

# SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### Art Galleries

Santa Monica College is home to several galleries offering exhibitions, openings, and art talks to the community.

#### SMC Emeritus Art Gallery

[smc.edu/emeritusgallery](http://smc.edu/emeritusgallery)

**1227 Second St., Santa Monica, 310-434-4306**

**Email: [benson\\_jesse@smc.edu](mailto:benson_jesse@smc.edu)**

SMC Emeritus — a program at Santa Monica College for adults age 55 and up — operates an art gallery and hosts opening receptions for its exhibitions of works by students and members of the community. The gallery is located at the SMC Emeritus Campus near the popular Third Street Promenade. The gallery's webpage offers details on current and upcoming exhibits, as well as visual archives of earlier exhibitions and gallery openings. More information is also available by calling the SMC Emeritus office.

#### SMC Pete and Susan Barrett Art Gallery

[smc.edu/barrett](http://smc.edu/barrett)

**Information 310-434-8204**

**1310 11th St., 1st Floor, Santa Monica, 310-434-3434**

The SMC Pete and Susan Barrett Art Gallery presents exhibits of the best in contemporary art by local, national, and international artists, as well as SMC's annual student and faculty art exhibitions. Each exhibit is free and open to the public, and has an opening reception where artists, students, and members of the community can gather to enjoy and exchange ideas on the works presented. Many exhibits include free informative art talks. Details on upcoming art exhibitions, gallery receptions, art talks, and other activities are available by calling the Gallery, visiting the Gallery's webpage, or browsing the SMC Events webpage ([smc.edu/events](http://smc.edu/events)).

#### SMC Photography Gallery

[smc.edu/photo](http://smc.edu/photo)

**Drescher Hall, 2nd Floor, 310-434-4289**

The SMC Photography Gallery is nationally recognized as a significant venue for photographic art. As part of the Westside's flourishing art movement, the gallery enjoys active support from the community. Each exhibit has an opening reception where artists, photographers, students, and members of the community can gather to enjoy and discuss images that have made an impact on the world of photography. Information on gallery hours, exhibits, and opening receptions is available by calling the gallery or browsing the SMC Events webpage ([smc.edu/events](http://smc.edu/events)).

### Associated Students

See Office of Student Life

### Athletics Counseling

[smc.edu/athletics](http://smc.edu/athletics)

**Corsair Gym, 2nd Floor, Room 215 310-434-4311**

Santa Monica College provides an excellent environment for students to begin their journey into higher education and compete at a high level in a chosen sport. SMC offers a variety of support programs for athletic pursuits, including special counseling for athletes interested in pursuing careers in athletics. The SMC coaching staff, academic counselors, and administration are committed to assisting student athletes to excel both in the classroom and on the field of play.

### Basic Needs

[smc.edu/basicneeds](http://smc.edu/basicneeds), **310-434-3100**

**Email: [foodsecurity@smc.edu](mailto:foodsecurity@smc.edu)**

SMC's Basic Needs provides support to students in their daily life as they move toward their education goals.

Students' basic needs include access to nutritious and sufficient food; safe, secure, and adequate housing — to sleep, to study, to cook, and to shower; healthcare to promote sustained mental and physical wellbeing; affordable technology and transportation; resources for personal hygiene; and childcare and related support.

Basic Needs counselors can help connect students to on-and off-campus resources to meet their basic needs for:

- Food security,
- Housing security,
- Mental health and wellness,
- Technology,
- Transportation, and
- Childcare resources.

To schedule an appointment with a Basic Needs counselor and for more information about basic needs resources, students can visit the Basic Needs Center website at [smc.edu/basicneeds](http://smc.edu/basicneeds).

Students who need assistance in buying groceries for themselves and their families can apply for CalFresh, California's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that provides money to eligible individuals and families for groceries. Basic Needs staff can meet with students one-on-one to address their concerns, help with verification documents, complete applications, and explore other resources as needed. For more information and to schedule an appointment, students can visit [smc.edu/calfresh](http://smc.edu/calfresh).

### Bookstore

See Campus Store

### Campus Police Services

[smc.edu/police](http://smc.edu/police)

**1718 Pearl St., Santa Monica, 310-434-4608**

**Emergency, After Hours, & Weekends, 310-434-4300**

SMC maintains a Campus Police Department with personnel available 24 hours a day to help keep SMC's campuses safe and secure.

To report an emergency or criminal activities on or near the campus, dial 4300 or 911 on the emergency telephones located throughout the campus and parking structures, or call 310-434-4300 from a cellphone or off-campus telephone. The **SMC LiveSafe App** (download to your phone from the Apple App Store or Google Play) allows you to receive emergency notifications, communicate via text to report a variety of incidents, utilize the SafeWalk feature to have a friend watch you walk to your destination, or log on to find the many resources that SMC has to offer.

