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Institutional Overview

Sierra College is a public community college district serving nearly 20,000 full-time and part-time students across a 3,200-square-mile service area from campuses in Rocklin, Grass Valley and Truckee, as well as online courses. Sierra College is consistently ranked among Northern California's leading community colleges for university transfer and Career Technical Education (CTE) awards. Nearly half of Sierra's students are enrolled in one of its 21 CTE programs offering career training in healthcare, advanced manufacturing, public safety, construction, information technology, applied arts, and business. Sierra's nursing and allied health programs are ranked among the highest-performing in California with exceptional pass rates.

Sierra is also designated as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity — one of only five community colleges in California with this distinction. Its Mechatronics program, developed over the last two decades, features hands-on workspaces that mirror modern industrial environments. The program serves as a critical workforce pathway connecting students to the region's growing semiconductor, advanced manufacturing, and automation sectors.

Service Area Description

Sierra College serves one of California's fastest-growing and economically diverse regions, stretching from the Sacramento suburbs through the Sierra foothills and toward the Tahoe basin. Its service area includes Placer County, Nevada County and portions of Sacramento and El Dorado counties — a blend of suburban growth corridors, rural communities, mountain towns, and emerging employment centers.

The College serves recent high school graduates, working adults, first-generation students, career changers, and employers seeking workforce training and talent development. Sierra aligns its CTE and workforce programs with the region's core industries, including healthcare, construction, advanced manufacturing, public safety, technology, hospitality, and entrepreneurship.

Sierra College functions as both a traditional community college and a regional workforce and economic mobility engine, partnering with industry to meet their talent needs and connecting local residents to transfer education, career training, and pathways to upward opportunity.



Board of Trustees

Sierra College is governed by a locally elected Board of Trustees representing community, business, education, and public leadership interests across the district.

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Sierra College Foundation

The Foundation raises private philanthropic support to expand CTE programs, scholarships, basic needs, and workforce preparation across the region. Visit the Sierra College website to learn more.

To our business, education, and community partners:

At our second Sierra Workforce Summit a year ago, we made a series of commitments to you — to deliver on what employers actually need, to remove the barriers that keep talented people from completing, and to keep our eye on where business and industry is heading without losing sight of the students seeking good paying careers. This report is our account of how we kept those commitments while advancing and expanding Sierra College's overall commitment to high-quality, inclusive CTE programs.

The clearest proof is in our partnerships. When the Greater Sacramento region identified Precision Manufacturing as a priority sector, we responded to projected demand by partnering with Roseville Joint Unified High School District to design and implement a Mechatronics pathway starting in ninth grade which has dramatically increased students in this high demand and high paying field. When Sacramento Valley Manufacturing Alliance shared the growing need for skilled CNC machinists, we worked with them to expand our CNC machinist apprenticeship program so that machinists in training are earning while learning. When regional fire departments shared they couldn't find qualified applicants who are paramedics, we launched a paramedicine program that delivered. This is what responsive education looks like — made possible by our more than 350 employer advisory partners who trust us enough to tell us exactly what they need and then work with us to ensure the curriculum, the hands-on experience, and the way we teach results in job placement and career success.

This edition of the CTE Annual Report carries a technology emphasis — mechatronics, robotics, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence — because employers tell us demand here is most urgent. Today AI is transforming talent pipelines in ways that speak to every employer — hospitals, construction firms, fire agencies, and small businesses, not only technology manufacturers. Our job is to be fluent in the way jobs and skills are transforming so that every Sierra student, in every program, arrives ready to contribute on day one.

Preparation means nothing if students cannot get to class and stick with it. More than 63 percent of our students are economically disadvantaged. This past January, we opened Sierra Hall — 358 beds of affordable on-campus housing funded in large part by the State of California — for students, many of whom lack stable housing. We now have more than 5,000 high school students taking Sierra courses and earning college credit, tuition-free, through dual enrollment. Our Veterans Success Center is converting military service into college credit, shortening the path to a civilian career for hundreds of veterans each year. These programs don't operate at the margins of our mission – they are our mission — increasing access and improving affordability so education is within reach for all – the community college promise.

