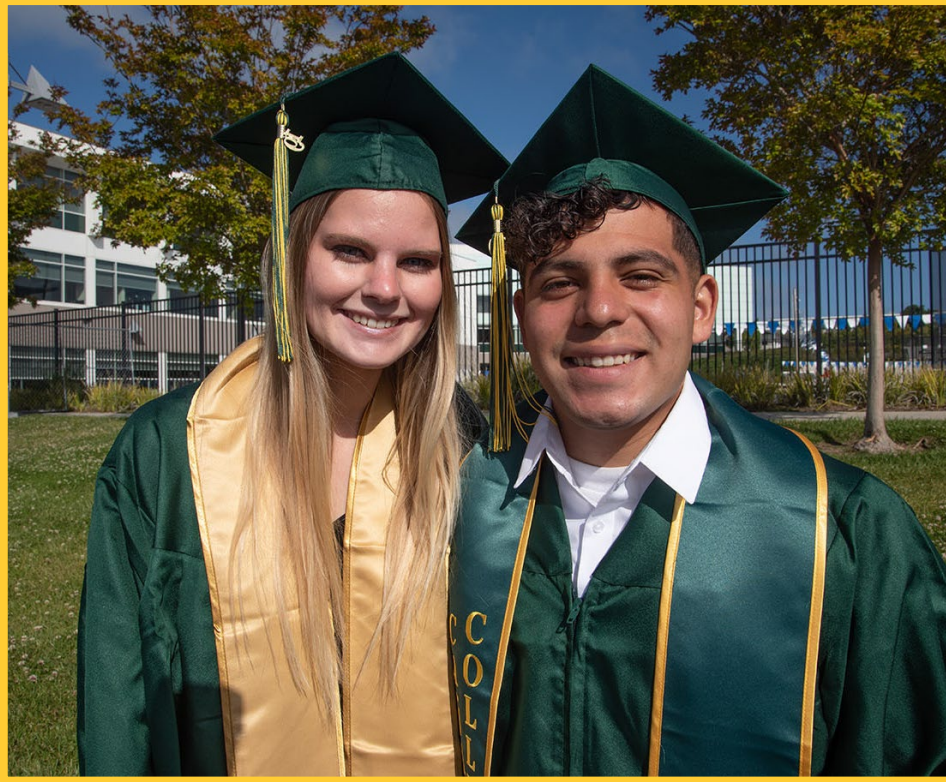




REDWOOD CITY, CA

**EMP 3.11 Create and Expand Career Exploration
Experiences for Students 4/8/26**

Progress So Far



- 9/16 Internal Stakeholders Fall Meeting
- 10/7 Internal and External Stakeholders Fall Meeting
- 10/20 Follow up meeting with JobTrain CEO Barrie Hathaway
- 11/11 Follow up meeting with Christopher Bernhard NOVAWorks
- 11/20 Follow up meeting of Internal Stakeholders
- 12/3 Update Presented to PBC
- 3/12 Internal Stakeholders Spring Meeting
- 4/8 Internal and External Stakeholders Spring Meeting
- 4/8 Update Presented to SSPC

Internal and External Stakeholders

Internal Stakeholders

- Lizette Bricker - VPSS
- Max Hartman – Dean of Counseling
- Bob Haick – Career Center
- Dr. Karen Engel – Dean of PRIE
- Megan Rodriguez- Antone – Director of Community Relations and Marketing
- Danny Lynch – Lead IA Counselor, Science and Health
- Jose Manzo – Lead IA Counselor, Art Design & Performance
- Dr. Kassie Alexander – Lead IA Counselor, Human Behavior and Culture
- Nadya Sigona – Lead IA Counselor, Business
- Alex Kramer – Dean, Business Design & Workforce

- Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez- Counselor/Coordinator EOPs/CARE/NextUP/FYSI (Career Launch)
- Diego Payan- Retention Specialist, Art, Design and Performance (and undecided)
- John Omar – Retention Specialist, Business and Human Behavior and Culture
- Jackie Gonzalez – Retention Specialist, Science and Health
- Dr. Ron Andrade – Director of Student Support

External Stakeholders

- Barrie Hathaway - JobTrain
- Suzanne Dedeaux – JobTrain
- Amanda Anthony – City of Redwood City
- Chris Bernhardt – Nova Works
- Dr. Maeve Katherine Bergman and Dr. Sunny Green - Bay Area California Community College Consortium (BACCC) to explore the FREE Gladeo Platform