The Campus Police Department patrols each of the SMC campuses and provides students and staff with a number of services, including:

- Preparing and investigating crime and incident reports;
- Operating the campus "lost and found" service; and
- Providing student and staff escort services.

The Campus Police Department offers LiveScan Fingerprinting — by appointment only — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled

by calling 310-434-4608. The fingerprinting must be associated with an SMC activity.

Please call the SMCPD office for general information and NON-emergency police services. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (subject to change without notice).

### Campus Store

[bookstore.smc.edu](http://bookstore.smc.edu)

Email: [bookstore@smc.edu](mailto:bookstore@smc.edu)

**Main (next to Student Center), 310-434-4258**

**Airport Arts 123A, 310-434-4637**

**Bundy (next to main entrance), 310-434-3480**

**Center for Media and Design (CMD), 310-434-3750**

**Performing Arts Center 105, 310-434-3482**

The SMC Campus Store sells new and used textbooks, school and office supplies, campus sweat- and T-shirts, and art materials. The Campus Store also stocks class schedules and the SMC catalog (which is updated annually).

The Campus Store provides the International Standard Book Number (ISBN), retail price, and/or other information (subject to change) about the required or recommended textbooks and supplemental materials for each course offered at SMC. Students should go to [bookstore.smc.edu](http://bookstore.smc.edu) and click on "Textbooks" for details. Students can browse through a catalog of items or search for a specific title, make purchases and rent textbooks on the spot, and have their order shipped directly to their home.

Students with disabilities may find some areas of the Campus Store inaccessible, and should request assistance if needed. A current booklist for classes is available through the Center for Students with Disabilities.

For up-to-date details on SMC Campus Store hours, refund and buyback policies, or other information, students should visit the Campus Store's webpage or call.

### Career Services Center

[smc.edu/careercenter](http://smc.edu/careercenter)

[smc.edu/hiresmc](http://smc.edu/hiresmc)

**Student Services Center S110, 310-434-4337**

The Career Services Center provides SMC students with a single, conveniently located source for career exploration, including choosing a college major and a career pathway, gaining experience through internships, and employment advisement in finding on- and off-campus jobs.

To help students plan their careers, the Career Services Center offers a special eight-week class (Counseling 12, Exploring Careers and College Majors) that provides an opportunity for students to explore their interests, identify and clarify their core values, evaluate their skills, and learn how their personalities contribute to career choice.

The Career Services Center operates SMC's Internship Program (see Internship Program, above, for details), which helps students find opportunities for internships and cooperative work experience in jobs related to their field of study. To find out about participating in SMC's Internship Program, students should call the Career Services Center, or visit the Internship Program's website ([smc.edu/internship](http://smc.edu/internship)). The Career Services Center offers:

- Access to *choices360.com*, an online career-exploration program;
- Workshops on how to find an internship, how to gain employment/internship if you are undocumented, career exploration, resume writing, interview techniques, and how to create your LinkedIn profile (including getting your picture taken);

- Hundreds of job listings, available online at [smc.edu/hiresmc](http://smc.edu/hiresmc); and
- Job search assistance.

The Career Services Center also offers individual appointments both in person and via Zoom. To make an appointment, students should visit the Career Services Center website or call the office.

### Center for Wellness & Wellbeing

[smc.edu/wellness](http://smc.edu/wellness)

**Math Complex 75, 310-434-4503, 800-691-6003**

SMC's Center for Wellness & Wellbeing offers short-term personal counseling to currently enrolled students who have paid the Health Services fee. Personal concerns sometimes interfere with study and concentration. These concerns may be feelings of anxiety, depression, or lack of self-confidence; interpersonal problems with family or friends; life stresses such as leaving home, death of a loved one, mid-life transitions; or other problems such as alcohol or drug use, eating habits, sexual issues, etc.

Licensed psychologists and interns/trainees help students resolve these problems or help them find appropriate resources in the community.

Topic-oriented workshops (e.g., Test Anxiety, Stress Management) are also offered to students.

For in-the-moment mental health support, students can call 800-691-6003, the 24/7 emotional support line. For an appointment to seek individual psychological services, or to find out about upcoming workshops, students should call the Center for Wellness & Wellbeing.

### Child Care Services

[smc.edu/childcareservices](http://smc.edu/childcareservices)

**Bundy Campus, Room 317**

**3171 S. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles, 310-434-8280**

Email: [lopez\\_jeanette@smc.edu](mailto:lopez_jeanette@smc.edu)

Santa Monica College offers several child care options — including FREE child care through the CCAMPIS program — for students while they attend SMC. SMC students with child care needs should see the Child Care Services website ([smc.edu/childcareservices](http://smc.edu/childcareservices)) or email CCAMPIS Project Manager Jeanette Lopez at [lopez\\_jeanette@smc.edu](mailto:lopez_jeanette@smc.edu) for more information.

