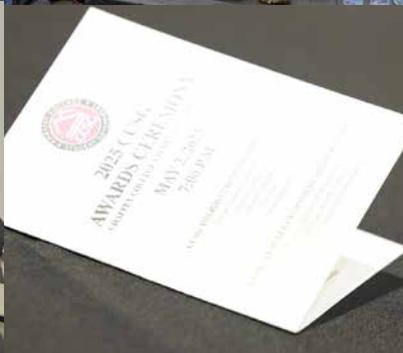




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Modernizing Student Government: A Resolution on SBA Governing Documents

By Valeria Chavez

This fall, Chaffey College Student Government (CCSG) took on an issue that often operates behind the scenes of student government associations but is foundational to their success: the strength and clarity of their governing documents. The “Strengthening SBA Governing Documents Through Revision and Transparency” Student Senate for CA Community Colleges resolution was authored by CCSG’s Director of Regional Affairs, Valeria Chavez, Senators Sebastian Rodriguez and Ryan Olaide-Sadiq, and Student Representative Zahirah Haji.

Across California’s community colleges, student body associations are tasked with representing student voices, managing resources, and participating in shared governance. Yet many constitutions, bylaws, and policies are outdated, inconsistent, or difficult for students to access and understand. This resolution addresses that gap by calling for regular review, reform, and increased transparency of SBA governing documents to ensure they accurately reflect current practices, legal standards, and student needs. Inspired by the Constitution and Bylaws Ad Hoc, this resolution promotes the committee’s mission of accountability and empowerment.

These documents are intended to be living frameworks that promote effective advocacy and democratic participation, not obstacles for the students they are meant to serve. By encouraging clear language, standardized review processes, and contextualization, this resolution aims to strengthen SBAs’ ability to operate confidently and credibly.

With CCSG’s formal sponsorship secured, the authors will present this resolution at the SSCCC 2026 General Assembly, where student leaders from across the state will consider its adoption as an advocacy priority for the 2026-2027 school year. This work reflects what student advocacy is truly about: building structures that allow student voices to create lasting change.

Educating Students on Their Power: The 9+1 Rights Workshop

By Valeria Chavez

What are your 9+1 Rights? After asking many Panthers this question, it was apparent to CCSG that students were unaware of these advocacy rights. In September 2025, CCSG hosted a 9+1 Rights Workshop with one clear goal: to inform students of the participatory governance rights they already have but too often don't know exist. The Regional Affairs committee hosted this event to empower statewide student advocacy with tangible, campus-level action.

Held in the Student Life Lounge on September 4th, the workshop focused on the Title 5 9+1 Rights outlined in the California Code of Regulations. These rights guarantee students a voice in decisions that significantly affect them, from grading policies and curriculum development to student fees, program discontinuance, and institutional planning. While these policies can sound distant, CCSG leaders broke them down and explained how they actively exercise these rights through participatory governance committees,

surveys, board participation, and advocacy efforts. CCSG was honored to welcome Joia Miller, the SSCC Region IX student intern, who attended the workshop on behalf of the regional organization and later highlighted its efforts in the SSCC Region IX newsletter. Her visit reinforced the importance of regional collaboration and demonstrated that Chaffey's commitment to student empowerment is being recognized beyond its campus.

The workshop wasn't just informational; it was empowering. Students engaged in discussion, practiced in scenarios, and left with a clearer understanding of how their voices matter in shared governance. Events like this reflect CCSG's mission: not only to represent students, but to equip them with the knowledge and confidence to advocate for themselves.



