

NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE
Fast Facts



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What is the No. 1 issue facing higher education today?

Funding

In the last 18 months California Community Colleges have faced the largest cuts at a time of record enrollment. In the 2008/09 academic year enrollment skyrocketed to 2.9 million students. In Fall 2009 NVC enrollments were up 13% while we had to cut 50 credit sections because of the budget.

California Community Colleges are facing increased enrollments

- ◆ In a bad economy individuals return to college for retraining
- ◆ Students are being redirected to Community Colleges due to enrollment cuts and fee increases at four-year colleges and universities
- ◆ The numbers of high school graduates are increasing
- ◆ An increasing number of high school graduates are seeing the value of Community Colleges and choosing to start at a Community College
- ◆ Community Colleges are also attracting returning veterans

California Community Colleges

- ◆ Mission: Transfer preparation, general education, vocational, lifelong learning, degrees and certificates, economic development
- ◆ The largest system of higher education in the world
- ◆ 72 college districts and 110 campuses
- ◆ Fees are set by the state
- ◆ Current fee \$26 per unit

Napa Valley College

- ◆ Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- ◆ Founded in 1942 as part of Napa Union High School District
- ◆ Present campus opened in 1965
- ◆ Classes are offered at sites from Calistoga to American Canyon
- ◆ Classes have been offered in the Upper Napa Valley since the 1970s
- ◆ The Upper Valley Campus in St. Helena opened in 1994
- ◆ Napa Valley College has offered classes in American Canyon and will have dedicated classrooms in the new American Canyon High School now under construction

Other off campus sites

- ◆ Small Business Development Center, Napa
- ◆ Community Education Center, Napa
- ◆ Wine Country Regional Simulation Lab, Yountville

What's new at NVC?

Thanks to Bond Measure N passed in 2002...

Infrastructure improvements

- ◆ When constructed, the NVC solar field was the 5th largest in the United States
- ◆ A state-of-the-art chiller plant makes 1 million pounds of ice at night to cool campus buildings during the day

NVC goes GREEN

- ◆ In addition to the solar field and chiller plant, green technology is featured in new construction; recycled materials are also being used
- ◆ A new Transit Stop encourages the use of public transportation

Major renovations (examples)

- ◆ New Gymnasium floor and bleachers
- ◆ Art Building Plaza improved
- ◆ Upper Valley Campus Library expanded
- ◆ Kitchen of Napa Valley Cooking School improved

New buildings (completed and under construction)

- ◆ Life Sciences building
- ◆ Wine storage building
- ◆ Ceramics building
- ◆ Auxiliary Gymnasium
- ◆ Performing Arts Center
- ◆ Library and Learning Resources

Why attend Napa Valley College?

- ◆ Excellent faculty
- ◆ High-quality education and services
- ◆ Small class size, personal attention
- ◆ Close to home
- ◆ Affordable

Who attends Napa Valley College?

- ◆ Estimated 10,000 full- and part-time, credit and non-credit students
- ◆ Average 56% female
- ◆ 60% are 29 or younger
- ◆ 46% white, 22% Hispanic, 11% Filipino, 6% African American, 4% Asian/Pacific Islander, 1% Native American, 10% Unknown

Outstanding academic programs meeting community needs (examples)

- ◆ Health Occupations (EMT, Paramedic, ADN, LVN, Respiratory Care, Psychiatric Technician)
- ◆ Criminal Justice Training
- ◆ Viticulture & Winery Technology
- ◆ Hospitality and Tourism Program
- ◆ Napa Valley Cooking School, St. Helena

News

- ◆ The NVC Winery is now bonded to sell student wine—the first California Community College winery to be bonded. Proceeds will benefit the program!

Since the NVC chapter of international honor society Phi Theta Kappa was chartered in 1995, it has had

- ◆ seven All-USA Academic team winners
- ◆ three Guistwhite winners of the top scholarship in Phi Theta Kappa
- ◆ 26 All-California Academic team winners
- ◆ three New Century Scholars (the top student in all of California)

Outstanding support programs help students succeed

- ◆ Puente, Umoja, MESA

A campus alive with activities

- ◆ Student government is active on campus with more than 20 student clubs
- ◆ From vocal groups to theater productions, from a jazz ensemble to orchestra, Fine & Performing Arts offers many opportunities for students and performances are open to the community
- ◆ Student athletes are full-time students who must maintain passing grades to participate
- ◆ More than 110 students participate in eight athletics teams

Did you know?

- ◆ You can apply and register online
- ◆ NVC offers online classes. Online instruction has grown, with nearly 1,500 students enrolled in fall 2009
- ◆ Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchu spoke at Napa Valley College May 2009
- ◆ Napa's Poet Laureate is retired Napa Valley College faculty member Gary Silva
- ◆ Elizabeth Alexander, President Barack Obama's inaugural poet, presented a reading at the 2009 Napa Valley Writers' Conference
- ◆ NVC is a national training center for Stop the Hate

How can you support Napa Valley College?

The Napa Valley College Foundation raises funds for student scholarships and supports other college needs. Call 707-253-3374 for more information. *—Revised 11/09*