

We've Got STEM

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Costa College Science Center



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The Opportunity

According to the Department of Education, the U.S. has fallen behind other countries in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), creating an urgent need for science education at all levels.

As a leader in STEM education, Contra Costa College's (CCC's) commitment to increasing access to these fields—for everyone—has been strengthened by a \$68 million state-of-the-art Science Center under construction and set to open in 2022.

This bond-funded project is a large investment in students least represented in the STEM fields. Contra Costa College serves 81% low- and lower-middle income students, 85% of whom are students of color.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 93 out of 100 STEM occupations have wages above the national average yet underrepresented groups, including Latinx and African Americans, comprise 10% and 28% of these workers, respectively. Latinx and African Americans even fall as low as just 3% representation in some STEM fields.

CCC's Science Center will help shift this cycle. An investment in this campaign ensures that CCC doesn't have to dip into its reserves to complete the project and remains a leader in launching the dreams of future scientists of color who can transfer to four-year colleges and universities and pursue these careers.



Contra Costa College Foundation

The Contra Costa College Foundation is a 501(c) 3 corporation. Since 1967, the Foundation has raised more than \$16 million to support programs and activities at CCC. In 2019-2020, the Foundation received donations valued at more than \$2.5 million. Currently, the Foundation counts total assets at \$9.4 million.

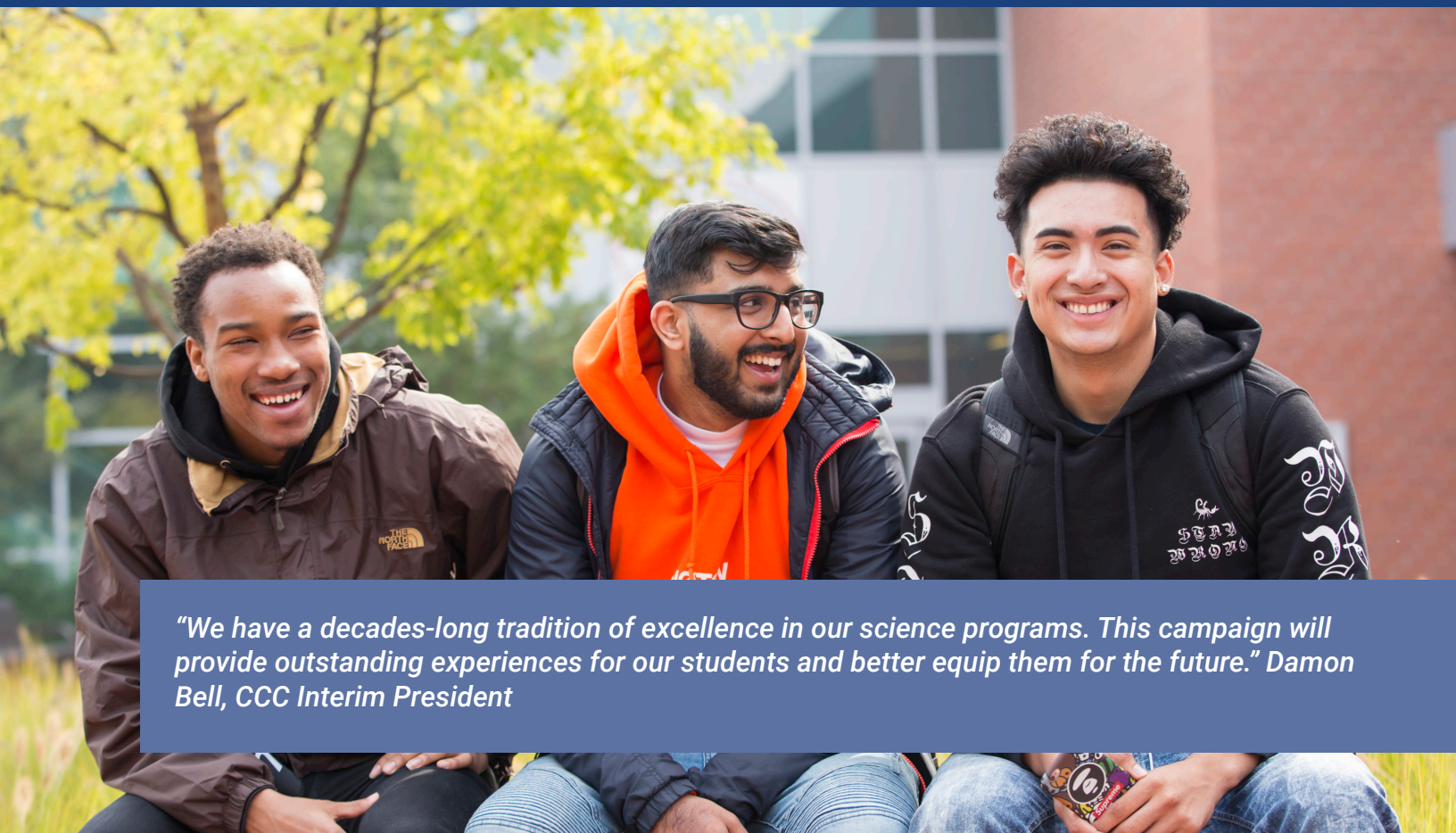
Governed by a 14-member Board of Directors, the CCC Foundation has designated the capital campaign for the Science Center at CCC as its priority project for 2021, with a goal of raising \$320,000 to help Contra Costa College support STEM education. Specifically, the Foundation hopes to create a Celebrating STEM Diversity Art Project in the foyer as well as purchase equipment for the Chemistry and Biology departments.