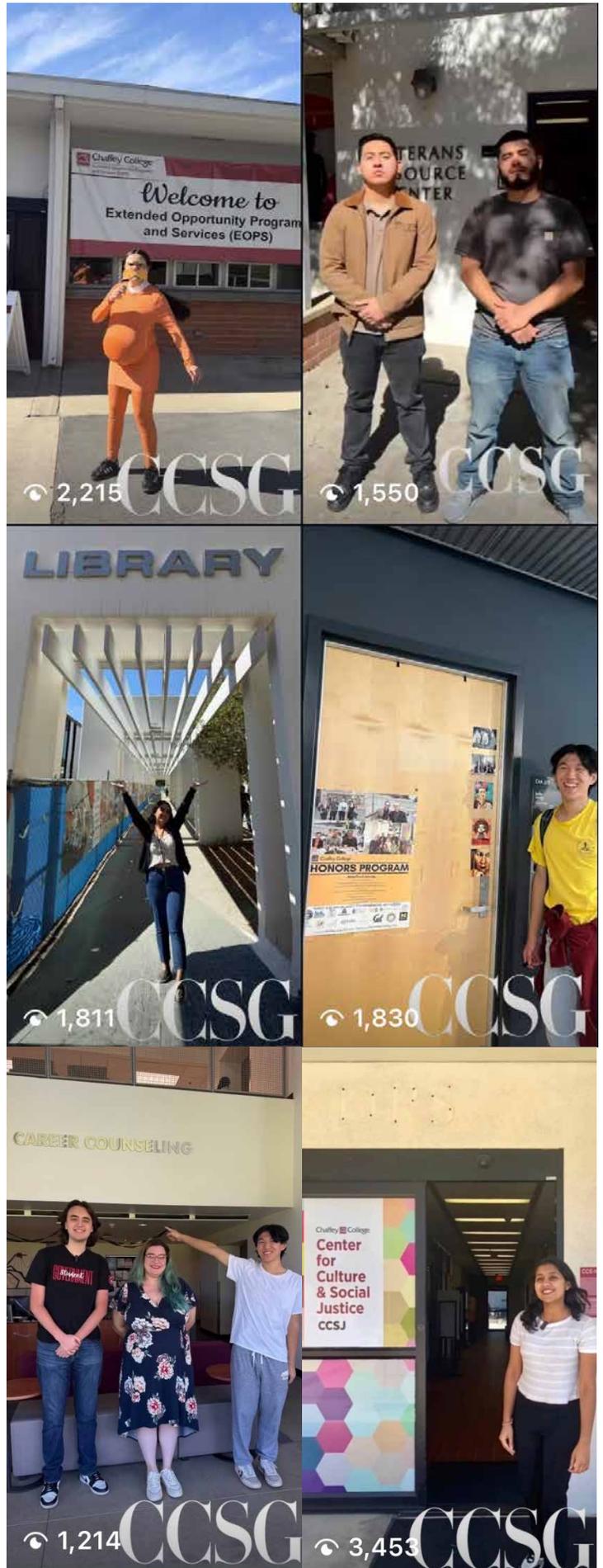
13 Questions: Connecting Panthers to Campus Resources

By Kaia Wedlow

This semester, CCSG's Outreach and Engagement senators used their production and camera skills to spread awareness of opportunities available to Panthers while attending Chaffey College. Outreach and Engagement created short-form videos designed to capture students' attention and help them learn more about the resources available on campus. Programs ranging from EOPS and the Student Life Lounge to the Success Center and the Panther Pantry were given the opportunity to have representatives showcase all that their programs have to offer.

These representatives were interviewed in a style that mimicked Vogue's "72 Questions." In the videos, Senators asked each representative 13 rapid-fire questions that brought greater clarity to what each organization does. Questions such as "Where can students find your program?" and "What exactly does your program do?" allowed these programs to spotlight their work and helped students gain access to valuable opportunities.

These "13 Questions" videos raised awareness among students, amassing over 42,000 views across fourteen videos showcasing 14 different programs. This effort allowed Outreach and Engagement to fulfill its goal of ensuring students are able to take advantage of all the support Chaffey College has to offer.





Chaffey College Student Government Involvement in Chaffey Athletics

By Vladis Luciano

CCSG made an unprecedented mark on Chaffey's athletics program during the Fall 2025 semester. In nearly every game of the season, CCSG representatives joined players on the field, providing a visible boost of morale for both athletes and spectators. Members created posters, developed crowd chants, and actively engaged fans throughout games.

Out of this energy, the Panther Den was born; a CCSG-supported initiative designed to give fans a more immersive, hands-on experience at home games, setting Chaffey apart from other local colleges. The Panther Den significantly raised CCSG's profile among the student body and athletic programs alike.

CCSG also helped amplify the football team's visibility beyond the field. For the first time, many players gained a social media presence on Chaffey's official pages; featured in both serious highlights and lighthearted moments, introducing the athletes who represent the college to a wider student audience.



3 CCSG Executive Board Members Recognized as 30 Under 30 Honorees

By Sophia Awad

In the month of November, the Chaffey College Student Government Executive Board received news that three of its members had been recognized as 30 under 30 honorees by California State Senator Eloise Gómez Reyes. Annually, Senator Reyes honors 30 individuals under the age of 30 who live, volunteer, or work in California's 29th Senate District. Senator Reyes was elected to represent California's 29th Senate District in 2024 and has since inherited the 8-year-old tradition of acknowledging young leaders' efforts to augment the environments they occupy. San Bernardino County makes up 43% of the total population of State Senate District 29 and includes the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Rialto, Redlands, and Upland, among other communities within the district.