The year ahead brings the Applied Technology Center modernization to completion, advances our Regional Public Safety Training Center from land acquisition to design, deepens the Sacramento State Placer Center partnership, and applies the rigor of the Aspen Institute's Unlocking Opportunity network to our goal of ensuring every Sierra program leads to a real economic outcome. State and federal funding for CTE is under pressure, and we are watching closely. Our answer is the same one it has always been: build locally, build with employers, and build pathways grounded in strong community partnerships that outlast any political or economic cycle.

Our entire team at Sierra is passionate about serving the people and institutions in our region and adapting quickly to what's coming next. That combination — adaptability, speed, and commitment to those we serve — is what drives us at Sierra College.

Sincerely,



Willy Duncan
Superintendent
and President



Amy Schulz,
Executive Dean
Workforce and
Strategic Initiatives

Student, Community &

Sierra College's impact reaches far beyond its three campuses. Every year, students trained at Sierra enter the workforce, strengthen local industries, support their families, and contribute millions of dollars in economic activity across the region. Thousands more are high school students receiving college-level credit while learning hands-on about jobs they could fill in the future. And Sierra's half-billion-dollar construction program is employing thousands. Measured in both lives changed and economic value created, Sierra College plays a growing role in shaping the future workforce and economy of Northern California.



Staying a Step Ahead of Technology

"Education can't stand still while the economy changes. Artificial intelligence, robotics, automation, and other emerging technologies are changing how we live, work, and learn. As educators, we have to anticipate what lies ahead. We work directly with employers every day to align our programs with real workforce needs and give students hands-on experience with the tools transforming today's workplaces. But technical knowledge alone is not enough. Students also need critical thinking, communication, adaptability, and the ability to keep learning throughout their lives. Our responsibility is to prepare students not just for good-paying jobs, but for long-term success in an economy that will continue evolving." **- Willy Duncan,** President/Superintendent

Sierra College By the Numbers

Student Success:

19,587
students enrolled (2025-26)

33%
first-time, first year or first-time transfer students

57%
of students pay no tuition fees

54%
of Sierra students receive financial aid

145 +
scholarship opportunities

6,650
students qualified for 2 years of free tuition since 2018

$5,000–$13,000
yearly tuition savings by attending Sierra

$300,000
in student scholarships

5,428
degrees and certificates awarded (2025–26)

Economic Impact

*"To maximize our impact as a not-for-profit health system, we focus on pressing community needs that emerge across every region we serve. Workforce development is one of those key areas, and investments like this in Sierra College help us address California's healthcare workforce shortage and support regional economic opportunity." – **Tammy Powers**, CEO of Sutter Roseville Medical Center, upon announcing Sutter Health's new $2 million investment in Sierra College's Allied Health programs.*

Workforce Alignment

23
CTE programs of study

36
CTE degrees

40%
of Sierra students are enrolled in CTE programs

350+
employer partners

Regional Responsiveness

153
degree programs

41
certificate programs

39
high schools offering Sierra dual enrollment courses

120%
growth in dual enrollment course offerings over the last 5 years

Economic Value

$502.6
million in annual student-driven economic impact

~$1
billion in total economic impact from construction program activity

3,000–6,000
number of direct, indirect, and induced jobs generated through construction activity

Sierra College's Role in Area Nonprofits and Civic Organizations

Making an impact includes volunteer service on boards of nonprofits around the region. Superintendent / President Willy Duncan co-chairs the Greater Sacramento Economic Council's Competitiveness Council, serves on a leadership role on the board of Valley Vision, and was recently honored with the International Economic Development Council Community Partner Award. Executive Dean Amy Schulz chairs the Placer Workforce Development Foundation Board and Sierra trustees participate in regional chambers, rotary and community foundations. In 2026, Sierra College became the host college for the North Far North Regional Consortium. Through these roles, Sierra College is helping shape workforce strategy, attract major employers, and strengthen the civic fabric in our communities.

Our Employer Partners

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs provide relevant, real-time training and skills needed for today's jobs. CTE programs are designed to offer diverse points of entry for students, particularly for non-traditional or underserved students who are less likely to pursue transfer to a four-year university. They are also designed to be accessible to students in a variety of life stages, ranging from early career explorers to mid-career career changers or those looking to elevate their skills.

