Mission
Napa Valley College prepares students for evolving roles in a diverse, dynamic and interdependent world. The college is an accredited, open-access, degree- and certificate-granting institution that is committed to student achievement through high-quality programs and services that are continuously evaluated and improved. NVC serves students and the community in the following areas: transfer courses, career-technical education and training, basic skills, and self-supporting contract education and community education classes.

Values
Napa Valley College is a community of people excited about learning, where students are first and foremost in everything we do. We value, model and encourage:

- student success
- honesty
- creativity
- integrity
- adaptability
- inclusivity
- responsibility
- openness to new ideas
- respect for others
- health and wellness
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

At Napa Valley College, we aim to be a “student-ready college,” which means we understand the educational needs of students and are providing the academic support necessary to help them learn. Together, we are changing the conversation about readiness and creating institutional value to facilitate student success.

Our efforts in the 2018-19 academic year focused on meeting future workforce demand in California, providing career education programs that prepare students for available jobs, offering support to help students find jobs, increasing the number of degree and certificate program offerings, reducing the average number of units-to-degree to help more students reach their educational goals sooner, and reducing equity and achievement gaps.

In addition to academic support, our students have let us know that other kinds of support are needed, as well. With leadership from our Board of Trustees, the College’s plans for a campus student housing project gained traction this year after surveys showed demand for on-campus housing. We look forward to sharing more on those efforts in the coming year.

At Napa Valley College, we believe that higher education should be available to everyone. Our number one goal is student success, whether it is a high school student taking classes on our campus, a student planning to transfer to a four-year college, or a student looking for workforce training to upskill and find a new job.

NVC continues to be the county’s hub of education, culture and the arts providing an academically rich, multicultural learning experience offering a range of community education, noncredit classes, and campus activities that bring us together.

With sincere gratitude, I thank our staff, faculty, students and community for their partnership in bringing to life the local, affordable, student-centered and accessible higher education that continues to be our hallmark.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronald Kraft
Superintendent/President
Just before spring arrived in Napa Valley in March, the Napa Valley College campus came alive with the sights and sounds of the ¡Viva Mariachi! Festival, the first mariachi-focused educational and cultural event in Napa County.

With workshops, master classes, hands-on exploration of the instruments used in mariachi and a culminating evening community concert, the free, daylong event was designed to enhance musicianship for current and aspiring musicians, as well as encourage a culture of academia in our country’s large community of people with Mexican heritage.

The festival also offered a unique opportunity for more than 800 students, educators and the Napa community to learn how mariachi programs are thriving in the United States, largely for their role in not only fostering appreciation for and pride in this uniquely Mexican musical tradition, but also for the enhanced academic performance of students who participate in mariachi.

Cal Berkeley’s Mariachi Luz de Oro is run by students and includes members of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds, studying disciplines from molecular and cellular biology to Spanish literature. Their YouTube channel includes dozens of audience-pleasing performances.
The evening concert showcased the talents of the day’s workshop participants as well as three youth/student mariachi groups representing public high school, community college and university programs.

Instructor Ramon Rivera, leader of Mariachi Heunachi from Wenatchee High School in Wenatchee, WA, brought a group of his students who performed in the evening concert. In an interview, he emphasized the value of mariachi in helping students be their very best in all aspects of life. "It’s a snowball effect," he is quoted as saying. "You see the pride in the kids, the way they act, the way they work, the way they like going to school."

¡Viva Mariachi! attracted 93 visiting musicians ranging in age from 10 to 66.

The festival was lucky to feature Mariachi Huenachi from Wenatchee High School in Washington, which performs at dozens of events each year, including Seattle Seahawks games. The group has performed with some of the finest mariachis in the world, is a nationally recognized Radio Disney Award-winning mariachi program and has been featured in national broadcast and print media. Check them out on YouTube.

A usual mariachi group today consists of as many as eight violins, two trumpets and at least one guitar, typically the round-backed vihuela or the oversized guitarrón.
The apex of the academic year, our May commencement and graduation ceremony brings together students, faculty, staff, friends and family to celebrate and inspire.

This year, NVC presented 911 degrees and 522 certificates to 731 graduates, 43 percent of whom self identify as Latinx. NVC is proud to serve our community as a leading Hispanic-Serving Institution in the state Community College System. The Napa Valley College Foundation also bestowed $250,000 in scholarships to more than 200 NVC students the evening before commencement, providing crucial support to students who are continuing their studies at NVC.