On November 13th, Senator Reyes hosted an awards ceremony to celebrate each individual's achievements. Of the student government Executive Board, Vice President Sophia Awad, Director of Regional Affairs, Valeria Chavez, and Director of Outreach and Engagement, Sarah Nguyen, were among the 30 people Senator Reyes recognized for their measurable contribution to change in their communities and steadfast commitment to service. Sophia, Valeria, and Sarah are all second-year students who immerse themselves in their college atmosphere. The three honorees are active participants in the Chaffey College Honors Program with hopes to transfer to a University of California beginning Fall 2026.



CCSG Supporting Student Wellness

By Iriny Gurgis

One of the priorities of CCSG is to create a supportive community and increase student engagement on campus. To make this happen, CCSG hosts events to inform students of their 9+1 Rights and connect them with the many resources available both on campus and online. CCSG members don't just advocate for students' safety and academic success; they also champion personal growth and overall well-being, working to ensure that every student at Chaffey feels seen, supported, and empowered throughout their college journey.

During the Fall 2025 semester, the Chaffey College Student Government advocated for students' mental health by participating in mental health resource fairs held across the Rancho Cucamonga, Chino, and Fontana campuses. These events raised mental health awareness and promoted student wellness by inviting students to write and share encouraging quotes and messages, a simple but meaningful activity that fostered positivity and reminded students that support is always within reach. Participating in these fairs also allowed CCSG to introduce students to its mission and its commitment to upholding students' needs and rights. Through genuine conversations, CCSG members heard and validated students' concerns, strengthened a sense of community and belonging, and encouraged greater involvement in student government in the coming academic year. CCSG remains committed to ensuring that every student's voice is heard, prioritized, and represented, both on campus and in statewide advocacy efforts.





CCSG recognized at Chaffey College's Report to the Community 2025

By Phoebe Hong

As Chaffey College moves into a new era of educational opportunity and development across its three campuses, the Report to the Community event highlighted major advancements in innovation and a strong institutional commitment to student success. The event served as a reflection of Chaffey's progress while also setting a vision for the future of higher education within the Inland Empire.

Key developments presented included the Measure P bond projects underway across all campuses, which aim to modernize facilities and improve learning environments. The expansion of student-centered programs such as dual enrollment and zero-textbook-cost courses was also emphasized, demonstrating Chaffey's dedication to increasing accessibility and affordability. In addition, the college introduced several new career-focused programs designed to meet workforce demands, including a Physical Therapist Assistant program, a cybersecurity pathway, and the acquisition of a 1972 Cessna aircraft to support the Aviation Maintenance Technology program.

Beyond highlighting programs and facilities, the event focused on the real impact these initiatives have on students. Through personal student stories, attendees were able to see how these developments are shaping academic experiences and creating meaningful pathways to future careers.

"Building Tomorrow's Leaders" served as a central theme of the event. In alignment with this message, Chaffey College's Student Government was recognized as a leading example of leadership and engagement. As the first group honored, Student Government representatives were acknowledged as golden achievers of this new era, offering firsthand perspectives on the changes taking place. Through their dedication and advocacy, they help ensure that these initiatives are successful, impactful, and truly beneficial to the entire student body.



Finding Community and Leadership through CCSG

By Maryam Mustafa

Although making the transition from high school or dual enrollment to college might be intimidating, CCSG makes a conscious effort to ensure that new Panthers feel powerful, accepted, and supported from the very beginning of their journey. Through welcome week tabling, outreach events, and campus engagement fairs, CCSG promotes chances for new students to network, ask questions, and discover how student government may be a vital part of their college experience. Students learn from these initial encounters that CCSG is not just an organization, but a community that honors student opinions and promotes early involvement.

CCSG enthusiastically encourages new Panthers by providing easily accessible opportunities for leadership, such as volunteering at events, joining committees, or running for student government. Students who participate in dual enrollment or come straight out of high school often bring new perspectives, and CCSG provides them with the resources and guidance they need to develop those insights into leadership

skills. Involvement in CCSG helps newcomers develop valuable skills that benefit both their personal and academic lives, including advocacy, time management, and effective communication. These experiences also prepare students for transfer opportunities and future career success, equipping them with a foundation that extends far beyond their time at Chaffey College.

