A Regional Asset

Sierra College generates an annual economic impact of over $164 million to the local economy as a result of operational expenditures, construction activities, and student spending. Sierra’s focus on fiscal responsibility includes a number of operational efficiencies such as energy savings, partnerships with local industries, an emphasis on donor support and grant procurement, and low administrative costs. Earlier this year, the Sierra College Board of Trustees approved the refinancing of the general obligation bonds issued for the Nevada County campus and the Tahoe-Truckee campus. The refinancing was completed for the sole benefit of savings for the taxpayers in those areas.

Students served: 25,720
Degrees/Certificates Awarded: 2,332
Top Five Degrees: Biological and Physical Sciences; Social Sciences; Liberal Arts; Business Administration; Biology.

Community Partnerships

Our partners include governmental organizations, public safety entities, health care providers, sustainable energy and high tech companies, and local small businesses. Through these partnerships, the college stays in touch with the needs of the community and provides students with additional learning opportunities such as internships and on-site employee training. This past year, Sierra College placed almost 200 interns in local businesses and organizations.

Individual community members participate on our academic advisory boards, college committees and industry-focused roundtable discussions to keep our programs and services connected to the current needs of the region.

Increased earning potential of graduates

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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

If just 2% more of Californians earned associate degrees and 1% more earned a bachelor’s degree, our state’s economy would grow by $20 billion, state and local tax revenue would increase by $1.2 billion a year and 174,000 new jobs would be created.

Did you know...

- 80% of firefighters, EMTs and law enforcement officers are credentialed at California community colleges.
- 70% of nurses in California received their education from community colleges.
- 55% of CSU students and 28% of UC students started at a California community college earning GPAs equal to or greater than students starting at 4-year institutions.
- 48% of UC bachelor’s degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics are earned by community college transfer students.

One of the regions’ largest employers

Employees: 1,120
Annual Budget: $86,500,000
Taking a Hard Look

The college has addressed fiscal challenges by taking a hard look at expenses while continuing to deliver a top rate educational experience for students. Despite multiple years of reductions, in the 2012 Accountability Reporting for California Community Colleges (ARCC) report, Sierra's results are above the peer average in all seven ARCC categories. The key Student Progress and Achievement rate increased 4%, on top of last year’s increase of 3.5%. The score is a combination of measures which includes degree/certificate completion and transfers.

Explanation of Funding

Enrollment The amount budgeted for enrollment growth constitutes a “growth cap.” If community colleges receive funding for 3% growth, but enrollment increases 5%, those additional students are not funded. Sierra College consistently enrolls a large number of unfunded students in order to meet the needs of the community.

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

More Classes

With the success of Prop 30, additional reductions were not necessary and the increase in funding will allow the college to begin adding back classes.

PROPOSITION 30 IMPACT

Sources: Sierra College Fiscal Services Department

Thank you for supporting Prop 30!