Both keynote speaker Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley and 2019 valedictorian Esperanza Padilla encouraged graduates to dream big and to be agents of change in society.

Padilla, whose childhood and high school years were marked by both physical and mental health challenges, finished high school with the help of special education and home instruction programs that allowed her to be more independent and set her own routine to study and to complete tasks.

“Hers was a difficult and challenging journey, but Esperanza’s future is bright as she transfers to U.C. Berkeley with not one, but three degrees,” said Dr. Kraft in his introduction. “Esperanza means ‘hope’, and Esperanza Padilla is a shining example of what can happen when one doesn’t give up hope.”

Esperanza said she credits Napa Valley College’s Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) and Student Support Services (SSS) TRIO for their support. “I don’t think I could have transferred to some place like Cal without the support that was given to me, not because I wasn’t capable, but because I did not know how I could get there,” she said.

“The journey I took here today was not the conventional road that most students tend to tread,” Padilla told the assembled crowd of more than 2,500 students, friends and family. “It taught me that no matter how hard or far off a goal is, there is always hope of seeing it one day, as long as you believe that you can rise above the horizon.”
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ACADEMIC REPORT CARD

NVC continues to perform well on the indicators reported on the Student Success Metrics, which is published by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office each year.

The college is also doing well according to the annual Core Indicators Report issued by the college’s Office of Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness.

NVC established institutional standards of performance in 2013 to address requirements of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), the body that accredits California Community Colleges.

In 2018-2019, NVC exceeded standards of performance in four areas: successful course completion, fall-to-fall persistence, and the number of both degree and certificate recipients. Between 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, the number of degree recipients increased by 7.1 percent and the number of certificate recipients increased by 2.8 percent.

AGE PROFILE

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GENDER PROFILE

3.7% UNKNOWN GENDER
53.4% FEMALE
42.9% MALE

ETHNICITY PROFILE

- 30.5% CAUCASIAN
- 40.7% HISPANIC*
- 8.4% FILIPINO
- 4.7% AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 5.7% TWO OR MORE RACES
- 5.8% UNKNOWN ETHNICITY
- 3.6% ASIAN
- 0.3% NATIVE AMERICAN
- 0.4% PACIFIC ISLANDER
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*NVC is designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), which requires at least 25% Hispanic full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollments.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

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The NVC Athletic Department honors a code of conduct that values hard work, commitment and accountability. Students who participated in intercollegiate athletics at NVC averaged 14.97 units, with an average 2.97 GPA during the 2018-2019 academic year.

The men’s soccer team excelled on the field, winning the Bay Valley Conference championship for the second year in a row under second-year head coach Rogelio Ochoa. The Storm were also well-represented in all-conference selections: Ochoa was named Coach of the Year, and David Jimenez was named both Midfielder of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year.

Steve Ball led the men’s basketball team to an eighth-place conference finish, and standout Braxton Adderly was named to the All-Conference team.

The women’s soccer team under Randi Simmons continued to build a very productive program. The women’s team finished in fifth place, with Daisy Ponce making 1st Team All Conference and Dalia Soriano receiving 2nd Team honors.

NVC’s women’s volleyball team went through a leadership transition, with Rachel Hadley taking over as coach and Robert Stamps as director of volleyball. With a very competitive schedule, the women continue to build a successful program.

Bob Freschi captained the men’s and women’s golf programs to great success. Jarrett Hill (men’s) and Jordan Lowe (women’s) competed at the NorCal Championships.

Napa Valley College also hosted the California State Men’s Championships at Silverado Spa and Resort in May.

Coach Dan Parker’s baseball team were road warriors, playing only three home games due to rain and flooding, but finished with respectable results. The Storm finished seventh out of eight teams in the BVC with an 8-13 record, and 11-20 overall. After a 3-15 start, NVC won eight of its last 13 games.

In 2018, the Athletic Department partnered with NEWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services to plan, implement and evaluate a gender-based violence prevention program with administration, coaches and athletes called “Storm Against Violence.” The initiative engages student athletes as allies in preventing gender-based violence and creates a safer campus culture for everyone.

