 301**

STEM-TUNITIES PART I



Engaging in scientific research and internships at community colleges offers practical experience, enhancing critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. This makes students more appealing to employers and boosts their chances of successfully transferring to four-year colleges, paving the way for academic and career success.



JPL SUMMER INTERNSHIP

» **ASTRONOMY, ENGINEERING, PHYSICS**

»» **March 14**

The JPL Summer Internship Program offers opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students. Students are partnered with JPL scientists or engineers, who serve as mentors. Students complete projects, gain educational experience in their fields of study, and contribute to NASA and JPL missions.

This is an 8-week NSF funded research program for undergraduates at CSUN over the summer. Program goals include increasing the participation of undergraduate students in research on data science and energy-efficient computing; and applying data science to build energy-efficient cluster systems and applications.



March 15

» **COMPUTER SCIENCE, ENGINEERING**
REU SITE: DATA SCIENCE AT CSUN



STEM-TUNITIES PART II



Day in the Life of an AMP Summer Intern @ CalTech



Theo Feng
Aerospace Engineering Major, SMC
STEM Social Media &
Peer Mentor/Tutor

Check out [this video](#) of one of our current SMC Peer Mentor/Tutors, Theo, who shares his experience as an AMP Summer Intern at CalTech!

Now is a great time to apply for summer internships!



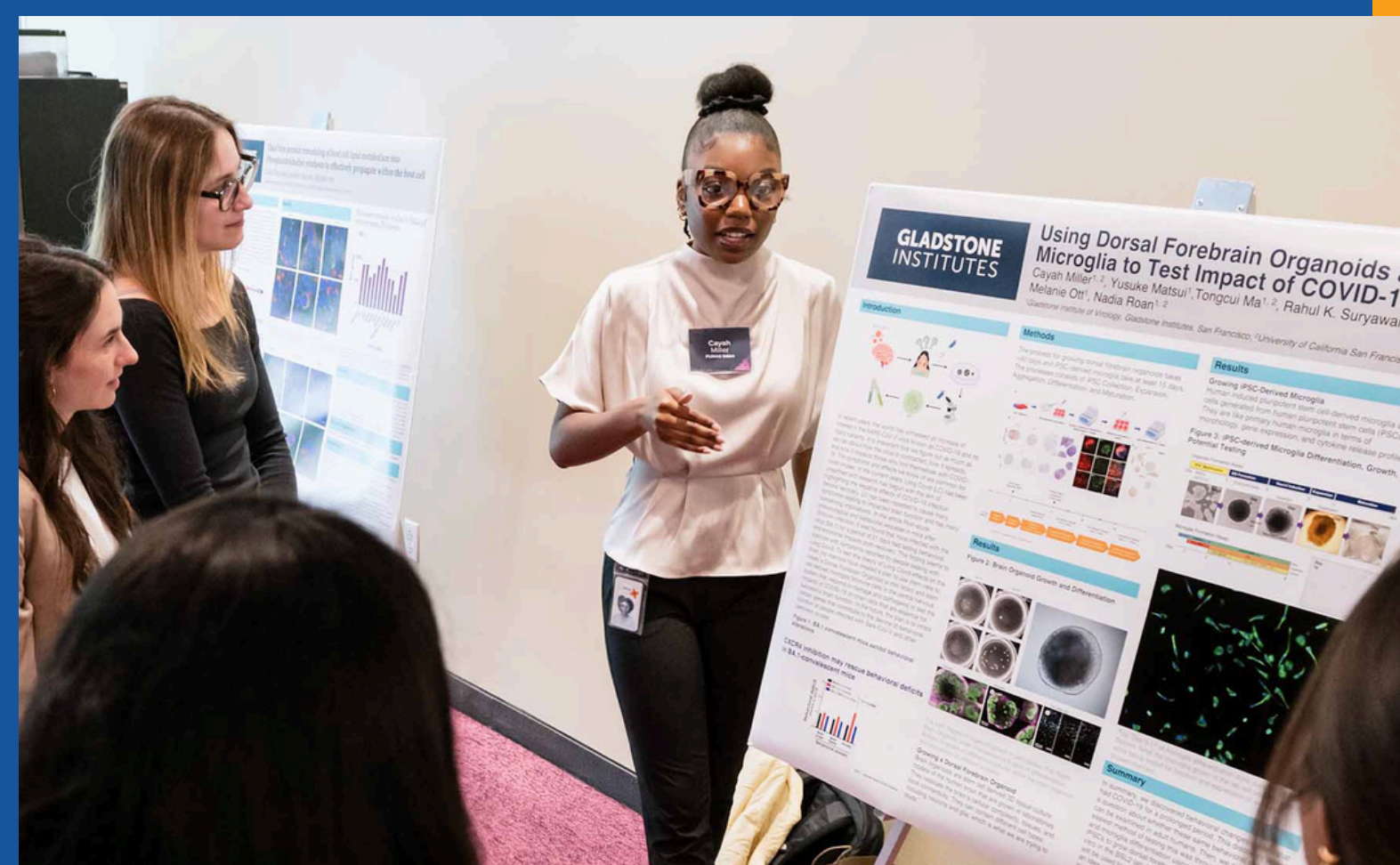
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN TRAINING

