



C E N T E N N I A L
C E L E B R A T I O N
MAY 22, 2021



DEAR FRIEND OF HANCOCK,

In fall 1920, as the United States was emerging from a once-in-a-century global pandemic, Santa Maria Junior College opened its doors to an optimistic future. That first year saw only six students. A postage stamp cost 2 cents, a gallon of milk was 60 cents, and you could buy a new car for \$500.

Tuition at Santa Maria Junior College? Free.

Today, Allan Hancock College enrolls nearly 20,000 students each year in our various degree, certificate, and training programs. We graduate nearly 2,000 “Bulldogs” every year, and a recent study found that Hancock has an economic impact of more than \$550 million each year in our region.

Tuition today? It's \$46 per unit, or about \$1,200 per year.

That amount is still prohibitive for too many families, which is why the Hancock Promise is so important—it covers all first-year for local students who enroll fulltime, which opens the doors for many families who could never consider college. As a sponsor tonight, you are directly supporting the effort to permanently fund the Hancock Promise.

Hancock has come a long way in its first 100 years, but we aren't finished yet. Happy 100, Hancock.



Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

PROGRAM

Hosted by

Steve Lavagnino
Santa Barbara County Supervisor (5th District)

Music by

Louie Ortega Band
Grammy-Winning Artist

Glen Phillips
Toad the Wet Sprocket

Yusef Seavers
PCPA Artist-in-Residence

Steppin' Out

The Molly Ringwald Project

Brass Mash

The Manhattan Dolls

and a special performance from Nashville by

Pryor & Lee
featuring Santa Maria native Pryor Baird

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

1920

Santa Maria Junior College is established with an inaugural class of six students.

1937

Voters pass a bond issue to build a five-classroom college wing on the northwest corner of the high school campus.

1954

The college moves from the high school to Hancock Field.

1954

The name changes to Allan Hancock College to honor Captain G. Allan Hancock.

1968

The college names the theater program the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts, and opens the Performing Arts Center, including Marian Theatre.

1971

PCPA first plays in Solvang at Hans Christian Andersen Park.

1974

The college acquires nine acres for a "South Campus." Men's basketball wins state championship. Solvang Festival Theater opens.

1978

Men's cross country wins state championship.

1991

Family & Consumer Sciences building opens.

1972

Men's baseball team wins state championship.

1992

Severson Theatre opens as an addition to the Performing Arts Center



2002

Student Center expands to include the Bookstore, café, coffee bar, and more.

2006

Voters pass Measure I, a \$180 million general obligation bond focused on facility and technology improvements over a 10-year period.

2013

Student Services and administrative buildings open, along with new athletic facilities for baseball, track and field, football, and soccer.

AHC Foundation receives \$12 million bequest from music teacher Patricia Boyd – the largest gift in college history.

2016

AHC Receives major grant for Early Childhood Education and dedicates the Orfalea Children's Center Lab School at Allan Hancock College.



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| <p>1958 Voters approve a bond issue to finance a building program.</p> | <p>1962 Four new buildings open — Student Center, library, science and north wing of the gymnasium — to form nucleus of a campus designed for 2,000 students.</p> | <p>1965 Fine Arts building opens.</p> | <p>1967 Gymnasium and Industrial Technology buildings completed; Administration and Student Services buildings open.</p> |
| <p>1957 Men's Basketball team wins state championship with Coach Bill Bertka.</p> | <p>1977 Learning Resources Center opens, with 16,000 square-foot library addition and re-model of existing structure.</p> | <p>1964 Education building opens; conservatory, theatre program begins.</p> |  |
| <p>1980s Hancock launches major upgrades to campus facilities, including an addition to the Performing Arts Center and a redesign of the college entrance and road system.</p> | <p>1982 Learning Assistance building opens, serving physically disabled students and those with learning disabilities.</p> | <p>1989 Humanities complex opens.</p> |  |
| <p>1995 The college celebrates its 75th anniversary.</p> | <p>1999 Lompoc Valley Center opens.</p> |  | <p>2007 Remodel of the library building. Expands to include the Academic Resource Center. Community Education and Science buildings open.</p> |
| <p>2014 Public Safety Training Complex opens in Lompoc, and Industrial Technology Complex opens, thanks to Measure I funding.</p> | <p>2015 The Bulldogs host first on-campus football game since the college moved to existing campus in 1954. Veteran Success Center opens.</p> | | |
| <p>2017 The Santa Ynez Valley Center moves from Solvang to Santa Ynez Valley Union High School.</p> | <p>2018 The Hancock Promise program launches, along with a campaign to fund a \$10 million endowment to support it.</p> | <p>2020 Instruction moves to all-remote learning in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. AHC breaks ground on the \$50 million Fine Arts Complex.</p> | <p>2021 The 100th class graduates. Four new time capsules are buried.</p> |

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