The work at NVC included training for coaches and staff and updating Student Athlete and Coach Handbooks to align with NVC policies on sexual assault, intimate partner violence and stalking, as well as working directly with coaches and athletes to teach violence prevention and intervention curriculum directly to men’s and women’s team members.
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   - Reinstated STEM Summer Bridge Program

2 Engage NVC students and assist in their progress towards educational and job-training goals
   - To implement English AB705, revised curriculum and scheduling strategies, as well as math and writing center operations and support services
   - Created eight new non-credit ESL course outlines
   - Expanded library resources including online subscriptions and face-to-face workshops; updated collection
   - Added a new library classroom and a general computer lab for student use
   - Upgraded two classrooms with new technology to support the mathematics curriculum

3 Increase NVC student achievement and completion of educational and job-training goals
   - Implemented major curricular revisions in English and Math per AB705
   - Initiated planning for implementation of Guided Pathways

4 Ensure the fiscal stability of NVC as it transitions to a community-supported district
   - Increased allocations to support funding priorities across the college, including:
     - $1M allocated to Academic Affairs
     - $500K allocated to Student Affairs
     - $1M allocated to Administrative Services ($900K designated to scheduled maintenance)

5 Enhance collaboration between NVC and community and civic partners
   - Partnered with Cafeteria Kids Theater to produce *Mary Poppins*
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### FISCAL SHAPSHOT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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**EXPENSES**
- **Academic Salaries**: 32%
- **Grants & Restricted Funds**: 19%
- **Classified Salaries**: 19%
- **Benefits**: 16%
- **Other Operating Expenses**: 13%
- **Capital Outlay**: 1%

**REVENUES**
- **Grants & Restricted Funds**: 19%
- **State**: 74%
- **Local**: 74%
- **Fund Balance**: 2%
- **Other**: 1%

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From his vision and institutional leadership to his support of scholarships and encouragement for individual students, Napa Valley College Founding President Dr. Harry McPherson touched many lives. Each year, Napa Valley College awards the McPherson Distinguished Teaching Award to faculty members who are nominated for the honor by their peers, students, or community members for their commitment to excellence in education.

The awards are funded by the McPherson Endowment, established Dr. McPherson and his family and now held by the Napa Valley College Foundation. The 2019 awardees were honored at a special reception in May 2019.

Please join us in congratulating the 2019 McPherson Distinguished Teaching Award recipients.

MCPherson 2019 Distinguished Teaching Awards

Paul Gospodarczyk
Winemaking/Winery Technology Instructor
NVC Estate Winery Winemaker

Paul Gospodarczyk has enough skills, experience, bona fides and honors, including being a certified Sommelier with the Court of Master Sommeliers, to pick and choose where and how he practices the arts of viticulture and winemaking.

“I thought winemaking was the best job in the world until I realized I could be a winemaking teacher,” he told Wine Enthusiast magazine, which named him one of their “40 Under 40 Tastemakers” for 2019, a list the magazine says “represents some of the best talent in the country working to push the boundaries of what’s possible in drinks culture.”

Gospodarczyk has been with NVC since 2015 and developed the Viticulture and Winery Technology (VWT) curriculum, which now includes the largest college viticulture and winemaking program in the world, complete with a five-acre vineyard and commercial winery. How good is the wine the program produces? The last release of wines received scores of 90+ from Wine Advocate.

Those types of applications and results demonstrate his priority of aligning the college’s educational mission with practical winemaking. That direct connection between NVC and ultimately performing meaningful work in the winemaking industry is one reason students enthusiastically attend Gospodarczyk’s classes, which are reliably full to capacity.

“Our students make it easy to love teaching at NVC,” Gospodarczyk said.
“Paul has this unique ability that [helps] a student who is struggling with a particular subject find the motivation through personal attention and structured extra work,” says one recent graduate who wrote to support Gospodarczyk’s nomination. “Paul’s academic goal for every student is to empower each one of them with the knowledge, attitude and passion to succeed in their professional winemaking careers.”

Many credit his abilities to mentor students and provide motivation and guidance as the key to their own post-graduate successes in the wine industry. One graduate who, at Gospodarczyk’s urging, went on to attend a bachelor’s program of viticulture and enology in France, wrote, “Paul will continue to inspire and cultivate the minds of all who stand with him.”

