

VIP WELCOME

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

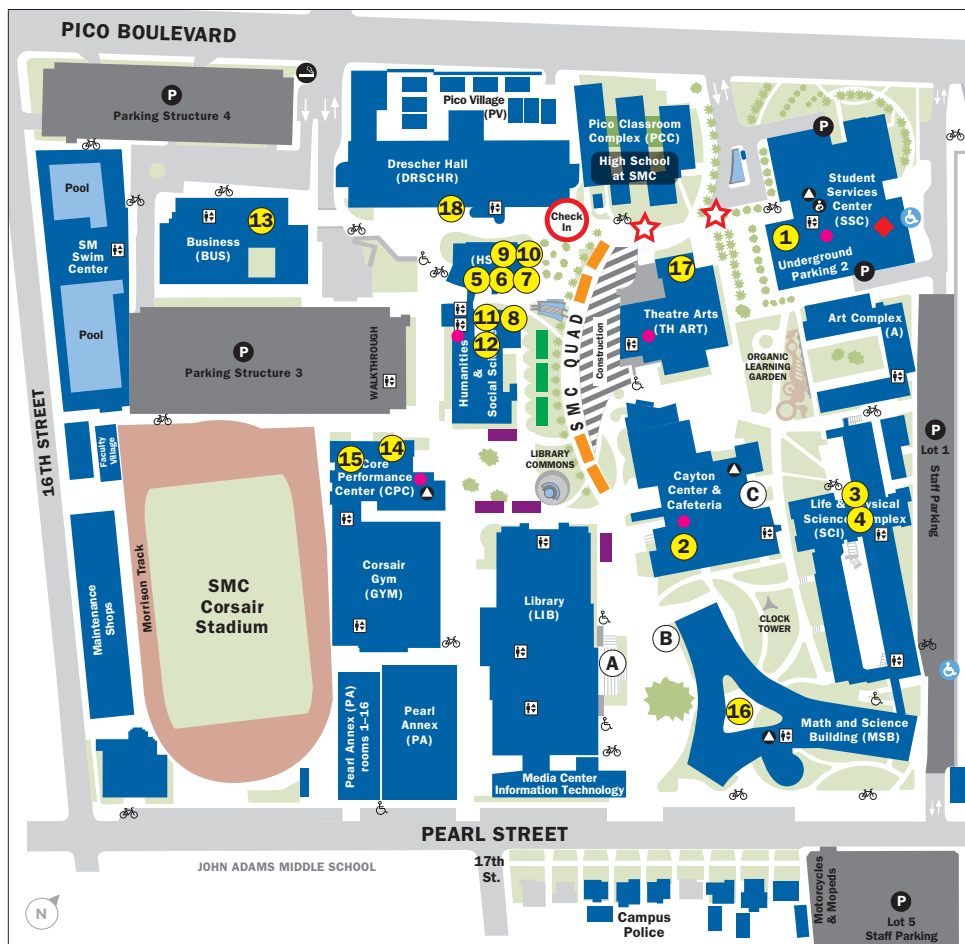
GUEST PROGRAM

This program has the events and workshops that are specifically targeted at parents, families, and loved ones who want to support their SMC student. Please encourage your student to explore what is offered today, while you explore a more curated series of workshops for guests.

Schedule of Events

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Resource Fair	Quad
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Enrollment Lab	Student Services Center
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Areas of Interest (AOI) Fair Come explore and connect with our academic departments and faculty.	Quad
9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome/Overview of the Day	Quad
10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Session 1: Workshops	Various Locations
11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Session 2: Workshops	Various Locations
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Lunch and Entertainment Join us for lunch from In-N-Out Burger or Vurger Guyz (vegetarian/vegan option) <i>*while supplies last!</i>	Quad
		
12 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m., and 1:30 p.m.	Campus Tours Guided by SMC Student Ambassadors.	Library Front Steps
1 p.m.– 2 p.m.	Academic Showcases	Various Locations

