

Dear Napa Valley College Community,

As Napa Valley College celebrates its [75th year](#), we wanted to update the campus community on continuing efforts to improve the teaching, work, and student learning environments.

Napa Valley College continues to provide local students with high quality, affordable higher education, job training, and preparation for college transfer. To maintain this momentum, many of our classrooms and facilities must be updated to meet the needs of our students, faculty and staff – and as we recently saw with the devastating Napa County Fires – fulfill the need for a safe, well-organized community space in times of emergency.

We want to thank the first responders and community volunteers for their heroic efforts in a time of need for so many. The community responded quickly and with heart, including 2,000 volunteers serving 780 evacuees in three shelters, and over 200 pallets of donations to our Campus evacuation center. We also need to thank the many [Napa Valley College staff](#) who tirelessly worked to keep our community safe at the Campus emergency evacuation center.

While recent events have highlighted the need to maintain and improve our infrastructure, we need to continue the conversation that is well underway as part of our Educational and Facilities Master Plans. As you may know, the College recently commissioned an external community survey to assess interest in a potential 2018 bond to meet facility and educational goals. We were thrilled to learn that the community values the services our college provides, with over 57% of respondents indicating potential support for projects that expand student and veteran services, meet the growing need for STEM labs, and upgrade classroom and training technology.

Survey results show community members are most interested in priorities that include:

- Repairing and upgrading classrooms and science labs
- Updating facilities and classrooms to meet current building earthquake, fire and safety codes
- Supporting teaching and learning in technology, computers, engineering, science, and vocational education

We want to continue to hear from as many students, staff, faculty and residents as possible.

Please join us at a Campus Forum (days/times below) for more information and to provide your feedback about the future of Napa Valley College. You can also complete a brief feedback (survey monkey or PDF) online at www.napavalley.edu/campusfeedback.

Week 1		
Tuesday, November 28	4:00-5:00pm	Community Room
Wednesday, November 29	3:00-4:00pm	Community Room
Thursday, November 30	12:30-1:30pm	Community Room
Week 2		
Monday, December 4	12:30-1:30 pm	Community Room
Tuesday, December 5	3:00-4:00pm	Community Room
Week 3 (Finals Week)		
Monday, December 11	1:00-2:00pm	Community Room
Tuesday, December 12	2:00-3:00pm	1763A

We look forward to keeping you informed, and as always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions, comments or input.

Sincerely,

Ken Arnold, President, Administrative/Confidential Senate

Amanda Badgett, President, Academic Senate

Rafael Manzo, President, Associated Students of Napa Valley College

Michael Rayford, President, Classified Senate

PS. If you have not seen the coverage about Napa Valley College's 75th Anniversary, be sure to take a look [here](#).