Kelly McCann
Professor of Dance

As you may expect, the faculty of the Department of Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance are usually in motion. Dance professor Kelly McCann, however, is a superlative mover and motivator, as evidenced by the strong support for her nomination within the department, from the Dean to the administrative staff.

Since joining NVC in 2008, McCann has built the curriculum for an associate degree in dance; brought the national annual Dance Week program to NVC; introduced and organized annual faculty and student dance shows; and much more. She so quickly made significant contributions to the program that in 2013, the California Community College Physical Education Executive Board’s named her the state’s Dance Instructor of the Year. In announcing the award, the Board noted that “her classes are often full to capacity, and her students actively engage in choreography, movement and wellness through dance.”

“I’ve taught at different colleges over the last 25 years, but I knew NVC was my home from day one,” McCann said. “There is a level of trust from the students, staff and my fellow teachers that I had never encountered anywhere before, and it matches my desire to communicate and relate my love of dance and movement.”

McCann earned a master’s degree in Dance from Mills College, and her versatility shows in her mastery of styles from modern, jazz, street, Broadway, BalletFit, Pilates, Zumba, kickboxing, Hatha Yoga … the list is always growing because of her penchant for attending weekend classes and conferences to expand her skills and knowledge.

Students and professional peers alike recognize her as a skilled, compassionate and caring educator, and laud her ability to create an environment “where students accept challenges, experience new horizons, shed boundaries and learn,” according to one letter in support of her nomination.

Credited as someone who consistently goes above and beyond, Kelly is described by one colleague as a “dance treasure and truly valuable faculty member.”

“When we talk about dedication, care and concern for our students, Kelly is a shining star that carries that message,” says another colleague.
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

NVC Career Education programs provide skills and training to prepare students for careers and/or for transfer to a four-year college. The programs have a variety of entry and exit points which, to the extent possible, are aligned with industry positions, industry skill needs and third-party credentials. We strive to be connected to partners and local industry to ensure that our programs remain current and relevant.

Small Business Development Center

The Napa-Sonoma Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a nonprofit organization that provides expert, no-cost advising and low-cost workshops in English and Spanish to guide small businesses to success and accomplishment. The Napa-Sonoma SBDC serves all of Napa and Sonoma counties and is hosted by Napa Valley College. In 2018-2019, our staff and volunteers helped our community grow.

- # of clients counseled: 596
- Total hours invested: 2,975
- Jobs supported: 2,333
- Jobs created: 472
- New business starts: 33
- Increase in sales: $8,135,073
- Loans & Equity (reinvested in business): $11,916,340

The SBDC trained 703 small business owners by conducting 154 trainings, 34 of which were in Spanish. We are focusing on expanding services to the rural areas of Napa and Sonoma counties to reach underserved populations. The expansion of services is funded by the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

14th Annual Youth Entrepreneurship Program

Each year, NVC sponsors its Youth Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition, helping high school and college students explore ideas for starting and running a small business. In other words, to explore entrepreneurship as a career pathway.

The one-day April competition includes a presentation in front of a panel of judges, lenders, family and friends. This year, 10 individuals and teams – six from high schools, four from colleges – competed for cash prizes, provided by sponsor Redwood Credit Union.

Participants develop business plans with the help of their college or high school instructors and small business advisors.

“The competition was very intense,” said Mario Gutierrez, judge and Redwood Credit Union Napa branch manager. “Everyone was prepared, confident, professional and showed how much dedication and motivation went into their business plans. This is a great program for the future leaders of our community,” he said.

American Canyon High School senior Yusbi Jimenez won first place in the high school division presenting her business, The Legal Office of Opportunities, that would offer services for immigrants seeking legal documentation and citizenship. She said that while she was nervous, the competition was fun, and expressed her thanks to everyone who helped along the way.
Northern California Career Pathways Alliance (NCCPA)

NVC also partners with the Alliance, which supports the collaborative creation of educational pathways for high school and community college students.

Specifically:

- **Model pathways**: Create quality pathways between K-12 and Napa Valley College.
- **Involve industry**: Bring together employers, online career coaches, community organizations and schools with a shared goal of helping people reach their goals and improving the workforce pipeline.
- **Connect partners**: Develop educational and business partnerships to inform approaches and improve communications.