Above all, CCSG gives new Panthers a feeling of community. Student government demonstrates that every student has space on campus and a voice worth hearing. CCSG offers them a network of support so they can grow, take charge, and mold their Chaffey experience in all the right ways! If you are interested in joining CCSG and running in the 2026-2027 Elections, attend the informational meeting going over the election process on Friday, March 6th, at 1:30 pm in the student life lounge.



Empowering Student Voices: Chaffey College at CCCSAA 2025

By Yuliana Gracia-Munoz



In October, members of Chaffey College's student government traveled to Santa Clara to attend the California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) conference. The annual event brought together student leaders and advisors from across the state to share ideas, develop leadership skills, and collaborate on ways to enhance student life at community colleges.

Senators Bodhi Beam and Nolan Krueger led an interactive workshop that encouraged students from across California to build authentic connections. Their session not only highlighted the value of genuine networking but also gave participants hands-on opportunities to practice skills they can use on their campuses and in future careers.

Another workshop, led by Student Body President Matthew Caddell and Senator Keqi Zhu, focused on overcoming imposter syndrome. Drawing from personal experiences, they guided a thoughtful conversation on self-doubt, confidence, and resilience, topics that resonated deeply with student leaders navigating their own challenges.

Chaffey College stood out as one of the few institutions with students presenting workshops, underscoring the college's strong commitment to leadership development and elevating student voices. Through their contributions, Chaffey's student leaders helped shape meaningful dialogue and left a lasting impression on conference attendees.

Going Beyond the Classroom

By Keqi Zhu

At Chaffey College, we offer a variety of degrees and certificates, but we also have many great programs that will take you further in your academic journey. Looking to be more challenged in your courses? Consider joining Chaffey's Honors Program, where you will be able to take advanced courses that will give you research and transfer opportunities! Ever dream of studying abroad? Chaffey College, along with 13 other community colleges provides students with study abroad programs. However, if you are more interested in programs within the college, we have academic programs like EOPS, Umoja, PRISM (LGBTQIA+ and undocumented students), and more that provide students with resources and even

scholarship opportunities. These programs not only give you resources and opportunities, but they also provide a strong community and a stronger connection to life on campus. Building a strong community can open doors in your career and broaden your perspective in ways you might not expect. If you are passionate about making a meaningful impact and fostering a sense of belonging on campus, we encourage you to join the Chaffey College Student Government. It is here that students get the opportunity to shine as leaders, representing the student voice across participatory governance committees while actively supporting and enriching student life at Chaffey.