Serving these students and helping them become job-ready jobs means that CTE programs must be tightly linked to the valuable skills employers need.

For all these reasons, Sierra College's CTE and Workforce team works side-by-side with employers and industry groups to understand their companies, their equipment and processes, and their specialized workforce needs.

Ongoing Collaboration: Employer Advisory Boards



All Sierra College CTE programs have Employer Advisory Boards (EABs) that provide ongoing input and feedback to CTE program faculty. These Boards meet regularly to discuss workforce needs, review current curriculum, identify skills gaps, forecast changes, and solve for challenges at the industry or employer level. Collaboration with EABs leads to decisions about program capacity, curriculum modifications, equipment purchasing, and the need for major program changes.

Through its EABs Sierra College is in regular collaboration with more than 350 employers and industry groups.

Manufacturing Apprenticeship Sees Enrollment Growth

As the Sacramento Region grows as a hub for semiconductor and other advanced manufacturing companies, a skilled workforce pipeline is critical. In partnership with the Sacramento Valley Manufacturing Alliance, Sierra launched a state-registered CNC Machinist Apprenticeship to address regional manufacturing workforce shortages. To date, the program has produced two journeyman completers with industry-recognized credentials, with 16 active apprentices with steadily increasing enrollment in the program.

"We are committed to working with educators like Sierra and industry partners to proactively develop vocational, educational and workforce initiatives leading to fulfilling manufacturing career paths for our region's students...." - Dean Peckham, Executive Director, Sacramento Valley Manufacturing Alliance

Sutter Invests to Grow Local Healthcare Workforce

Sutter Health collaborates with Sierra College on program design, workforce needs and clinical rotations for students. Recently, the health system announced a $2 million investment in Sierra College's Allied Health programs. The investment has been used to turn lecture spaces into labs, double the size of the simulated Operating Room, create dedicated space for the new Surgical Tech program, and restore space for phlebotomy students. Future plans will expand capacity for EMT and paramedic students and other upgrades for Allied Health programs.

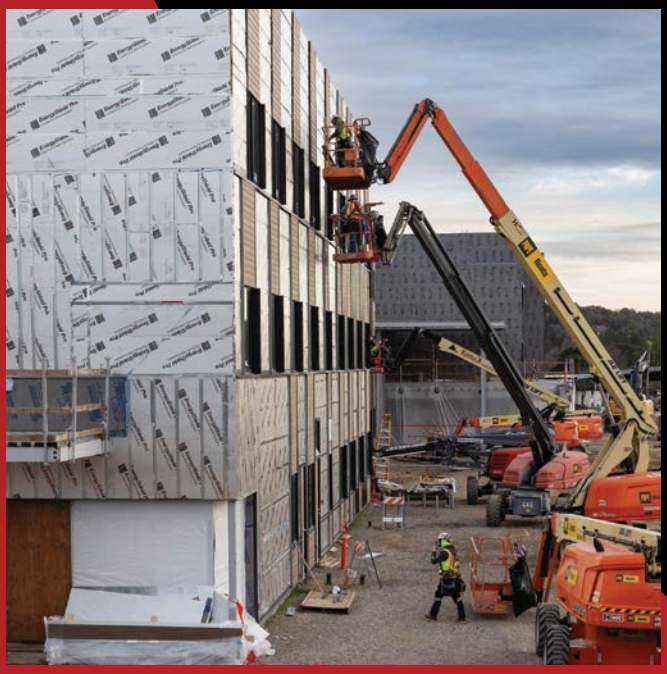


Sierra College has partnered with Bosch to meet workforce needs at its silicon carbide fab in Roseville at the former TSI Semiconductor site. During the nearly $2 billion facility retooling period, Bosch paid for employees to reskill by completing Sierra's Mechatronics certificate program, which was tailored to meet Bosch's needs.



Siemens hires dozens of students from Sierra's welding program for its light rail manufacturing facility. To help train students and teach needed skills, Siemens employees teach welding courses on site at Sierra.





Swinerton construction partnered with Sierra to create a series of courses matched to its Information Technology needs, aligned with updated job descriptions at the company. Swinerton provides internship opportunities for Sierra College students, some transitioning to full-time employees.