Digital Design and Graphics Technology

More and more, our technological world requires outstanding computer skills and critical thinking. NVC’s Department of Digital Design and Graphics Technology (DDGT) provides courses in CAD, Architecture, computer-aided graphics and graphic design, solid modeling, animation, 3D printing, and 3D scanning using programs like AutoCAD, Inventor, Revit Architecture, 3ds max, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Premiere and After Effects. The courses are designed to parallel technical design office environments to allow students to easily enter the workforce upon completion of their studies.

DDGT has an enviable record of placing graduates, either with employment in the fields of architecture, engineering, multimedia and many other digital graphic technology professions, or at 4-year programs in related fields.

Case in point: Neil Schafer, who graduated from the DDGT program in early 2019, is now completing a bachelor’s degree from Cogswell College in Milpitas, with an eye on a job at Industrial Light and Magic, a division of George Lucas’ Lucasfilm corporation.

When his degree is complete, Neil says, he’ll be able to do many different jobs, such as technical artist, rigger, EFX artist and more.

“I started at NVC in kinesiology,” Neil said, “then after taking Gary Strommen’s 100-level class, I transferred to DDGT, because it seemed like the most fun thing you can do on a computer and get paid for it. It’s basically solving really hard puzzles all day on the computer.”

Schafer said that Strommen “definitely opened my eyes to a lot of different career paths that I didn’t even know were out there in the world. He was the first person who, instead of saying ‘I’m going to teach you to do this job,’ said ‘You can do all these things; pick one.’”
Music, poetry, dance and more lift audiences

In October, as part of the NVC Fall Faculty Series, Mazdak Khamda, a composer, pianist and NVC professor, performed An Afternoon of Music and Poetry at the Loretta Silvagni Recital Hall. He was joined by celebrated Bay Area poet Neal Grace, who read selected poems from his new book Journeys of The Heart, as well as by an elite group of musicians including violinist Kate Stenberg, mezzo soprano Silvie Jensen and oboists Daniel Celidore and Glenda Bates.

The performance included Khamda’s work plus compositions by J.S. Bach, Benjamin Britten and Daniel Celidore.

In a unique partnership, the NVC Music Department and Bel Canto Napa Valley hosted a choral concert, I Hear Music Overhead, to benefit Napa Wildlife Rescue in May. The Paul

Napa Valley College offers outstanding performing arts programs and venues for students, staff and the Napa Valley community. The state-of-the-art Napa Valley College Performing Arts Center offers large and small rehearsal, production and performance spaces, with separate music and theater wings. Its three stages offer a unique array of student and professional performances each year. It is also the recipient of numerous architectural design awards, including The American Institute of Architects Minnesota Honor Award (2011).

To learn more about associate degrees and other offerings in the Theater Arts and Music Departments at NVC, visit www.napavalley.edu.

Ash Lobby of the NVC Performing Arts Center, with its soaring windows, was the perfect venue for five centuries of vocal music, focusing on birds as symbols of freedom, beauty and hopefulness. The selections ranged from Renaissance madrigals to contemporary jazz standards, by such diverse composers and arrangers as Felix Mendelssohn, Charles Stanford, John Lennon and Paul McCartney, Eric Whitacre, Norman Luboff, Kirby Shaw, Eric William Barnum and Moses Hogan.
Also in May, the Theater Arts Department presented the third annual Emergence Festival, featuring new work by NVC students, faculty and staff. The Festival allows emerging writers and performers to premiere their new plays, dance pieces and other means of theatrical expression.

“It's so exciting that young artists can be bold and share their work at NVC. Everyone deserves an opportunity for their voice to be heard. The Emergence Festival honors and supports those voices.” said Danielle Cain, NVC Theater Arts and Film Studies adjunct instructor and Emergence Festival curator.

Theater goes both big and small

Shakespeare Napa Valley, an auxiliary program of Napa Valley College, opened its ninth season during September and October with a 90-minute, interactive, family-friendly adaptation of *As You Like It*, that both plucked at the heartstrings and tickled the funny bone.

Napa Valley residents were able to enjoy several free outdoor performances at Veterans Park in Yountville and at CIA at Copia in downtown Napa, as well as ticketed indoor performances at Napa Valley College.