» BIOTECH, COMPUTER SCIENCE
»» April 30

Power Potential with AT³, the 6-month Advanced Technology Technician Training program designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, & abilities essential for a successful career as a technician in the micro and nano industries. The virtual program runs from July 11, 2025 to December 5, 2025!

PUMAS is Gladstone's flagship internship program designed to support and mentor community college students, providing them with hands-on research experience and a pathway into the sciences.

»»» March 31
»» LAB WORK, RESEARCH
PUMAS SUMMER INTERNSHIP
PROGRAM



REMINDERS

HOSTED BY FINANCIAL AID &
DREAM PROGRAM



THURSDAYS: FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 6, 13 & 27

11:30 AM TO 1 PM

IN PERSON RM. LOCATION: SSC S150A

ZOOM MEETING ID: 818 2413 1390

CAL Dream Act Application Open Lab

July
17

Thursday, 03/13/2025

July
17

Thursday, 03/27/2025

Location: in person
(SSC S150A)
& ZOOM
(818 2413 1390)

Spring 2025 College Fair!

July
17

Tuesday, April 29, 2029

Location: Main Campus Quad
Time: 10 am - 1 pm

Santa Monica College

APRIL 29
10 A.M. – 1 P.M.
MAIN CAMPUS
QUAD



SPRING 2025
College Fair

More details at: smc.edu/collegefair



If you need an accommodation, due to a disability, in order to participate in this event, please contact the Center for Students with Disabilities at dsps@smc.edu or 310-434-4265 at least 5 business days prior to the event.



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Black History Month Pioneers in STEM

During the month of February, we celebrated Black History Month and have highlighted several Black STEM pioneers as part of our spotlight series.



Christine Darden

Pioneer advancing
supersonic flight and
sonic boom reduction



Victor J. Glover, Jr.

Astronaut, test pilot, and
trailblazer on the
International Space Station



Mark Dean

Computer science pioneer
behind IBM's personal
computer innovations



Gladys West

Mathematician and
geodesy pioneer enabling
GPS development.

STEM SPOTLIGHT SERIES

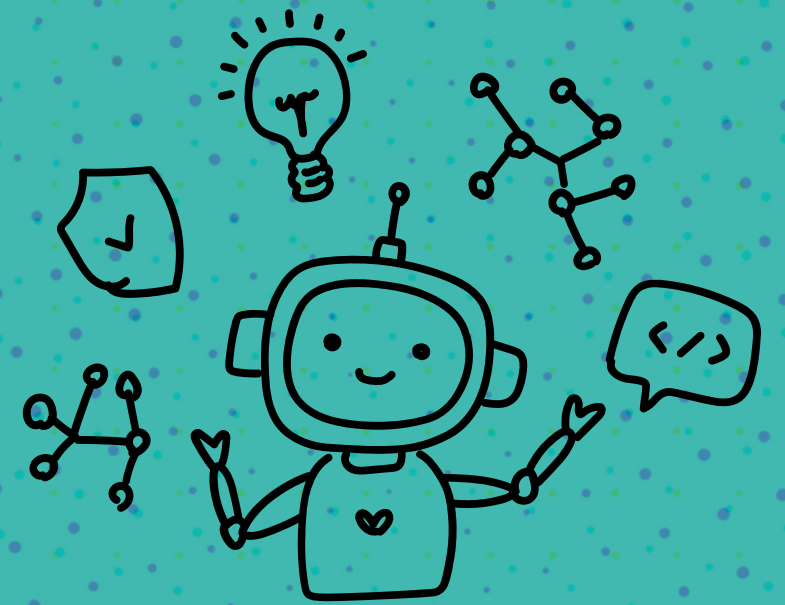
In celebration of Black History Month, we want to highlight our current and alumni STEMie students! See their advice to fellow students below:



Mariamawit – Alumni

Current Position:
Software Engineer at Nextdoor

“Please, learn from me and start researching and planning your transfer and even your post-graduation.”