Sierra College is partnering with law enforcement, fire and EMS professionals at Placer County, the cities of Roseville, Rocklin and Lincoln, the FBI and others to design a modern, comprehensive training center for its police and fire academy students and in-service training for public safety professionals. The 50-acre site in Western Placer is in the design phase.

Our Work

Through close collaborations with employers, K-12 educators, and community organizations, Sierra College aligns its CTE programs to meet regional workforce needs, especially in high-growth sectors that offer good-paying jobs.



Expanding Mechatronics Pathways from High School to University

Sierra College's Mechatronics program is helping to build a skilled workforce in high-growth sectors like semiconductor production, advanced manufacturing, and automation. In 2025, Sierra partnered with the Roseville Joint Union High School District to launch Mechatronics pathways at Oakmont and Antelope High Schools. $2.2 million in grants from the K12 Strong Workforce and Sacramento K16 Collaborative were used to train high school faculty on introductory Mechatronics courses and build labs that mirror the equipment found in the lab on Sierra's Rocklin campus. In the first year, nearly 100 students at Oakmont and Antelope High Schools have completed college-level Mechatronics courses and earned college credit – for free.

Sierra College is now collaborating with Sacramento State to create a university-level engineering technology degree to serve as a transfer pathway for Mechatronics and Advanced Manufacturing students. In spring 2026, Sac State professors are teaching an upper division course engineering elective in robotics in Sierra's Rocklin campus Mechatronics lab, while the partners work to develop a new bachelor's program at Sac State for an advanced degree.

From High School to College to University, Sierra is collaborating to create opportunities for students from all backgrounds to pursue good jobs in the interdisciplinary field of Mechatronics.

Programs and Expanded Capacity to Care for Our Community



The one-year program cost for the Surg Tech Program is less than $5,000 and graduates can expect to earn $90,000 annually.

Sierra College's Allied Health program is helping to meet urgent healthcare workforce needs for the growing community and expand student opportunities for good-paying jobs in healthcare. In fall 2025, 1,840 students were enrolled in Sierra's award-winning pre-nursing programs.

Working closely with major regional health providers, Sierra is working to add capacity in its nursing, EMT/paramedic, medical assisting, and phlebotomy programs.

In December 2025, the first cohort of "surgical tech" students graduated. This new program was built in partnership with Sutter Health, Kaiser, Common Spirit, and the Roseville Chamber of Commerce to meet a critical shortage of surgical techs in the region. The one-year program costs less than $5,000 and graduates can expect to earn $90,000 annually.

Allied Health Programs

- Medical Assisting
- Surgical Technology
- Paramedic
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Registered Behavioral Technician
- Precertification Nursing Assistant
- Phlebotomy
- LVN to RN Upward Mobility Program
- ADN to BSN Cross-Enrollment with Sacramento State



Meeting the Demand for Cybersecurity Professionals

Cybersecurity jobs in California are projected to grow by 33% by 2033, but many of these jobs go unfilled and even fewer are filled by local workers in the Sacramento Region.

Sierra College – one of just five state community colleges deigned as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity – has partnered with the Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce to increase the local pipeline of qualified workers, who can expect to earn an average of $127,000 per year. Supported by a grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the partners launched the "Cybersecurity Talent Pipeline Collaborative" to survey employer needs, identify current employment levels and job openings, expand high school dual enrollment courses in IT/Cybersecurity, and hold a career exploration event for local high school students. The collaborative has increased alignment between employer needs and understanding among educational, training and workforce providers. The next phase of the effort with be further development and refinement of strategies to build the local talent pipeline.

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Partners Gather at Sierra Workforce Summit

Now in its third year, the Sierra Workforce Summit brings together hundreds of employers, educators, workforce development organizations and community leaders to collaborate on workforce needs and challenges. Through keynote addresses, expert panels and interactive sessions, the Summit empowers regional partners to think, plan and act as one team to build the skilled workforce of the future, strengthen the local economy and promote a high quality of life in the community.





Sierra Adds New Workforce Development Manager

In March 2026, Julie Muir joined Sierra College as its new Workforce Development Manager. Julie brings two decades of experience in education and workforce programs and will help expand Sierra College's engagement with employers, industry groups, and workforce development organizations. Previously, Julie served as a Director of Employer Partnerships for Advanced Manufacturing at the Los Rios Community College District.