Santa Monica College Main Campus

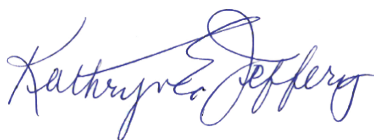


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| Check In | Campus Tours (Library) | Orientation Hall |
| Information | Free Tote & T-Shirt Zone | Student Equity Center |
| Resource Fair | Bodega & Basic Needs Info | SCI 140 |
| Areas of Interest Fair | Restroom (Student Services Center, Theatre Arts, HSS, CPC, Cayton Center second floor) | SCI 145 |
| Enrollment Lab (Success and Engagement Center) | | HSS 103 |
| Food Trucks | | HSS 104 |
| | | HSS 105 |
| | | HSS 165 |
| | | HSS 204 |
| | | HSS 205 |
| | | HSS 263 |
| | | HSS 363 |
| | | BUS 111 |
| | | CPC 104 |
| | | CPC 314 |
| | | MSB breezeway |
| Bicycle Parking | Paratransit Stop | Main Stage |
| Elevators | Smoking Permitted Area | Photo Lab |
| All-gender Bathroom: On the 3rd floor of SSC, ground floor of CPC, and in the Health Services Center | Parking | |
| Accessible Entrances: Entrances in buildings not marked are accessible. Accessible parking available in every lot. | | |

Welcome Message from the Superintendent/President

Welcome to Santa Monica College, California's #1 transfer college to the University of California and a leading destination for career education! A centerpiece of SMC's mission is to help each student achieve their highest potential. Both inside and outside the classroom, our talented and deeply dedicated faculty and staff help students progress toward their academic, career, and life goals. With one of the most comprehensive student support networks of any California community college, we enthusiastically activate a culture of caring committed to sustaining a student-centered environment. Each student's wellbeing and goals matters and inspires us — it is the driving force behind everything we do.

Thank you for choosing SMC!



Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery
Superintendent/President
Santa Monica College



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Workshops for Families and Guests

Session 1: 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Workshop	Location
Non-Resident Student Orientation Welcome to California! Our Non-Resident Student Orientation is your perfect opportunity to get acquainted with the campus, learn all about living in sunny Southern California, and connect with fellow Corsairs arriving from all across the country before classes begin!	BUS 111 13
Supporting Your Student – Parent & Family Orientation At Santa Monica College we recognize the vital role parents, family members, and supporters play in fostering their student's successful transition to college. For this reason, we have designed a session to help you become an ally to your students as they find their academic, social, and personal success at SMC.	HSS 104 6
First-to-Go! Thriving at SMC as a First-Generation College Student Are you the first in your family to attend college? Congratulations—we're so glad you're here! First-generation college students are students whose parent(s) or caregiver(s) did not complete a four-year college or university degree in the United States. Join us to connect with other first-generation college students, learn about campus resources, and discover tips for navigating college with confidence. We'll explore the unwritten rules of college, build your support network, and help you start your SMC journey knowing that you belong and don't have to do it alone.	Student Equity Center 2 (Cayton Center Basement)
Amplia tu Potencial con Nuestro Programa de Educación No Acreditada: Abriendo Un Camino hacia la Expansión de tus Habilidades y tu Preparación para el Mundo Laboral Descubre una gran variedad de oportunidades a través de nuestros programas educativos de "Noncredit". En nuestros campus de Bundy, Emeritus y Malibu. Ofrecemos clases y programas especializadas para equiparte con nuevas habilidades, conocimientos y experiencias. Ya sea que estés buscando mejorar tus habilidades existentes o preparándote para reingresar a la fuerza laboral, nuestros programas están diseñados para apoyarte y empoderarte en cada etapa de tu camino, ¡todo sin ningún costo para usted!	HSS 205 10