### Associated Students Child Care Fund

Single parents who have financial need, a minimum 6-unit enrollment, a minimum 2.0 GPA, and a child under 10 years of age — AND who are NOT receiving subsidized child care — may qualify to receive up to \$400 monthly toward their child care expenses.

### Santa Monica Early Childhood Lab School

Santa Monica College and the City of Santa Monica partnered to build the innovative Early Childhood Lab School. The Lab School will grow to serve up to 110 children annually, and give teachers in-training in SMC's Education and Early Childhood programs the hands-on experience they need to develop crucial expertise under the guidance of leading education professionals. Located at the corner of 4th Street and Civic Center Drive in Santa Monica, the Lab School is being operated by the nonprofit child-development center Growing Place. Information on Lab School developments is available at [smc.edu/labschool](http://smc.edu/labschool).

### Computer Labs and Services

[smc.edu/computerlabs](http://smc.edu/computerlabs)

Santa Monica College has many computer-based services and on-campus computer labs for students. On-campus wireless access to the Internet is available at various indoor and outdoor areas on SMC's

various campuses to all currently enrolled students with an SMC computer lab account and a correctly configured computing device.

Every SMC student receives a free college email account that offers a permanent email address (as long as Google is the service provider). **IMPORTANT:** THIS EMAIL ADDRESS IS WHERE SANTA MONICA COLLEGE WILL SEND ALL OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COLLEGE TO A STUDENT. To access communications from the College, a student can use any electronic device with Internet access. Students also have available various other Google services, including online storage space for documents. Students are strongly urged to read the Google Privacy Policy ([smc.edu/google](http://smc.edu/google)) before using the service.

Students using any SMC computer services are expected to abide by SMC's Responsible Computer Use Policy (see [smc.edu/computer\\_policy](http://smc.edu/computer_policy) for details). On-campus computers may be restricted to College-related work at any time. All files **MUST** be saved to either student-selected online storage services or onto student-provided removable media such as USB flash drives. Any files not saved properly are subject to loss, and the College is **NOT** responsible for any work lost while using College computer labs or services.

The following computer lab is open to ALL CURRENTLY ENROLLED students:

- Library Computer Commons (SMC Library, downstairs, near the Reference Desk, 1st Floor North) — Computers and wired and wireless network connections are available to access a variety of information resources.

An additional computer lab is open to currently enrolled students WITH A VALID ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ACTIVITIES STICKER:

- Cayton Associated Students Computer Lab — Cayton Center 209 (above the cafeteria).

The following computer labs, primarily for students enrolled in specific classes, make their equipment and software available to all enrolled SMC students, but **ONLY** at times when the labs are not in use for instruction or tutoring purposes (check with the lab for available hours):

- Computer Science and Information Systems (CSIS) Lab — Business 231;
- CMD Lab — CMD 217;
- DigiPix — Business 131; and
- Science Lab — Science 240.

In addition, SMC has hundreds of computers in specialized computer labs restricted to special programs or to students enrolled in specific classes. Special programs include those offered by SMC's Center for Students with Disabilities, SMC Emeritus program for older adults, and various counseling centers. Specialized labs are available to students enrolled in specific courses in many academic disciplines, including art, computer science, graphic design, earth sciences, English and other languages, entertainment technology, fashion design, life sciences, math, music, photography, and physical sciences.

### **Corsair Newspaper**

[thecorsaironline.com](http://thecorsaironline.com)

**Center for Media and Design 130, 310-434-4340**

The Corsair, Santa Monica College's student-run newspaper, has a print edition published every Wednesday during the fall and spring semesters, as well as an online news site. The newspaper and its online edition have won numerous national, state, and local awards for writing, photography, graphic design, multimedia, and online content.

The Corsair welcomes all students to help create the newspaper, which is a lifeline of news and entertainment for the entire College community. Each week, students choose what news and issues to cover. Experience on The Corsair can lead to internships with major media companies.

Students who enroll in Journalism 16 become the staff that produces the print and online editions of The Corsair. Students in Journalism 22/Photo 14 become the photo staff of the paper. The Corsair staff also produces multimedia content such as videos for the online site, and manages all The Corsair social media accounts. Students should note that it is recommended, but not required, that writers and editors first take Journalism 1 or Journalism 8, and that photographers take Photo 1 and Journalism 21/Photo 13 to prepare for the newspaper production classes.

Students whose schedules do not permit taking the staff classes can become "contributors" to The Corsair. They will take on assignments or create their own in collaboration with editors at The Corsair, and will receive bylines and photo credits, but will not receive any units of credit for their efforts.

Students interested in working on The Corsair may contact one of the above professors or drop by the office to meet the editors and learn more about The Corsair.