Grants Expanding Workforce Efforts

Sierra College continues to be competitive for a range of grants that support workforce development in high-value and high-need sectors. To maximize public and private investments, Sierra engages partners and aligns its grant-funded work with its existing CTE programs, as well as institutional priorities and long-term outlook for regional workforce needs.

Industry-Driven Collaborative for Precision Manufacturing *(New)*: $500,000 grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to prepare learners for future-ready careers in precision manufacturing while promoting equitable access and economic mobility.

Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure *(New)*: $943,000 grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to increase the number of qualified nursing graduates equipped to enter the workforce and ensure the sustainability of high-quality healthcare for California residents.

Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities *(New)*: $500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to improve employment preparation and independent living services for students served by Sierra's Learning Independence for Future Employment (LIFE) program. Sierra is just one of four federal centers in California serving residents in 10 counties in Northern California.

Fire and Forestry Pathways (New): $300,000 grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office under its Vision 2030 Fire and Forestry Pathways Demonstration Project to expand hands-on training opportunities for students pursuing careers in fire suppression, forest management and wildfire prevention.

Interdisciplinary Engineering Pathways (New): $97,800 grant from the Sacramento K-16 Collaborative for a scalable dual enrollment model connection community college coursework in Mechatronics, Welding, and Advanced Manufacturing to upper-division engineering at Sacramento State.

Cybersecurity Talent Pipeline Management Collaborative *(Ongoing)*: $198,000 grant to Sierra College Foundation and Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce to meet cybersecurity workforce needs among local employers and create new educational and training pathways for students.

Bosch Community Fund *(Ongoing)*: $100,000 to Sierra's Career Technical Education (CTE) Support Fund to support costs for with certification fees, microcontroller kits, development material, software, protective gear, tools, entry and travel fees for STEM competitions, project supplies for STEM Clubs and more.



Student Voices

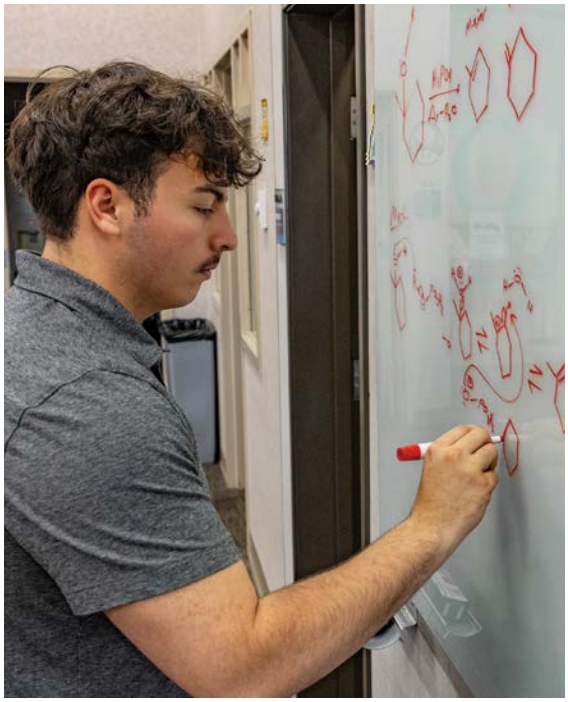


"The Mechatronics program gave me a job and a comfortable wage. I'm living comfortably in California at 23. The first thing they saw on my resume was Sierra College Mechatronics. Just having that under my belt, they were able to confidently give me an opportunity." **– Julian Garcia, Mechatronics**



"I was nervous about getting back into the workforce after being a stay-at-home dad for the last 8 years to my 6 children. Getting my education through Sierra's Surgical Technology program has been an amazing journey. They always say, 'someday it might be my family member on the OR table and I want the best trained Surgical Techs to take care of my loved ones.' My professors bring so much experience and enthusiasm for training the next generation of surg techs. They really care about our education and the patients we will care for in the future."
– Spencer Hume, Surgical Technology







"I know some other programs it's mostly lecture. But I think hands-on learning is really important when you're getting into the medical field, to have an idea of what you will be physically working on. I'm definitely grateful we are able to have hands on practice in a big, nice classroom." **– Mercedes Munteanu,** Medical Assisting student discussing the upgrades made to the Nursing Village thanks to a $2 million investment from Sutter Health.