Session 2: 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Workshop	Location
¡Orientación de Padres! En Santa Monica College reconocemos el papel vital que desempeñan los padres, miembros de la familia y seguidores en fomentar una transición exitosa de sus estudiantes a la universidad. Por esta razón, hemos diseñado una sesión para ayudarle a convertirse en un aliado de sus estudiantes mientras encuentran su éxito académico, social y personal en SMC.	HSS 104 6
Supporting Students with Disabilities Are you a parent or guardian of a college-bound student with disabilities? Join us for an invaluable workshop designed to equip you with the knowledge, resources, and strategies necessary to support your student's successful transition from K-12 to college.	HSS 105 7
Discover New (and Free) Opportunities – For You and Your Family! Explore the wide range of <i>free</i> noncredit education programs offered at our Bundy, Emeritus, and Malibu campuses. Whether you're a parent seeking to develop new skills, a grandparent looking to stay active and engaged, or someone preparing to re-enter the workforce, our programs are designed to support learners of all ages. Earn career certificates that can help you get a job, gain in-demand skills, or grow personally and professionally. From career training to lifelong learning, our classes are here to supplement your education, empower you, and help you take the next step, <i>all at no cost to you.</i>	HSS 205 10

Academic Showcases: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Event	Location
Philosophy and Social Sciences Department	HSS 263 11
Dance Department	CPC 314 15
Photography Department	Outside of DRSCHR 110 E 18
Theater Arts Department	Theater Arts Main Stage 17
Math Department	MSB breezeway 16
Psychology Department	HSS 363 12
Learn How to Lock In Transfer to Cal State!	BUS 111 13

Something for Everyone @ SMC

Explore learning opportunities
for every stage of life.

Credit Programs:

#1 IN TRANSFERS

For 35 straight years, SMC has been the #1 transfer college to **UCLA, UC Berkeley, and other UC campuses**. SMC also tops in transfers to **USC** and **Loyola Marymount University**, and is the #1 transfer college to **Columbia University** outside of New York. Choose from over 200 Associate degrees and certificates.



HIGH SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

- Students in **grades 9-12**
- Earn college credit with **tuition-free classes** at SMC

CAREER EDUCATION

- **100+** career-focused programs
- Complete in as few as **1-4 semesters**

DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Students in **grades 9-12**
- Take college-level classes at your high school

BACHELOR'S DEGREES AT SMC

- Earn a Bachelor's degree at a much lower cost
- Programs include **Interaction Design (IxD)** and **Cloud Computing** (application opens in fall)



Other Programs:

NONCREDIT CONTINUING EDUCATION

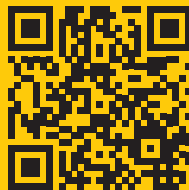
- **Free** certificate programs and courses
- Adults **18 and older**
- Focused on career readiness, college preparation, and ESL

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- **Fee-based** classes for enrichment and personal growth
- Online, hands-on, and self-paced learning

EMERITUS PROGRAM

- Designed for adults **50+** (open to anyone 18+)
- **Free** lifelong learning courses



Learn more at:
smc.edu/ForEveryone



What Is FERPA and What Does It Mean?

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 protects the privacy of a student's educational records — as print or electronic documents — by placing limits on who may have access to the records, what information may be shared or disclosed, and how that information may be used. Santa Monica College complies with FERPA and has strict policies and procedures in place governing student records.

What does this mean for parents?

The College is bound by FERPA to protect student information. SMC requires written consent by the student to disclose limited information to the parent. Students may submit a Release of Information to Third Party Authorization to make the request. SMC does not provide open-ended access to any records the student chooses to release.

Does a parent have the right to meet with an instructor, counselor, or other staff member to discuss a student's education/education records/progress, etc.?

No. FERPA only provides a right to secure a copy of student records, and it does not provide a right to an interactive conference with an instructor, counselor, or another staff member. At the College level, all staff typically deal directly with students without parental involvement.



**For more information, please
go to smc.edu/FERPA**