### **Counseling & Transfer Services**

[smc.edu/generalcounseling](http://smc.edu/generalcounseling)

**Student Services Center S256, 310-434-4210**

Comprehensive academic and transfer counseling services are available to all Santa Monica College students in General Counseling & Transfer Services. (Note: Career counseling services are available in the Career Services Center.) Highly trained and experienced counselors are available to assist students with a variety of issues related to student success. Students are encouraged to contact a counselor at least once each semester to discuss their education goals. Counselors are able to provide students with professional guidance in the following areas:

- Reviewing student information to determine appropriate course options;
- Exploring academic and personal goals, and identifying possible educational options;
- Developing short-term and long-term education plans;
- Explaining the various certificate and degree programs available at SMC, and offering assistance in researching alternative college options if the student's desired program is not offered at SMC;
- Assisting with identification of transfer options and course requirements for University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), independent, and out-of-state institutions; and
- Providing referral information to other student support service programs on campus, as well as to other off-campus resources.

In addition to one-on-one counseling sessions — currently offered in person, via video, and by phone — General Counseling & Transfer Services also provides counseling services online at [smc.edu/onlinecounseling](http://smc.edu/onlinecounseling).

During the academic year, General Counseling & Transfer Services holds a number of hybrid and online workshops that address topics such as the transfer process, education planning, study skills, and time management. The Counseling Department also offers courses that provide a more in-depth study of the topics listed above. Students will find these courses listed under the "Counseling" heading in the Schedule of Classes.

Drop-in counseling services for quick issues requiring a short consultation (15 minutes or less) are continually available, and students may make appointments for more extensive counseling

sessions during most parts of the year. For General Counseling & Transfer Services hours and other information, students should visit the website or call the office.

## Education and Early Childhood Counseling

[smc.edu/ece](http://smc.edu/ece)

**Early Childhood Lab School, 2nd Floor**

**1802 4th Street, Santa Monica, 310-434-8109**

The Education and Early Childhood program provides academic and professional preparation, as well as transfer assistance, for students interested in teaching careers (infant through grade 12) or related work with children and families. Students receive individualized academic support, counseling, and professional growth advisement, including assistance with permit applications for students seeking employment in early childhood education.

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

**Financial Aid:**

[smc.edu/financialaid](http://smc.edu/financialaid)

**Student Services Center S133, 310-434-4343**

**Scholarships:**

[smc.edu/scholarships](http://smc.edu/scholarships)

**Student Services Center S133, 310-434-4343**

Santa Monica College provides a variety of resources to assist and encourage students who need financial assistance. Federal and State grants, work-study, loans, and fee waivers are available through SMC's Financial Aid Office.

Scholarships are offered for a wide range of achievements and activities through SMC's Scholarship Office, and many have no requirements for financial need. Together, Financial Aid and Scholarships annually provide over \$45 million of assistance to SMC students!

Students can apply for federal financial aid and a California College Promise Grant (CCPG) by selecting the [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) link through the SMC Financial Aid website ([smc.edu/financialaid](http://smc.edu/financialaid)). At this website, students can find links to federal and state agencies. Students can also find answers to their questions in the SMC Student Financial Aid Handbook. For specific questions, students can call the Financial Aid Office.

Santa Monica College has partnered with BankMobile to process financial aid disbursements. For more details, students should visit [smc.edu/bankmobile](http://smc.edu/bankmobile).

SMC's Scholarship Office provides information about scholarships to aid students — including high school students — entering or continuing at SMC, or transferring from SMC to a four-year college or university. Monetary awards in various amounts are given in recognition of academic excellence and potential for success. The Scholarship Office distributes more than \$450,000 in scholarship funds each year from the Santa Monica College Foundation (an endowment fund that provides proceeds for about 500 different scholarships), service clubs and local organizations, private individuals, and other organizations, foundations, and corporations. Information on the requirements for awards can be obtained from the Scholarship Office. Students must have completed 12 units with a GPA of 2.5 at Santa Monica College to be eligible to apply for scholarships. For more information, students should visit the Scholarship Office website or call the office.

## Food Services

Santa Monica College offers a variety of on-campus food services, including:

- The Cafeteria, centrally located on SMC's main campus, provides service indoors, with seating available inside and on outdoor patio areas. The Cafeteria houses a food court, where a selection of meals, salads, snacks, desserts, and beverages may be purchased at reasonable prices. Currently, the Cafeteria's food services are provided by the Corsair Café and TCBY. The Cafeteria is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Coffee Spot, located by the Theatre Arts Complex, serves hot and cold coffee beverages and pre-wrapped sandwiches and salads. The Coffee Spot is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Vending machines can also be found at various locations on the main and other SMC campuses. An Everytable refrigerated vending machine is located in the Cafeteria on the main SMC campus, as well as at the SMC Center for Media and Design.
- Bodega, SMC's centralized food pantry located by the east side of the Cafeteria, offers free non-perishable food items, fresh produce, and toiletries to any currently enrolled student. Details and operating hours posted at [smc.edu/foodsecurity](http://smc.edu/foodsecurity).

