

# GB News

The Newsletter of the Southwestern Community College Governing Board

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FOR FRIENDS OF SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

## Message from the President

We know our college is a place of great academic classes and programs. But this month we were reminded that Southwestern College is also a place of great performing arts.



On Sunday, April 11, our college proudly hosted the Odawara Male Chorus from Chula Vista's sister city of Odawara, Japan. Performing in Mayan Hall with our college's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, the three groups spanned two continents, taking the audience on a musical tour through California, Mexico and Japan.

Sister cities are about sharing history, traditions and culture. The City of Chula Vista has been an excellent partner in our sister cities relationship and we are proud it has given as much to our counterparts as they have given to us.

The Japanese choir could have chosen any venue for their concert - but they chose our venue. That choice speaks volumes. It says that our performing arts groups are excellent. Our choir, in fact, has performed internationally. The work of our faculty and student artists - from sculptors to photographers - is also being showcased around our community.

The arts are a critical part of a balanced education: every one of us appreciates a piece of music or painting as much as a book. We are proud to support arts education here at Southwestern and proud our college is seen as a cultural hub.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Salcido  
*Southwestern Community  
College District  
Governing Board President*



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## A Special Thank You

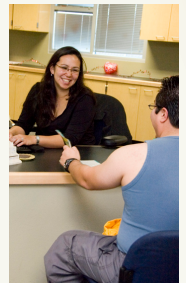
### To Our Classified Employees

Even before our students arrive on campus in Chula Vista or at one of our Centers, the college is hard at work supporting their education.



Custodians are making sure the campus is clean and safe. Grounds crews keep our campus beautiful, police officers ensure safety of our students and staff, secretaries and technicians assist students, faculty and administration. Without these hard-working men and women, Southwestern College would not run.

At this month's meeting, the Board passed a resolution designating April 19-23 as Classified College Employee Week. This week gives the college an opportunity to honor the classified employees who help our students achieve their goals.



*Classified Employees:  
thank you for all you do.*