CCSG Bylaws Revisions

By Aram Babayan

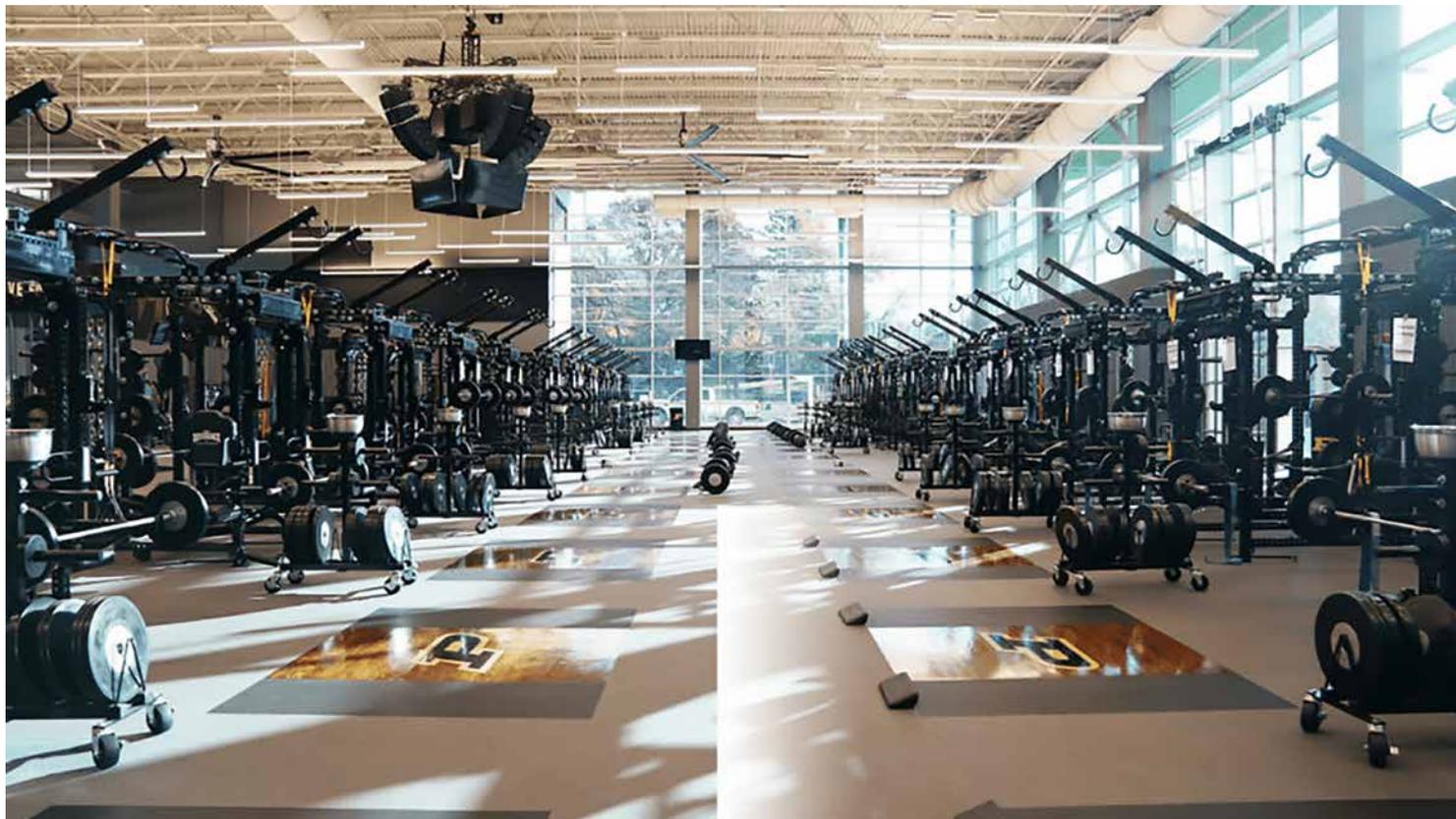
At the beginning of Fall 2025, CCSG set a goal to revise and restructure the bylaws that shape student government. These bylaws encompass the full scope of CCSG's governing framework, including the structure of our Constitution, the electoral process for each term, and the guidelines governing our three standing committees: Outreach and Engagement (O&E), Finance and Administration (F&A), and Regional Affairs (RA), as well as any additional Ad Hoc committees formed as needed. Upon review, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee discovered that multiple sections of the bylaws were redundant and difficult to understand, something the committee urgently wanted to fix by the next term.

The Constitution and Bylaw Ad-Hoc Committee undertook a highly collaborative revision process, engaging every member

of the CCSG Student Senate to review and shape the updated governing documents. Throughout the Fall semester, each Senate member contributed suggestions that helped refine every article, making the bylaws more specific, cohesive, and free of repetition. The methodical process of going line-by-line through the documents not only strengthened the bylaws themselves but also brought the committee closer together as a team, giving members the opportunity to learn from one another and identify each other's individual strengths. Ultimately, these revisions were made possible by the dedication of the committee's leaders and advisors, whose commitment to precision and longevity helped shape documents that will serve as a lasting standard for future CCSG members to build upon.

Senators Draft Resolution to Expand Affordable Fitness Access to Community College Students Across California

By Daniel Yao



Chaffey College Senators Branden Flanagan, Nishta Aryal, Daniel Yao, Bir Shoker, Alexis Medina, Gabriel Santiago, and Sebastian Rodriguez recently completed drafting a resolution designed to expand accessible and affordable gym access for community college students across California. After weeks of research, discussion, and refinement, the senators collaborated to address a statewide issue: many community colleges either lack campus gyms or restrict access due to limited funding, liability concerns, or operational constraints. Their resolution proposes a dual-path solution that allows colleges flexibility while prioritizing student well-being. First, colleges with existing fitness centers would be encouraged, where feasible, to open their gym facilities to enrolled students at low or no cost, emphasizing equity and student health. Second, for campuses without usable fitness spaces, the

resolution urges colleges to subsidize local gym memberships through partnerships with nearby fitness centers, enabling students to maintain consistent physical and mental wellness without bearing the full financial burden. Throughout the writing process, the senators drew on statewide data, student testimonies, and examples from colleges that already provide gym access, ensuring the resolution is both practical and grounded in the needs of students. Their final document highlights the connection between physical health, academic success, and overall retention, making a compelling case for broader institutional support. By completing this resolution, the Chaffey College Senate positions itself as a strong advocate for student wellness and hopes to inspire system-wide adoption of policies that enhance fitness accessibility for all community college students.

