



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Subject – Congratulations to NVC! HSI STEM grant awarded!

Dear Campus Community,

I am pleased to announce that NVC received confirmation this morning that we were successful in our application for a Hispanic Serving Institution Science Technology Engineering and Math (HSI STEM) and Articulation grant. This federal grant is valued at nearly \$790,000 per year for five years – a total of \$3.94 million dollars!

The goals of the program are to increase the number of STEM degrees awarded to Hispanic students and to increase the number of students transferring to the UC or CSU systems declaring a STEM major. Grant funds will be used to provide for a full range of student needs – from those with weak math skills to advanced science majors. Activities will be structured around four strategies that promote student success:

- 1) Faculty development opportunities;
- 2) Development and improvement of academic programs;
- 3) Acquisition of equipment for strengthening Math, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering programs, the Math Center and a STEM Center;
- 4) Development of STEM specific student services.

Activities will include learning communities, supplemental instruction, bi-lingual STEM counseling and community outreach. Funds will also support: project administration and coordination of activities; a full-time bi-lingual STEM counselor; additional math instruction; a half-time research analyst; and, increased efforts in articulation with four-year universities.

Our success is truly a team effort and I thank each and every one of you for helping NVC achieve HSI status. Thank you to Oscar De Haro, Omar Pena, Martha Navarro, Robyn Wornall, Jose Hernandez, Jessica Millikan, Jose Sanchez, Betty Malmgren, Liz Gomez, Sue Nelson, Hector Brambila, and other staff for coordinating the “Declare Yourself” drive and data collection. Thank you to the dedicated faculty and energetic members of the Associated Students who encouraged our students to register. Thank you to Judie Walter-Burke, Robyn Wornall, Bonnie Moore, and Carolyn Sanchez for their diligent compilation of data and development of the successful grant application package.

Please join me in appreciation of all the people and programs who worked to achieve this success:

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