Dexter – Current STEMie

Major: Statistics, Pre-Med Track
Transferring this Fall 2025

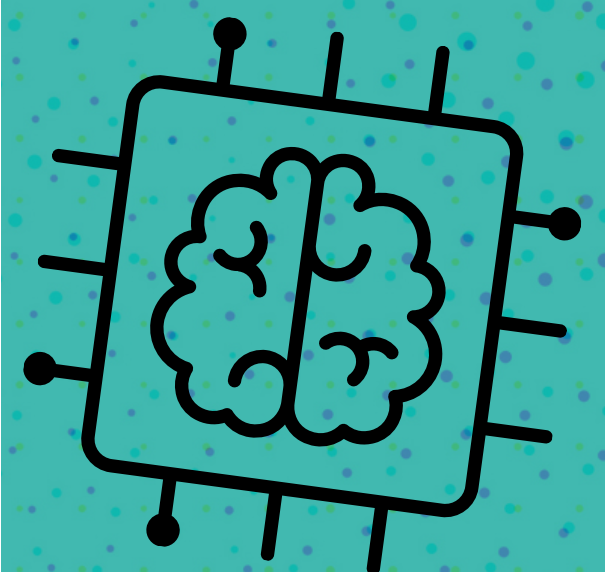
“There is no rush, the journey is not a means to an end, and you will eventually be there, guaranteed.”



Tamara – Alumni

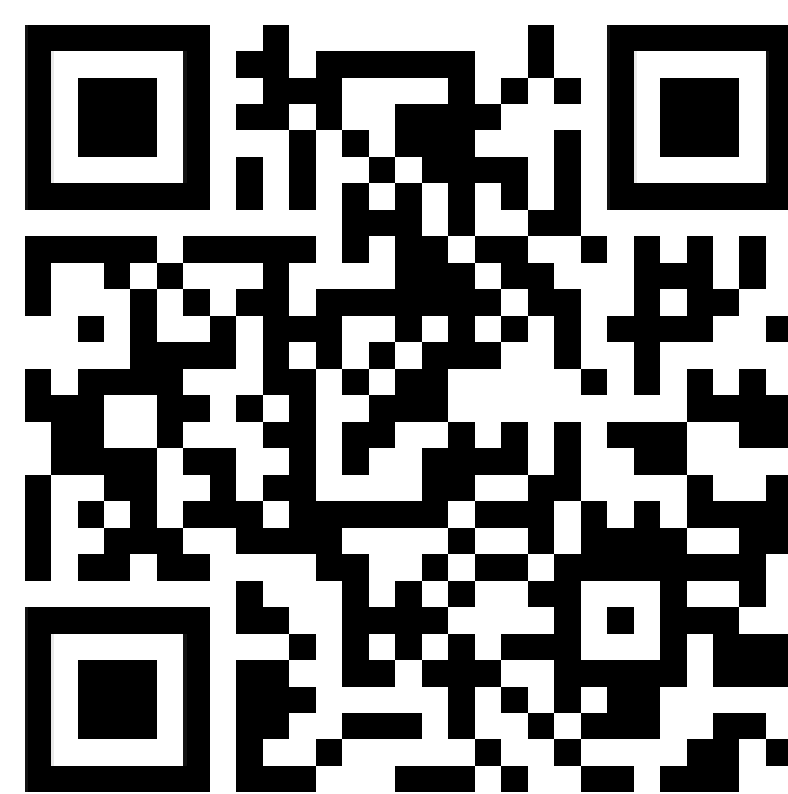
Current Position:
People Operations Specialist at Lattice

“Always be a go-getter! If you want something or are interested in it, speak up and ask for support or guidance or help!”



GET TO KNOW YOUR PROFESSOR

We have a new series on our [YouTube Channel](#), “Getting to know your SMC STEM Professors!” Check out the [interview with Professor Hunter](#), who teaches General Chemistry at SMC!



GET TO KNOW YOUR

CHEMISTRY

PROFESSOR



NEW

FINANCIAL AID



FAFSA/CADAA

**Priority deadline
EXTENDED!**

Federal and State provided financial aid.
Takes around 1-hour to fill out. Apply now!

[FAFSA Link](#)

**Priority
Deadline:
April 2nd**

[CADAA Link](#)

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CAL GRANT

Transfer Entitlement Award

This grant is for students who plan to transfer directly from a California Community College to a 4-Year University that offers a bachelor degree in the academic year that they are applying for the award. Deadline is **April 2nd** and applicants **must submit a FAFSA or CADAA** and have a minimum GPA of 2.4.

You can apply using the link below if you've already submitted your transcript to CSAC and completed your FAFSA/CADAA.

[Cal Grant Link](#)



SAP APPEAL

If you have fallen below **Financial Aid SAP Standards**, we strongly encourage you to submit your SAP appeal early through your **E-Docs**. As part of your appeal, you will need to submit an *updated* counselor-approved educational plan. Make an appointment with a STEM Counselor today for assistance!

BIPOC Scholarship

The Point Foundation's BIPOC Scholarship aims to mitigate generations of racism and an education system born from discriminatory policies by providing financial support, community resources, and professional development. Award amount up to \$1,500.