Contra Costa College

Contra Costa College (CCC) is the oldest and most diverse of the three colleges in the Contra Costa Community College District. Located on 83 acres in the hills of San Pablo and Richmond, CCC is the only institution of higher education in West County. CCC is privileged to provide exemplary educational service to a socioeconomically diverse and resilient community of predominately Latinx, African American and Asian students. Since opening in 1949, CCC has strived to help students enjoy an improved quality of life and to strengthen families and communities through a shared commitment to lifelong learning.

CCC has been recognized for many of its academic and career education programs locally, statewide and nationally. It was the first community college to receive a \$2.5 million grant from the Department of Defense to establish the Center for Science Excellence, a mentoring program providing a solid foundation in the sciences, mathematics and engineering, as well as transfer preparation. It is currently funded through multiple grants, including one provided by the National Science Foundation. The college also received a second Title III, part F HSI (Hispanic Serving Institution) STEM grant to continue the goal of increasing the number of students from under-resourced communities in the fields of science, technology and math.



"We have a decades-long tradition of excellence in our science programs. This campaign will provide outstanding experiences for our students and better equip them for the future." Damon Bell, CCC Interim President

Giving Opportunities

Gifts will be acknowledged in perpetuity on a beautiful donor wall which will be located outside of the planetarium (see pictured inset). Tile size will scale with donor tier. All gifts over \$50,000 will be acknowledged on the donor wall as well as on prominent naming plaques throughout the new Science Center.

Specific opportunities include:

\$40,000 Centrifuge
\$50,000 Celebrating STEM Diversity Art Project
\$60,000 Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
\$77,000 High Performance Liquid Chromatography
\$92,000 NMR Spectrometer

Science Center Donor Tiers

Tier 1	\$25,000+
Tier 2	\$10,000 - \$24,999
Tier 3	\$1,000 - \$9,999





The Science Center

The new three-story building will complement the campus with its impressive architecture and state-of-the-art learning facilities. The Science Center will connect the astronomy, engineering, physics, chemistry and biology departments, with tutoring and study areas throughout the building. The first floor will house staff offices, a computer lab and six classrooms furnished with modern anatomy and physiology labs. The Center for Science Excellence, dean's office and biology labs will be on the second floor.

The third floor will feature a 55-seat planetarium, engineering and chemistry laboratories and a designated maker space. The roof, built to reduce vibration, will be used as an upgraded observation deck. Telescopes and other observation equipment will feed data directly into the planetarium below. These facilities will be inviting and enriching spaces for students, faculty and the community.

Giving Form

We invite you to become our partner today. Together, we are breaking down barriers to education and diversifying the STEM fields. Your tax-deductible gift provides the funding to inspire and prepare the next generation of CCC students to become STEM professionals.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to support the We've Got STEM Campaign with a gift of:

☐ \$100,000 ☐ \$50,000 ☐ \$25,000

☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ Other: _____

I'd like to pay my pledge:

☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Annually

Over the course of:

☐ One year ☐ Two years ☐ Three years ☐ Four years Beginning _____ / _____

Payment method:

☐ Check enclosed (make out to the CCC Foundation with Science Center in the memo line)

☐ Credit card (circle one) *Visa* *MasterCard* *Discover* *American Express*

☐ Card number: _____ Exp: _____ CVV: _____

☐ Sign me up for: \$ _____ /month

☐ My gift will be matched by my company, please contact me.

Name as I'd like it to appear on the donor wall: _____

Signature: _____

Please mail to:

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