In an epic production in the Performing Arts Main Theater in November, NVC Theater Arts and the local Cafeteria Kids Theater Company partnered to present Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins*, based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film. Disney and Cameron Mackintosh’s *Mary Poppins* delighted Broadway audiences for more than 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The cast included Napa Valley College actors performing alongside students from Cafeteria Kids Theater. The production won four awards, including Outstanding Youth Production, at the 35th Annual Art Awards, an annual event honoring outstanding achievements in the performing arts. Congratulations also to Aimée Guillot and Olivia Cowell (Outstanding Direction); Vivian McLaughlin (Outstanding Musical Direction) and Tanya Orellana (Outstanding Set Design).

The annual Arts in April celebration opened with a rousing production of *Treasure Island*, Robert Louis Stevenson’s classic story of murder, money and mutiny brought to life in a stage adaptation by Bryony Lavery. Directed by NVC Professor Jennifer King, the fun-filled reimagination included epic stage fights, live traditional Irish music from Napa Valley band Kith and Kin, and up-close audience interaction with the pirates.

The multi-generational cast of NVC students worked alongside professional guest artists, along with Music Director Linda Howard; Voice and Speech Coach Joseph O’Malley; and designers Peter Crompton (Set), Skipper Skeoch (Costumes), Freya Marcellius (Puppets and Makeup), Theo Bridant (Lighting) and Jordan Smetzer (Sound).

The season closed in May with the comedy *Hamlet’s Big Adventure*, a prequel to the Shakespearean tragedy of Hamlet by Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor. The play, an imagined adventure of what happens to Hamlet, Ophelia, Yorick and other characters before the ensuing tragedy, was presented in partnership with the NVC Performing Arts Faculty Series at the Performing Arts Center Studio Theater.
Napa Valley College’s community education program provides an academically rich, multicultural learning experience offering a range of community education, noncredit classes and campus activities, bringing community members together to learn more about everything from art to languages to retirement planning, ESL and more. Our Upper Valley Campus in St. Helena provides the home for events such as Music in the Vineyard and the annual Dia de los Muertos celebration.

Napa Valley Writers’ Conference

The internationally known annual Writers’ Conference, which the St. Helena Star editorial board called “a cherished St. Helena institution,” brought together 104 poets, fiction writers, and translators and nine faculty members for six days of workshops, lectures and public events that allowed the Napa Valley community to participate, as well.

In its 39th year, the conference has an excellent reputation among accomplished writers. The faculty included 2019 Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Forrest Gander, Julie Orringer, Howard Norman and Eavan Boland. This year, a translation workshop lead by Howard Norman joined the lineup of four fiction and four poetry workshops at the conference. In addition to leading intensive workshops, visiting faculty members gave talks and readings open to the public.

Food and wine at NVC

NVC’s Napa Valley Cooking School proudly focuses on providing future culinarians with a classic technique education while also learning about the potential environmental impacts of the culinary industry. Our students bring these messages to the community by working alongside local professional chefs to teach classes in the popular Food and Wine Enthusiast program.

Napa Valley College offers free classes for adults aged 55 and over at our Upper Valley Campus. The classes are offered at the Upper Valley Campus and partner sites such as Rianda House in St. Helena and the Calistoga Community Center. In 2018-2019, 250 seniors enrolled in a dozen classes designed specifically for them.

This program is perfect for home cooks looking to expand their repertoire, visitors looking for an “only in Napa Valley” experience or an aspiring chef looking for inspiration. In an intimate setting, registrants work singly or in pairs to prepare and enjoy restaurant-quality meals, with lots of one-on-one, hands-on instruction from the chef.

This year, more than 300 registrants learned from professional instructors including Elena Sirignano, executive chef; Savanna Duchala, chef; Derek Corsino, pastry chef; Chris Kennedy Aken, Trefethen Family Vineyards winery chef; Toni Chiapetta, founder and owner, Sweeties Pies Bakery, and pastry chef; Pat Burke, BBQ master; Janet Fletcher, author/co-author of more than two dozen books on food and wine; Traci Dutton, sommelier and wine and beverage/hospitality instructor; and Greg Miraglia, educator and food/restaurant blogger.
Education is the path to success in our society and at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, we watched with great enthusiasm as 195 students transferred to California State Universities, 128 students to UC schools and 52 to private schools to continue their education. NVC hosts visits from colleges and universities throughout the year to provide our students the opportunity to learn more about transferring to a four-year college.