"A traditional four-year degree program and job hunting on my own were not working for me. Thanks to flexible programs and an internship placement, I have the skills I need and am succeeding at a job with room to move up." **- Angel Ruano**, Sierra College graduate who secured an internship at Swinerton construction while studying at Sierra College and is now a full-time Swinerton IT employee.

"I did my EMT course with Sierra College and immediately started looking into the fire service. You can't be a good firefighter without starting off with a great foundation. Training is absolutely critical to what we do. Every step of the way the instructors and the leadership involved Sierra College have been the best. I now volunteer as an instructor's assistant for this year college program because I believe in what they're doing." **– Matthew Gray**, Sierra College Fire Academy graduate, now working for the Sacramento County Airport Fire Department, speaking at the Sierra Workforce Summit and in support of the planned Regional Public Safety Training Center.

Looking Ahead

Sierra College is investing in the future of CTE and workforce education in the Greater Sacramento region as demand grows for skilled workers in healthcare, public safety, manufacturing, and technology. Through new facilities, employer partnerships, and expanded workforce programs, Sierra is strengthening its role as both a leading educational institution and a driver of regional economic growth — helping students, employers, and communities adapt to the changing needs of our economy.



New 50-Acre Regional Public Safety Training Center

Sierra College is advancing plans for a future Regional Public Safety Training Center (RPSTC) in western Placer County — a proposed 50-acre, purpose-built facility intended to support law enforcement, fire service, EMS, and allied public safety training for the region. Developed in partnership with Placer County, area cities, and regional agencies, the center is envisioned to include an emergency vehicle operations course, training tower, tactical village, ranges, classrooms, and hands-on simulation environments designed to mirror real-world conditions, as well as serving as the future home of Placer County's law enforcement academy. Sierra College expects to finalize the land purchase in 2026 and break ground thereafter.



President Duncan (far right) at a recent design workshop for the new regional public safety training center flanked by Sheriff Wayne Woo (far left), Rocklin Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Watkins, and local leaders from the FBI. Source: Sierra College