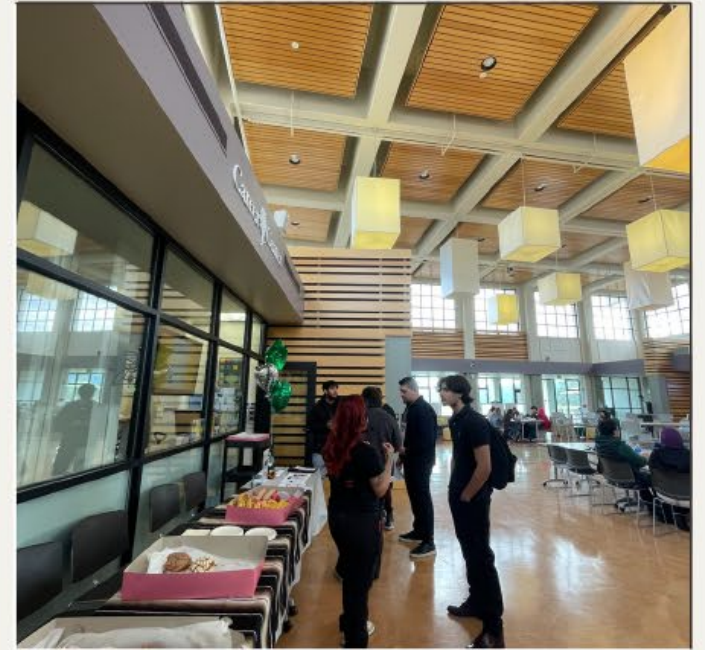


EXPLORERS

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Career Center Services



Career Conversations

CAREER CAFÉ



SPRING 2026

Spring 2026 – Introducing the Career Café

Overview & Purpose

Career Café is a monthly, community-building career event designed to bring students, faculty, staff, and professionals together over culturally welcoming refreshments. This space encourages informal career conversations, networking, and student engagement.

Goals of Career Café

1. Create a culturally welcoming and inclusive space where students can explore career pathways.
2. Strengthen relationships between students, faculty, staff, and external partners (industry professionals, community organizations, alumni).
3. Encourage organic low-stakes career conversations and networking.
4. Promote visibility of Interest Areas, peer mentors, career courses, and the Career Center resources.