**Dual enrollment for high school students**

One of our institutional strategic goals is to work with our local education partners to promote opportunities at NVC and equip incoming students with the skills and resources needed for college success.

One way we work toward this goal is through dual enrollment, allowing a student to be enrolled in two academic institutions at once, in this case, high school and Napa Valley College.

This year, we completed our efforts to finalize Dual Enrollment agreements with all the K-12 school districts in our service area, as well as introduced dual enrollment workshops at American Canyon High School and New Technology High School in Napa.

**Vision for Success**

The California Community Colleges Chancellor has set a bold Vision for Success for all state community colleges, by increasing students transferring to a UC or CSU campus and getting good jobs, reducing the number of unnecessary units students take and eliminating achievement gaps. We at NVC see Ms. Verestine Henderson, a spring 2019 Napa Valley College graduate, as a wonderful example of that vision in action.

Verestine Henderson is a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who began her studies at Napa Valley College at age 64, majoring in Communications. With the untimely deaths of two of her adult children as impetus and inspiration, Ms. V, as she is called with respect and affection, graduated from NVC at age 66 with an AA in Communications, and successfully transferred as a junior to Cal State East Bay to work toward a bachelor’s degree.

“Determination can help you,” she tells other students. “Take your studies serious. Time is precious. Invest your time wisely because you do not know what you’ll face tomorrow. Do the best you can to show others you care about what you are doing.”

Ms. V says she is grateful for the guidance and support she received from the NVC UMOJA and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) programs and credits her faith and prayer for the strength to continue her studies.

**AB 705 implementation**

On January 1, 2018, AB705 took effect in California, requiring that community colleges maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and math within a year of starting college. It further requires that a college use high school coursework, grades and grade point average to place students in the appropriate college class.

The intent of the legislation is to ensure that students are not placed into remedial classes that may delay or deter their educational progress, unless evidence suggests they are highly unlikely to succeed in the college-level course.

NVC staff worked in 2018-2019 to implement the needed changes, which will go into effect in fall 2019. Specifically, students will no longer be required to take math and English placement exams, but instead will submit a high school transcript to determine placement.

Along with these changes, NVC was also able to announce that starting fall 2019, the NVC Promise will be expanded to make the first two years of college free for incoming full-time freshman!
Napa Valley College is an integral part of the Napa County community, and values its many public, private and nonprofit collaborative partnerships.

**Festival Napa Valley**

NVC continued its longtime partnership with Festival Napa Valley, bringing the transformative power of the arts to Napa Valley. This year’s July Festival celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing with more than 60 concerts and events in a season that focused on innovation, exploration and discovery.

NVC was honored to host several performances, including a free Sunday at the Symphony community concert by the legendary jazz fusion band The Yellowjackets and three Bouchaine Young Artist concerts.

**Philanthropy**

The Napa County community values education, as made evident by community awareness and financial support made possible by two philanthropic foundations.

**Napa Valley College District Auxiliary Services Foundation (DAS)** is a multi-dimensional organization that includes enterprise and co-curricular programs including the NVC Café and mobile food vendors, Barnes & Noble at NVC, ¡Viva Mariachi!, Shakespeare Napa Valley and the Napa Valley Writers Conference. The DAS foundation also supports student club and instructional program fundraising, resource development and charitable giving. In 2018-19, DAS partnered with the Napa Valley Silverados, Cafeteria Kids and Festival Napa Valley.

**Napa Valley College Foundation (NVCF)** helps students to reach their educational goals by providing more than 200 scholarships and financial support for NVC programs. In the 2018-2019 academic year, NVCF awarded more than $300,000 to NVC students, rewarding student achievement, encouraging leadership and providing financial assistance. In addition, the Foundation gained momentum with a capital campaign to raise funds for a new Wine Education Center.

**“What Were you Wearing” exhibit**

In April, NVC partnered with NEWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services and the Napa Valley College SaVE Taskforce to present “What Were You Wearing?,” an art installation curated by colleges across the country featuring outfits recreated from the stories of student sexual assault survivors.

The NVC SaVE Taskforce includes both campus and community representatives who meet monthly to discuss policy and bring information to the campus regarding sexual harassment, domestic violence, stalking, dating violence and sexual assault.