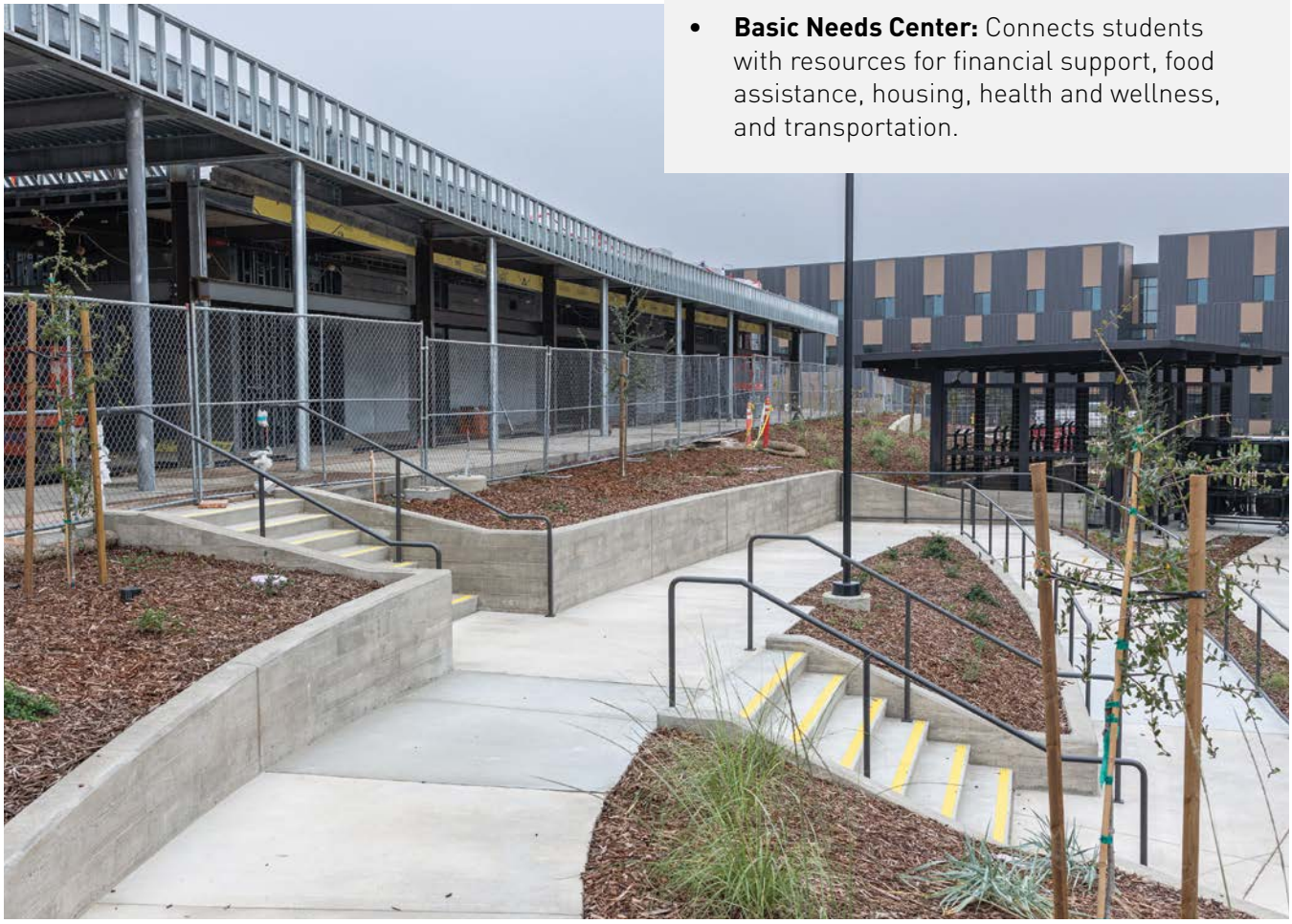
New Applied TECHNOLOGY CENTER

The modernization of Sierra College's Applied Technology Center represents a major reinvestment in hands-on technical education. Spanning 37,000 square feet across renovated instructional buildings, the project will support programs including mechatronics, robotics, advanced manufacturing, welding, building industries and related applied sciences. The updated facilities will provide students with industry-standard equipment and collaborative learning environments that reflect modern industrial and technical workplaces. The investment comes as employers across manufacturing, utilities, logistics, construction, and engineering sectors face growing demand for technically skilled workers prepared for automated, high-tech workplaces. The Applied Technology Center is part of Sierra's broader campus modernization effort funded through state resources, Measure E bond investments, and district support.

Support for Low- to Moderate-Income Students

Sierra College provides several programs aimed at reducing barriers to education, support student retention, and promote successful transitions into the workforce.

- **Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS):** Offers specialized counseling, financial aid assistance, priority registration, tutoring, and help with purchasing books.
- **TRiO Student Support Services:** A federally funded program for first-generation, low-income, and disabled students, providing counseling, workshops, and transfer assistance.
- **CalWORKs:** Supports students receiving cash assistance, aligning with the needs of very low-income populations, including single parents.
- **Basic Needs Center:** Connects students with resources for financial support, food assistance, housing, health and wellness, and transportation.



Expanding Allied Health Programs with Investment from Sutter Health

Sutter Health has invested $2 million to enhance and expand learning spaces for Sierra's Allied Health programs to meet growing demand for health care workers. To date, this investment has been used to transition lecture spaces into labs in Sierra's Nursing Village, restore lab space for the Phlebotomy program, create dedicated space for the new Surgical Tech program, and double the size of the simulated Operating Room. Future phases will create additional capacity for Sierra's EMT and paramedic programs.