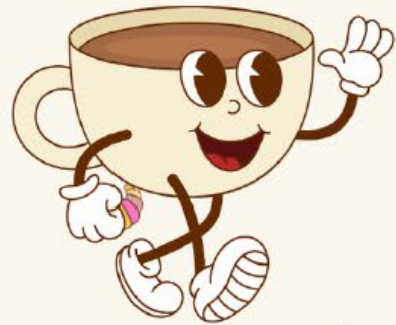


INTEREST AREAS PRESENTS



CAREER CAFÉ

A social and professional development experience



January 27th

February 24th

March 24th

April 28th



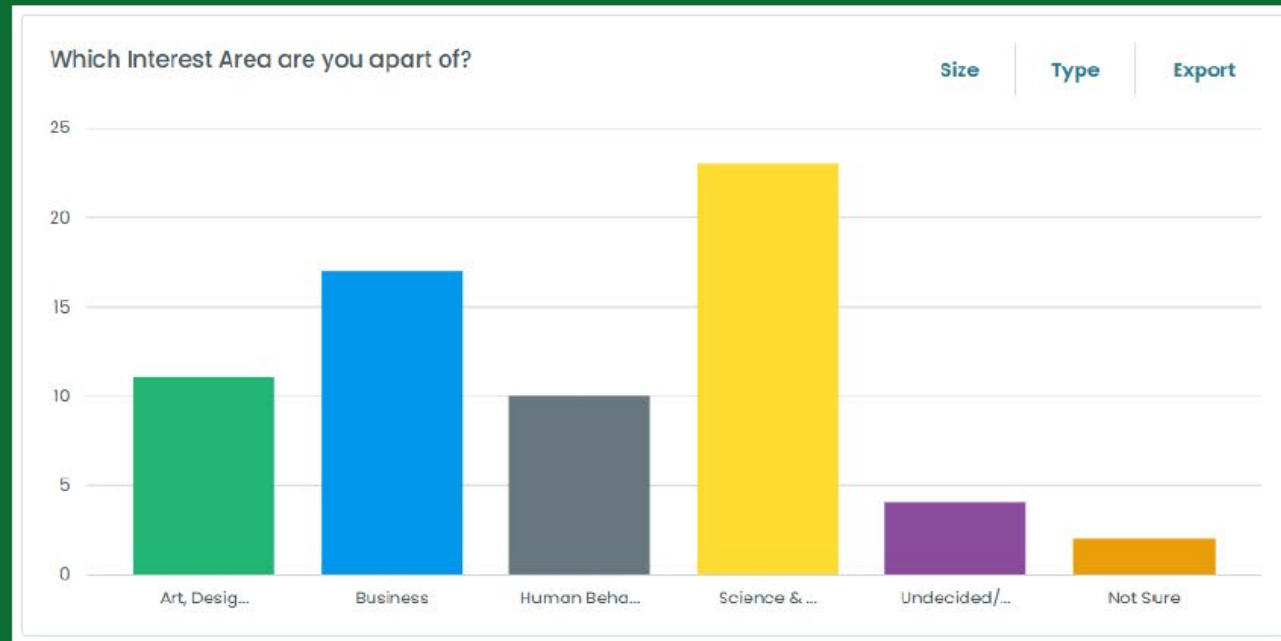
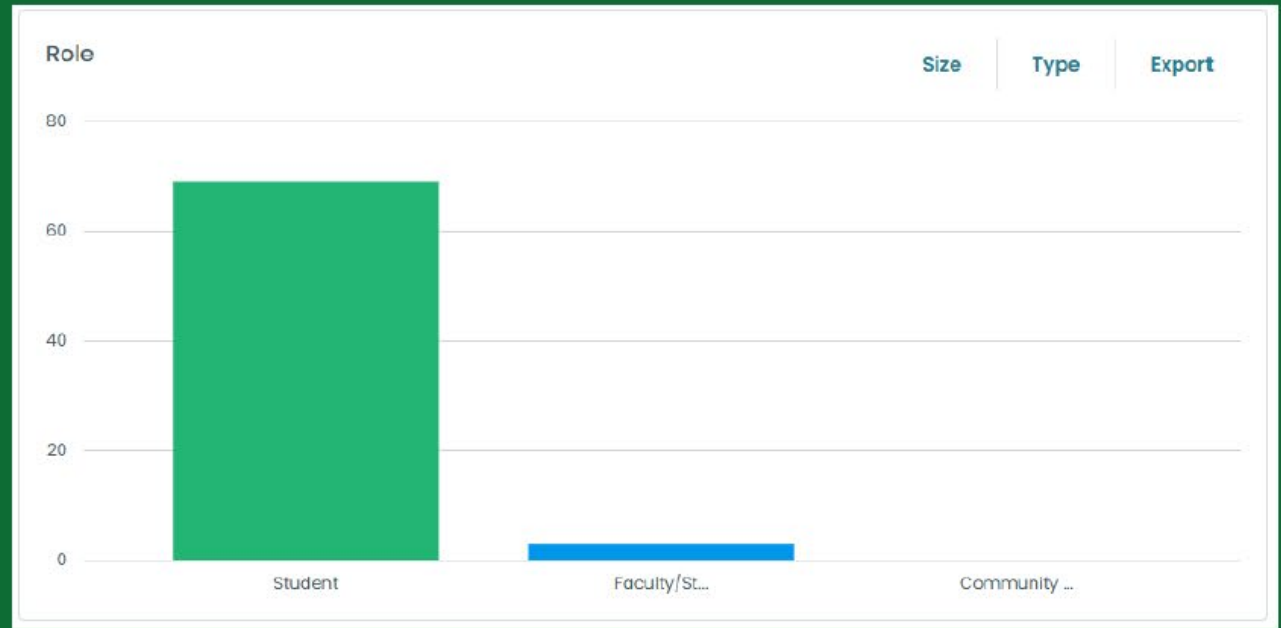
11am - 1pm

The Grove | Career Center



Slide through every last Tuesday of the month for career conversations with students, staff, faculty and local professionals over pandulce and coffee.







