

The mission, vision, commitment, and institutional values of the MiraCosta Community College District are as follows:

MiraCosta College Mission

MiraCosta College fosters the academic and holistic success of its diverse learners within a caring and equitable environment to strengthen the educational, economic, cultural, and social well-being of the communities it serves.

MiraCosta College achieves this mission through innovative teaching, learning, and support services, and by offering degree, certificate, career education, adult education, transfer, and life-long learning opportunities.

MiraCosta College Vision

MiraCosta College will be a leader and partner in transforming lives and communities through learning.

MiraCosta College Commitment

MiraCosta College is committed to creating a racially just campus climate. Individuals and their diverse cultures and identities are welcomed, nurtured, and validated. MiraCosta College takes institutional responsibility for closing the equity gap for disproportionately-impacted populations including Latinx and Chicanx communities, Black and African American communities, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities, Native American communities, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer/questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) communities, veteran communities, former foster youth, adult students, and students from low socioeconomic statuses. MiraCosta will continue to serve all constituents with values rooted in equity, diversity, inclusion, and community.

Institutional Values

The values of an institution are statements of what an organization stands for and what can be expected from it. The values listed below were developed by the long-term planning workgroup with feedback from college employees and students.

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Equity:

We are committed to centering equity in all that we do as we carry out our institutional mission. We acknowledge that systemic barriers and racial inequities exist that negatively affect historically marginalized and disproportionately impacted populations and that everyone is responsible for intentional efforts to remove obstacles to employment, learning, participation, and institutional success.

Institutional Accountability & Responsibility:

As a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), veteran and military supportive institution, and Achieving the Dream Leader College, we take the responsibility for closing the equity gaps through empowering marginalized voices, nurturing our many identities and social circumstances, fostering cultural responsiveness, and standing against all manifestations of discrimination. We acknowledge that through supporting a culturally sustaining community of practice among academic and educational professionals, we enhance our ability to serve all students.

Diversity and Inclusion:

We are committed to providing a strong, supportive, authentic and accessible environment where difference is valued, respected, encouraged, and honored, and where all employee and student identities and cultural experiences are recognized and valued with opportunities for engagement both across the campus and within the diverse communities the college serves.

Integrity:

We honorably pursue our professional and institutional endeavors with a united commitment to honesty, responsibility, self-awareness, vision, and accountability.

Excellence:

We strive for the highest quality in all our instruction, programs, and services. We engage in continual improvement and innovation to realize the highest potential of students, employees, and the College.

Mutual Respect:

We nurture a culture of mutual respect through open and civil communication, knowledge sharing, and active listening through empathy, diversity, and truth.

Student-Centeredness:

The success of students inside and outside the classroom is the utmost priority by providing student-centered policies, instruction, support, events, and resources with opportunities for growth from student feedback. Learning is designed with students at the center and is personalized to students' unique needs, interests, identities, and aspirations—and designed with their ideas and voices at the table.

Innovation:

We are committed to pursuing new ideas and courageously experiment, explore, and take risks in developing new ways of teaching and serving students and our community.

Community:

We are committed to building a MiraCosta community that affirms racial and cultural identities of all of its members and empowers them to grow, create connections, and transform their lives. We partner with our diverse communities to engage students and their families in collaborative learning and cultural validation for community uplift and success. We are dedicated to preparing students to be positive contributors to the communities we serve and the global community at large.

Sustainability and Stewardship:

We are committed to the maintenance, conservation, preservation, enhancement, and effective utilization of the fiscal, environmental, human, and physical resources entrusted to us. We pursue innovations that enhance the quality of our communities, improve the environment, and strengthen sustainability in the management of our resources.

As part of the ten-year comprehensive master planning process, this mission is evaluated and revised at least every three years, or as deemed necessary.