## Gateway to Persistence and Success (GPS)

[smc.edu/gps](http://smc.edu/gps)

SMC's Gateway to Persistence and Success (GPS) — an online tool that connects students with their instructors, counselors, and student support services — acts as an 'early warning' system to help students address issues affecting or interfering with their education. Through GPS, instructors can alert Counseling or other services when a student is struggling, and students can receive feedback that gives them a solid idea of how they are doing in class. GPS also gives students who need help access to rapid referrals to support services, as well as positive reinforcement and encouragement.

For more information, students should visit the website.

## Health Insurance

The Health Services fee SMC students pay at the time they enroll is NOT health insurance. The fee covers ONLY the services offered at the SMC Health Services Center (see Health Services Center, below, for details). Any expenses a student incurs for medical services outside the scope of those covered by the Health Services fee, however, are the sole responsibility of the student and not the Santa Monica Community College District.

International students should consult the International Education Center for information on health insurance, which they are required to have while attending SMC.

## Health Sciences Counseling

[smc.edu/ncs](http://smc.edu/ncs)

**Nursing:** [smc.edu/nursing](http://smc.edu/nursing)

**Respiratory Care:** [smc.edu/rtlink](http://smc.edu/rtlink)

**Bundy Campus, 3rd Floor**

**3171 S. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles, 310-434-3453**

The Health Sciences Counseling program provides SMC Nursing and Respiratory Care students with academic counseling, education planning services, and other education and counseling services specific to health sciences.

## Health Services Center

[smc.edu/healthcenter](http://smc.edu/healthcenter)

**Cayton Center 112 (next to Cafeteria), 310-434-4262**

SMC's Health Services Center provides health services (with referrals as needed) to currently enrolled Santa Monica College students who have paid the Health Services fee. The focus of the Health Services Center is on health promotion, prevention of illness, treatment of acute illness, and health education.

The Health Services staff provides the following to all currently enrolled students who have paid the Health Services fee:

- Assessment and intervention by a Registered Nurse (RN) and/or Nurse Practitioner (RNP) for short-term illness, health screening, and referrals to appropriate community agencies if needed;
- First aid;
- The Rudy Almeida Glasses 4 Classes Award, established by SMC alum Rudy Almeida to help students with poor vision who are experiencing financial difficulty in acquiring glasses;
- Consultation, assessment, intervention, and treatment by a Nurse Practitioner (RNP);
- Prescription medications prescribed by the Nurse Practitioner;
- Rapid HIV testing through Venice Family Clinic's Common Ground program;
- Limited GYN screening and treatment through Westside Family Health Clinic (WFHC), with appointment;
- Blood pressure check;
- Tuberculin Mantoux skin test;
- Skin care clinic with Dr. Ava Shambam monthly, with appointment;
- Selected over-the-counter (OTC) medications;
- Selected immunizations at cost; and
- Pamphlets and other educational information.

The Communicable Disease Center (also known as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and the American College Health Association recommend/require the following immunizations for college students: MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), Varicella (chickenpox), Influenza, and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis). These immunizations — often required for students transferring to other institutions — are available in our office at cost (prices are subject to change).

All campus accidents should be reported immediately to the Health Services Center.

For hours and other information, students should call the Health Services Center or visit our website.

### **KCRW 89.9 FM**

**kcrw.com**

**Main Office, 424-538-8500**

**1660 Stewart St., Santa Monica**

**Membership, 888-600-5279**

KCRW 89.9 FM, a community service of Santa Monica College, is Southern California's leading National Public Radio affiliate, featuring an eclectic mix of music, news, information, and cultural programming. KCRW.com and the KCRW-developed smartphone app extend the station's profile globally, with three streams featuring web-exclusive content — all music, all news, and the live station simulcast — as well as an extensive list of podcasts.

### **Library**

**smc.edu/library**

**Information, 310-434-4334**

**Reference Service, 310-434-4254**

SMC's library offers a comfortable, studious atmosphere, with professional librarians available to assist — in person, via chat, or by email — with research and study needs.

SMC's library provides computers for student use to access a variety of information resources, including the library online catalog, full-text article databases, and Internet resources. These resources are also available to SMC students and staff from off-campus locations through the library's webpage.

The library also offers several courses specifically designed to introduce students to the research process and the variety of types of information resources available in print and online. These courses are strongly recommended for every SMC student, and are especially important for students planning to transfer to a four-year college or to a university. For descriptions of these courses, students should see the "Library Studies" listings in the Schedule of Classes.

SMC's library welcomes community members and invites them to learn more about how the library can support their lifelong learning pursuits.

For library hours and other information, students should visit the library webpage.