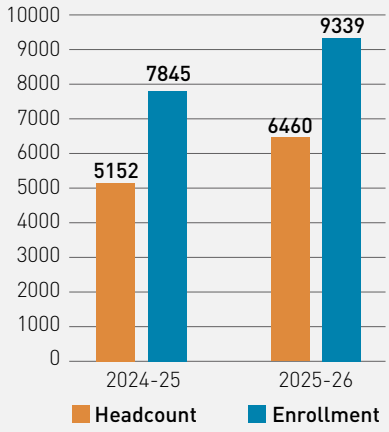


Growing Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment gives high school students free access to college-level coursework helping them earn college credits, explore careers, and build job-ready skills. For employers, it grows the talent pipeline long before students ever graduate. In 2025–26, 6,460 high school students enrolled in 410 Sierra College dual enrollment courses, including 180 CTE courses. Sierra is partnering with 10 local school districts and 33 high schools and is deepening those relationships — including a $2.2 million Roseville Joint Union High School District investment that has built two Mechatronics dual enrollment labs modeled on Sierra's own. Sierra is also working closely with employers to prioritize regional labor market needs by strengthening pathways that connect high school CTE programs to the college's certificate and degree programs.

As hands-on skill development becomes more important to employers and the cost of education rises, dual enrollment promises to save students' families money and time with the promise of good-paying job ahead.

Dual Enrollment
Headcount & Enrollment
4th Largest DE Program in the State Community College Research Center (CCRC) 2025





Partnering with Sacramento State on the New Placer Center

Sierra College continues to work closely with Sac State on the long-term development of Placer Center — a planned higher education and innovation campus in western Placer County designed to expand access to four-year degrees, applied research, and innovation opportunities while keeping students local. Current planning envisions a collaborative academic environment capable of serving thousands of Sierra College and Sacramento State students through shared programming and coordinated transfer pathways. The partnership reflects a broader joint strategy to increase educational attainment, retain local talent, and strengthen the innovation economy.



Inclusive Sierra

Sierra College continues investing to improve student access, affordability, and long-term success as the needs of students and employers evolve. Recent investments in campus modernization include the new 358-bed student housing community designed to improve housing stability and affordability, along with upgraded student spaces and workforce training environments. A majority of housing units are offered below market rates, helping address one of the most significant barriers to educational attainment in California.

At the same time, Sierra continues broadening educational opportunities for traditional college-age students, working adults, veterans, first-generation college students, dual enrollment participants, and career changers seeking entry into higher-wage, high-demand industries. Through employer partnerships, transfer agreements, student support services, and applied learning opportunities, Sierra College is building a more adaptable institution focused on economic mobility, workforce readiness, and student success both inside and beyond the classroom.

North Far North Regional Consortium



Sierra College plays a growing leadership role in California's North/Far North Regional Consortium, a collaborative network of 15 colleges serving 22 counties and working together to strengthen Career Technical Education and workforce alignment across a massive area. Beginning in 2026, Sierra College will assume management responsibilities for the consortium. The work includes employer engagement, labor market coordination, grant development, and workforce planning designed to help colleges stay aligned with industry needs. The work is particularly important in supporting rural communities facing economic transition, workforce shortages, and changing industry needs throughout Northern California.



New Chair for the North Far North

Sierra College welcomes Angela Cordell of Shasta College as the incoming Chair of the North Far North Regional Consortium. As Sierra assumes management of the Consortium at mid-year, Cordell's regional expertise and cross-college relationships position the NFNRC for a strong next chapter in workforce and CTE collaboration.

Selected to Join Aspen Institute's "Unlocking Opportunity" Initiative

Sierra College was selected in 2025 to join the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program's "Unlocking Opportunity" network — a national initiative helping community colleges strengthen pathways into high-value careers and bachelor's degree attainment. Today Sierra College is working alongside other colleges in the US to evaluate and seek ways to strengthen academic and workforce programs that lead to family-sustaining wages and long-term career mobility. This work is helping Sierra College build a more connected and adaptable institution focused on access and affordability, economic mobility, and student success that extends far beyond the classroom.



How to Engage with Sierra College

Sierra College is committed to building strong partnerships with employers, industry leaders, government, K-12 and university educators, and community organizations to strengthen the region's workforce and expand opportunity for students.



Employers interested in partnership opportunities, workforce collaboration, internships, customized training, or program engagement are encouraged to contact Amy Schulz, Executive Dean. Workforce and Strategic Initiatives, at **aschulz1@sierracollege.edu** or (916) 660-7802.

Prospective students can learn more about Sierra College programs and begin the enrollment process by scanning the QR code below.

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