[BIPOC Link](#)
Deadline: March 13



Western Digital STEM Scholarship

Western Digital aims to enhance STEM education access in the U.S. by lowering financial barriers and boosting representation of underrepresented students. Eligibility requires students to transfer from a community college to a four-year university.

[Western Digital Website](#)
Deadline: April 1st

Immigrants Rising

Find scholarships and fellowships that don't require proof of citizenship or legal permanent residency. Check out Immigrants Rising:

[Immigrants Rising Link](#)

MATH MODULES



Need more support in Algebra, Trigonometry, Statistics, or Calculus?

Add self-paced math modules for more resources!

Through these modules you have access to online textbooks, instructional videos, self-paced exercises and self-check assessments. To access these modules, you will need to self-enroll using the link below. Once you enroll you will have complete access to all the content/material in the modules.



ALGEBRA, TRIGONOMETRY, AND STATISTICS MODULES

[https://online.smc.edu/
enroll/JJB9JL](https://online.smc.edu/enroll/JJB9JL)



CALCULUS MODULES

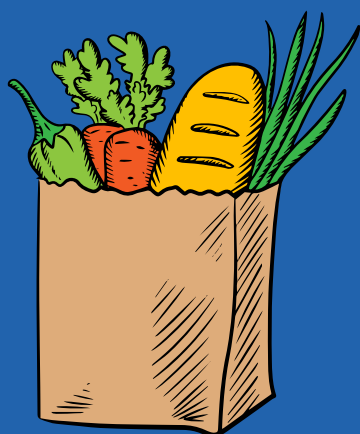
[https://online.smc.edu/
enroll/GWN3F9](https://online.smc.edu/enroll/GWN3F9)



RESOURCES



Bodega Food Pantry



Any currently enrolled student is welcome to come by during operating hours and receive non-perishable food items, fresh produce, and toiletries.

Monday	10 am - 2:30 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 2:30 pm
Wednesday	10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Thursday	10 am - 2:30 pm
Friday	10 am - 2:30 pm



15 SMC Bodega Bites locations that provide students with healthy snacks

Cosmetology Salon

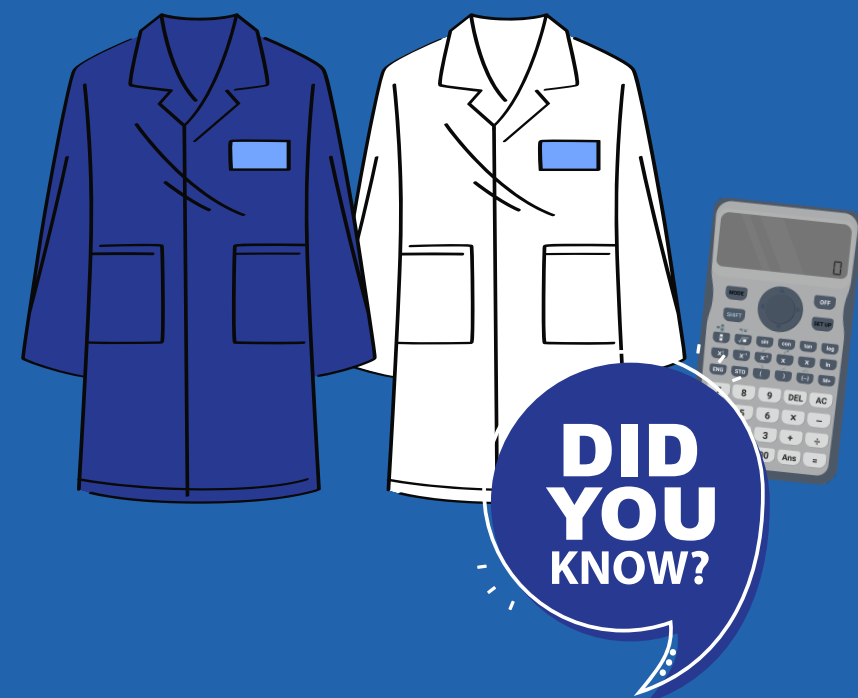
Hair Salon from \$10 with a valid student ID! More information at: SMC Cosmetology.



Lending Resources

Did you know you could borrow the following items from STEM?

- Lab coat (White - CHEM 9, 10, 11, 12, 31)
- Flame Retardant Lab Coat (Blue - CHEM 21, 24)
- Goggles for labs
- Scientific Calculator
- Graphing Calculator



Housing Assistance and Resources



Need help finding an affordable place to stay or a housing agent? Find out at SMC Housing Security.

Get the GoPass

GoPass provides unlimited transit rides throughout L.A. Pay the student benefit fee and get your Tap card to access free rides!