### **Music Performance Groups**

**smc.edu/music**

**SMC Performing Arts Center 111 310-434-4323**

**1310 11th St., Santa Monica**

SMC's music performance groups participate in a variety of concerts and other musical performances — including musicals, opera and theatre productions, and other community events — presented at the SMC Performing Arts Center and selected area venues. Students may earn credit for their participation in music performance classes, including the Concert Chorale, Chamber Choir, Jazz Vocal Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Piano Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, Opera Theater, and Musical Theatre. An Applied Music Program (see Mentor Program in the Arts/Applied Music Program, above) is also offered, with qualifications determined by audition. For more information, students should visit the Music Department website or call the office.

### **Office of Student Life**

**smc.edu/OSL**

**Cayton Center 202, 310-434-4250**

The Office of Student Life is the hub of student activities. The A.S. Board of Directors, A.S. Commissioners, Inter-Club Council (ICC), Associate Dean of Student Life, and student activities staff can all be found there, along with information on A.S. and club activities, use of campus public areas, campus student publicity, and other details.

The Associated Students (A.S.) — The student-directed organization of the SMC student body and its elected or appointed student officers promote the intellectual, social, and cultural welfare of students through proper, effective government. Students participating in A.S. Government gain first-hand experience with the governing process and build management and leadership skills.

The A.S. Resource fees support a rich program of extracurricular activities including more than 60 student clubs to foster academic achievement, social interaction, and community involvement.

Students may participate in A.S. Government as elected officers serving one-year terms on the A.S. Board of Directors or as the Student Trustee. Students may also volunteer as A.S. Commissioners appointed by the Board of Directors to help carry out directors' goals and serve on committees.

Students elected to A.S. Government can represent the interests of their fellow students in how SMC operates, including instructional support systems, student services, financial support services, and planning. SMC's Board of Trustees grants and defines A.S. Government's legislative and fiscal authority.

Students in A.S. Government must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in at least eight (8) units per semester. For details, students should see the Associated Students website or ask the Office of Student Life for information.

## Associated Students Activities

The A.S. Resource fee is optional. Students who choose to pay the A.S. Resource fee each semester enrich campus life with student clubs, special events that include concerts and guest speakers, student clubs, and special events. Students with an active A.S. Resource sticker also enjoy special privileges and benefits such as:

- Priority use of the Cayton Associated Students Computer Lab;
- Student club membership and support to start a club;
- FREE Scantrons and Blue Books for testing;
- Leadership opportunities (elected or appointed);
- Assistance with food security through the Free Lunch Voucher (FLVR) program, Galleys (food pantries), and Corsair Market (free farmers market);
- And much more!

For all the details, students should visit the Office of Student Life website or call for information.

## Student Clubs

One of the best ways to get involved in campus life is to join one of SMC's more than 60 student clubs. The clubs reflect the wide range of interests SMC students have in areas such as academic achievement, science, sports, creative arts, business and industry, social awareness, and service. Club activities include field trips, business meetings, networking opportunities, guest lectures, and social events to enhance the educational and social experiences students have on campus and in the community. To find out about student clubs, see the Student Clubs website.

California law forbids secret fraternities and sororities in public community colleges. All clubs at SMC — with the exception of the honor scholarship societies, which require specific qualifications (see Honors Societies, above, for details) — are open to all students.

## Inter-Club Council (ICC)

The Inter-Club Council (ICC) promotes SMC's student clubs to attract and increase student participation in them, encourage the development of student leadership and service, and foster interaction among the clubs. The ICC sponsors Club Row, an annual spring festival that brings all of SMC's student clubs together to showcase their variety and give students the chance to find out first-hand what activities the clubs offer.

## Performance Facilities

Santa Monica College offers several performance facilities for music, dance, theatre, and other productions, presentations, and events.

### SMC Events

[smc.edu/events](http://smc.edu/events)

Information 310-434-3001

### BroadStage Events

[broadstage.org](http://broadstage.org)

Information & Tickets 310-434-3200

### The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage

**SMC Performing Arts Center**

**1310 11th St., Santa Monica**

The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage (more familiarly known around campus as The Broad Stage) is a top entertainment destination for audiences throughout the region and hosts performers from all around the globe. The Broad Stage is used by many of SMC's music programs and dance programs for their annual performances. It also serves as the performance home for BroadStage, the renowned

presentation company that hosts a variety of top-rated music, dance, and other events, including fully staged theatrical productions. Details on upcoming performances and ticket information are available at [broadstage.org](http://broadstage.org).

### The Edye Second Space

**SMC Performing Arts Center**

**1310 11th St., Santa Monica**

The Edye Second Space (more familiarly known as The Edye) is a small "black box" performance, rehearsal, and classroom facility. The Edye is an ideal setting for intimate concerts and small productions offering audiences the experience of being up-close and personal with performance art.

### Music Hall

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The Music Hall — home to SMC's popular Jazz Concert Series held in spring and fall — is a spacious facility for concerts performed by SMC music ensembles and guest musicians.