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CONTINUING EVENTS

 **CAREER PATHWAYS WORKSHOP SERIES** RSVP 

ALL IN BLDG 9 RM 206
FIRST TUESDAYS

03 FEB	<p>GUIDED PATHWAYS: CAREER EXPLORATION </p> <p>1-2 PM</p> <p>UNDECIDED? DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTHS AND ALIGN YOUR PERSONAL INTERESTS WITH HIGH-GROWTH INDUSTRIES TO FIND YOUR IDEAL CAREER PATH. RELATED MAJORS: GENERAL STUDIES, INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES WITH AREAS OF EMPHASIS, OR ANY STUDENT EXPLORING A MAJOR CHANGE.</p>
03 MAR	<p>BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP </p> <p>1-2 PM</p> <p>LEARN HOW TO TRANSFORM INNOVATIVE IDEAS INTO REALITY BY LEARNING THE FOUNDATIONS OF MANAGEMENT, PERSONAL FINANCE, AND MARKETING. RELATED MAJORS: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MARKETING, ACCOUNTING, SMALL BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, AND BUSINESS INFORMATION WORKER.</p>
07 APR	<p>PRE-MED & PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT </p> <p>12-1 PM</p> <p>NAVIGATE THE RIGOROUS ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND CLINICAL MILESTONES NEEDED TO ENTER MEDICAL OR PA SCHOOL. RELATED MAJORS: BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, ALLIED HEALTH, MEDICAL ASSISTING, KINESIOLOGY, PHYSICS, AND PSYCHOLOGY.</p>
05 MAY	<p>EDUCATION, CULTURE, & PUBLIC SERVICE </p> <p>1-2PM</p> <p>EXPLORE MEANINGFUL CAREERS IN EDUCATION, SOCIAL ADVOCACY, AND PUBLIC SERVICE THAT SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SOCIETY. RELATED MAJORS: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, SPANISH, ENGLISH, SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, HISTORY, ANTHROPOLOGY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, AND ETHNIC STUDIES.</p>

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 **CAREER CENTER DROP-INS** 

CAREER COACHING

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EVERY TUESDAY FROM 11AM-1PM

INTEREST AREAS WILL BE PROVIDING CAREER COACHING AT THE CAREER CENTER! WE CAN HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- HOLISTIC CAREER CONVERSATIONS
- RESUME & COVER LETTER REVIEW
- JOB & INTERNSHIP SEARCH
- AND MORE!

*****OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS***** 

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Spring Job Fair

April 8th

11:00 am-1:30 pm

List of Attending Employers



Spring 2026 – Weekly Drop in Support

Interest Area Drop-Ins – Every Tuesday (11am–1pm) (Not during Career Café)

- Staffed by:
 - Interest Area Counselors
 - Retention Specialists
 - Career Center Staff
- Services offered:
 - Career readiness support (Resume, Cover Letter, LinkedIn, etc...)
 - Career exploration tools and assessments
 - Job & internship search resources (College Central Network)
 - Student support within each Interest Area

These drop-ins function as continuous student support throughout the semester.

Spring 2026 – Monthly Workshops

Workshops (Monthly Workshops, Tuesdays)

- *Workshops will not occur during Career Café events—they are separate and will still be on Tuesdays.*
- “Career Pathways Series” (1 hour) can run during weekly drop-ins and may include:
 - Crafting an Elevator Pitch
 - Résumé Basics
 - LinkedIn for Beginners
 - Career Exploration Mini-Sessions
 - Networking 101
 - Career Conversations
 - Interview Prep
 - Finding Internships & Work-Based Learning

These short workshops add value without overwhelming the informal vibe of Career Café and can assist preparing students for upcoming speaker series, job fairs, and career opportunities.

Centralized Job Board

- The number one most common ask so far during Career Café/Weekly Drop-In/Monthly Workshop events:

“Can you help me find a job?”

Equity Plan Initiative: Centralize and Update Student Work Opportunities

Current Partnerships

- Financial Aid posts Federal Work Study Opportunities on the Career Center College Central Job Board
 - Has been their practice for at least the last 3 years
 - Usually post in August, or early September and also sometimes in Spring depending on need
- Athletics Center posts their Student Employment Opportunities to the Career Center College Central Job Board
 - Has been their practice for at least the last 2 years

The Career Center team has reached out to the Learning Center and Library to offer they post their positions to the Job Board but they have not needed to, they are filling their positions currently through other means, likely word of mouth.

Next Steps

- The Career Center is crafting an email that they plan to send out at the beginning of each fall and spring semester to all campus programs offering an opportunity to post their positions on the Career Center College Central Job Board.
- The district is looking to create a single job board across all 3 campuses and to standardize posting for student worker positions
- Discussions locally and across the district about moving to “Handshake”



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Thank you!