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Mission Statement

College of San Mateo provides an exceptional educational opportunity to residents of San Mateo County and the Greater Bay Area Region. The college is an open-access, student-centered institution that serves the diverse educational, economic, social, and cultural needs of its students and the community. College of San Mateo fosters a culture of excellence and success that engages and challenges students through a comprehensive curriculum of basic skills, career and technical programs, and transfer preparation. It uses analysis of quantitative and qualitative data and information, collaborative integrated institutional planning, and assessment to inform decision-making and ensure continuous improvement. Its programs and services are structured, delivered, and evaluated to prepare students to be informed and engaged citizens in an increasingly global community.

To achieve this mission, the college has adopted the following Strategic Goals:

1. Improve Student Success
2. Promote Academic Excellence
3. Develop Responsive High-Quality Programs and Services
4. Support Professional Development
5. Implement the Integrated Planning Cycle and Ensure Fiscal Stability, and the Efficient Use of Resources
6. Enhance Institutional Dialog

Diversity Statement

College of San Mateo maintains a policy of inclusiveness that recognizes, values, and reflects the diversity of the community it serves. As an academic institution, the college fosters a dynamic learning and working environment that encourages multiple perspectives and the free exchange of ideas. The college abides by the principle of equal opportunity for all without regard to gender, color, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, economic background, sexual orientation, and physical, learning, and psychological differences.

Mission Statement revised by CSM's Integrated Planning Committee, September 19, 2015

Diversity Statement revised June 2012