### Theatre Arts Complex

**SMC Campus**

**1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica**

[smc.edu/theatre](http://smc.edu/theatre)

Information 310-434-4165

The Theatre Arts Complex provides two performance spaces — the Main Stage and the Studio Stage — under one roof on SMC's main campus. With all its amenities, the Theatre Arts Complex is an ideal place to teach the art of theater and to perform stage productions for the community.

### SMC John Drescher Planetarium

[smc.edu/planetarium](http://smc.edu/planetarium)

**Drescher Hall 223 (near elevator)**

**Note:** Until further notice, SMC's John Drescher Planetarium will present its shows online using the Zoom platform (with a few possible exceptions for special telescope viewing sessions). A link to the shows is available on the date of the show at [smc.edu/planetarium](http://smc.edu/planetarium).

A new planetarium — with full capabilities for multimedia presentations — is under construction and expected to open in fall 2024. The planetarium, along with a new observatory also under construction — will be used for SMC astronomy and science classes, local schools, community groups, and the general public.

On Friday evenings during the academic year, the planetarium presents two highly popular astronomy shows. "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m. is an interactive general interest, 50-minute introduction to the wonders and sights of the night sky. The show is updated weekly to reflect the ever-changing sky and the latest news in space exploration and astronomy, and questions from guests about their favorite constellations or other cosmic phenomena are welcomed. The Feature Show at 8 p.m. concentrates in more detail on a specific topic such as the exploration of Mars or the quest for life beyond Earth. From time to time, the planetarium offers Sunday Matinee shows at 2 p.m.

The planetarium's website lists show dates, topics, and other information, including how to arrange a special group presentation.

### SMC Student Email

Santa Monica College uses Google Gmail to communicate with students and to provide each SMC student with a FREE email account. Gmail accounts are very user friendly, can be reached from any computer or mobile device with Internet access, include online storage,

and give students access to other Google services. Details are available at [smc.edu/google](http://smc.edu/google).

Before setting up and starting to use a Gmail account, students should BE SURE TO READ THE GOOGLE PRIVACY POLICY (link at [smc.edu/google](http://smc.edu/google)). To set up a Gmail account, students should go to [smc.edu/cc](http://smc.edu/cc) and log into Corsair Connect, then click on the SMC@Email icon and follow the instructions. Once the Gmail account is set up, students should be sure to check it frequently, as this will be where Santa Monica College will send all official communication from the College to students.

**Note:** The @student.smc.edu email address is NOT a permanent service, and will be disabled after a period of non-enrollment at SMC. **Students should NOT link or associate their SMC student email address with personal and non-SMC related services, including Facebook, X, Instagram, and other social media, as well as bank account(s), ATM and credit cards, and for purchased apps/services.** SMC email addresses may be restricted at the College's discretion at any time.

### Student Equity Center (SEC)

[smc.edu/sec](http://smc.edu/sec)

**Cayton Center, Lower Level, 310-434-4666**

**Email: [studentequitycenter@smc.edu](mailto:studentequitycenter@smc.edu)**

The Student Equity Center is a collaborative and inclusive space consisting of four centers: Gender Equity Center, Racial Justice Center, Pride Center, and Dream Resource Center. The Student Equity Center empowers students to explore, affirm, and celebrate their individual and intersectional identities and define success for themselves. Each center promotes a sense of belonging and develops student leadership to work toward social change on their campus and in their communities.

### Dream Resource Center

The Dream Resource Center is committed to creating a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment where students who are undocumented and/or from mixed-status households can feel empowered to achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals.

Our vision is to build scholars and leaders who empower others within the undocumented community and elevate their voices.

The aim is to foster an inclusive and nondiscriminatory campus community, and to strive to educate and develop awareness of the experiences of undocumented and immigrant communities by providing resources, services, and tools for the SMC campus community.

### Gender Equity Center

The Gender Equity Center is dedicated to creating an equitable community at SMC by addressing and challenging gender inequity through education, empowerment of women, consciousness raising, activism, and allyship.

The Gender Equity Center actively works to:

- Advance authentic dialogue regarding systemic gender inequities;
- Develop programs to promote gender equity through an intersectional lens;
- Offer resources to create/promote/build feminist, womxnist, and mujerista movements;
- Advocate for gender equity by organizing and participating in social and activist movements;
- Welcome and build allyship in support of gender equity; and

- Build and establish partnerships with SMC groups and community agencies to support and achieve gender equality.

### Racial Justice Center

The Racial Justice Center is dedicated to building a campus committed to dismantling racism, affirming racial identity, supporting cultural narratives, and promoting equitable access and opportunity for historically underrepresented students by:

- Centering student voices as a key part of the decision-making process;
- Empowering student voices by providing a safe space where community is encouraged;
- Promoting authentic dialogue within the campus community through the development of programming to improve race relations at SMC;
- Creating a space for students to organize, support, and promote social change initiatives on and off the SMC campus;
- Fostering the exploration of intersectional identities;
- Encouraging participation, accountability, and commitment to action of allies;
- Identifying access to resources needed for academic achievement;
- Recognizing and challenging systemic and institutional inequities as they relate to race; and
- Respecting the humanity of all people.

### Pride Center

The Pride center is dedicated to honoring and prioritizing intersectional LGBTQ+ identities. We are committed to improving campus culture so that all queer and trans students can celebrate and embody their holistic selves.

The Pride Center:

- Strives to create a safe inclusive environment for students, staff, faculty, and community members;
- Fosters self-love, self-acceptance, and individual growth;
- Advocates for and with LGBTQ+ people;
- Educates about our complex histories, acknowledges our struggles, and celebrates our triumphs;
- Builds greater understanding and facilitates conversations around sexual orientation, gender identities, and gender expression; and
- Embraces the ideas that our work is ongoing and our language is ever evolving.

### SMC Student I.D. Card

SMC students may obtain one SMC student I.D. card free of charge through the Cashier's Office. The card provides SMC students with a photo I.D., enhanced access features, and improved campus security. The card offers a convenient way to speed up checking out books and materials from the SMC Library and to access the campus tutoring labs and learning resource centers, as well as purchase discount tickets for selected events or activities.

For more information, students should contact the Cashier's Office.

### Theatre Arts Productions

[smc.edu/theatre](http://smc.edu/theatre)

**Theatre Arts Complex, 310-434-4165**

Students at Santa Monica College may participate in full-scale productions offered to the community and receive training in all aspects of theater productions, from intense classes specifically for the training of the actor (including acting classes in Modern Realism and various historical styles, vocal production for the stage, and stage movement) to training in the technical aspects of theater production

(including stagecraft, costuming, make-up, sound, lighting, projection, stage management, and more). Students also have many opportunities to audition for various other public performances.

The College's facilities for educational theater — the Theatre Arts Complex — provides two performance spaces under one roof on SMC's main campus. With all its amenities, the Theatre Arts Complex is an ideal place to teach the art of theater and to perform stage productions for the community.

The latest details on upcoming performances and ticket information are available on the website.

## **Tutoring Services**

**[smc.edu/tutoring](http://smc.edu/tutoring)**

Tutoring helps students excel academically. Santa Monica College provides all enrolled students with free tutoring services in most subjects through a number of on-campus tutoring centers.

Tutoring is offered to support a wide variety of programs, including:

- Accounting
- Business
- Computer Science
- Economics
- ESL
- History
- Humanities
- Logic
- Math
- Modern Languages
- Political Science
- Science
- Writing

Specialized tutoring may also be arranged through the Center for Students with Disabilities (310-434-4265), EOPS/CARE (310-434-4268), the Scholars Program (310-434-4371), and the International Education Center (310-434-4217). General tutoring information and the hours of the tutoring centers are available on the Tutoring Services webpage ([smc.edu/tutoring](http://smc.edu/tutoring)).

Students do not need to wait to schedule a tutoring appointment. Tutoring appointments are scheduled online through Corsair Connect ([smc.edu/cc](http://smc.edu/cc)).

Tutoring offers many benefits, including giving students the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the material from tutors who have mastered the coursework, review key concepts from courses, ask the questions they did not ask in class, and formulate questions to take back to instructors about course material. Tutoring also helps students learn new methods for notetaking and textbook reading, as well as new study strategies.

## **Welcome Center**

**[smc.edu/welcomecenter](http://smc.edu/welcomecenter)**

**Student Services Center S110, 310-434-8101**

The Welcome Center is a one-stop location to assist first-time SMC students as they begin their journey at the College. Our outreach and recruitment strategy blends a hub-spoke approach to interface with local high schools, community, and out-of-state students. The Welcome Center staff represents SMC at local and national college fairs, career days, and other special events each year.

The Welcome Center serves as a bridge between SMC and its partner high schools, middle schools, and community agencies to present Santa Monica College as an elite higher-education choice, and to ensure a smooth on-boarding and transition for entering students.

The Center supports students in a nurturing and welcoming environment. Students receive vital new-student information and step-by-step guidance through the enrollment process. As the first point of contact for SMC, the Welcome Center offers campus tours and introduces students, parents, and high school counselors to education counseling and academic programs, student services, and other campus resources.

At the Welcome Center, students can use computers to apply to SMC, enroll in classes, complete their online orientation, and/or work on their education plans, as well as get assistance with:

- Applying to SMC;
- SMC Promise concerns;
- Navigating Corsair Connect;
- Completing orientation;
- Understanding financial aid; and
- Referrals to campus resources.

For more information, students should visit the Welcome Center website or contact the office.