Amplifying Student Voices Through Intentional Outreach

By Alexis Medina Martinez



At Chaffey College, student voices matter when they are both represented and heard. This year, CCSG has taken meaningful steps to ensure that student leadership reflects the diversity of our campus. With a Student Senate of 40 members, CCSG is now the largest student senate among California's 116 community colleges; a milestone that demonstrates leadership at Chaffey is not limited to one type of student, but shaped by many backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives.

Outreach & Engagement (O&E) helps turn this representation into action. This year, CCSG introduced a new initiative focused on classroom and club presentations, using a structured format to visit students in their own learning spaces. These visits explain what CCSG does, how it functions, and how students can get involved. By going directly into classrooms and student organizations, CCSG removes the barrier of not knowing where to start and replaces it with clear pathways to participation.

The presentations also inform students about important opportunities such as leadership positions, committee involvement, and funding resources for clubs. For many

students, this is their first direct introduction to student government. Instead of expecting students to come to us, O&E brings student government to them, ensuring that every student has access to the same information and the same opportunities.

The size and diversity of CCSG strengthens this work. Senators bring perspectives shaped by different majors, work schedules, family responsibilities, and personal journeys. These perspectives influence how events are planned, how resources are shared, and how student concerns are addressed. Classroom and club visits allow that diversity to extend outward, connecting everyday students to the system that represents them.

Through consistent outreach and intentional communication, CCSG demonstrates that student government doesn't have to be distant or exclusive. Outreach & Engagement ensures that leadership is visible, accessible, and rooted in the student experience. By meeting students where they are, CCSG continues to build a campus environment where every Panther has a voice and a clear opportunity to use it.

Supporting Campus Clubs Through Fund Allocation

By Dilraj Singh and Branden Flanagan

The Finance and Administration Committee (F&A), a key branch of Chaffey Community College's student government, has made a significant impact on campus life during the 2025–2026 school year by actively supporting student-led organizations and events that foster connection and engagement.

So far this academic year, the committee has approved funding for 11 different student clubs, allocating a total of \$14,013. These funds have helped clubs host on-campus events, purchase essential materials and supplies, and travel to off-campus activities such as conferences, competitions, and community engagement opportunities.

One example of this support is the Cocoa and Connect event hosted by the Panther Business Association. The event created an informal, low-pressure environment where students could share ideas, discuss experiences, and form connections outside of the classroom. Events like this are especially valuable for students who may feel disconnected or overwhelmed by academic and personal responsibilities.

Beyond individual events, the Finance and Administration Committee's broader impact shows how it helps student leaders bring their ideas to life. By approving funding for club programming, F&A encourages innovation, initiative, and teamwork among students. Club officers gain practical experience in budgeting, event planning, and leadership. These skills go beyond the campus environment and prepare them for future careers and community involvement.

Furthermore, equitable funding distribution ensures that both established and new clubs can thrive. This approach boosts campus diversity by supporting organizations that represent various academic interests, cultural identities, and career paths. When clubs receive strong support, students are more likely to get involved, stay engaged, and feel connected to their college experience.

Through continued investment in student organizations and campus programming, the Finance and Administration Committee plays a vital role in enriching student life at Chaffey College. This funding not only enhances club activities but also promotes leadership, collaboration, and community building, reinforcing CCSG's commitment to empowering students and strengthening the overall campus experience.



Cocoa and Connect (Panther Business Association)



\$100,000 for Community: How Finance & Administration is Investing in Student Life

By Stephanie Miller

During the 2025-2026 academic year, the CCSG Finance and Administration Committee allocated \$100,000 in funding for the Student Life Lounge, which has allowed more student workers to be hired regardless of financial standing. Previously, students could only be hired if they received federal work study. Removing this barrier has allowed the Student Life Lounge to increase its total number of student workers, thereby allowing more programming and events to take place.

This change directly benefited the students of Chaffey College by fostering a safe space for students to take breaks in between classes and spend time with their friends. The Student Life Lounge also creates opportunities for students to engage in events, workshops, and form community and make new connections on campus.

2026 Awards Ceremony Framework Development

Here at the Chaffey College Award Ceremony Committee, we have been working to create a memorable experience to honor clubs and students here on campus. In the fall semester, our team worked to create a theme that would be memorable to all: the masquerade.

Our team facilitated communication between vendors to prepare for the day of the event. These included things like tables and chairs, a DJ, a photobooth, food and dessert, and even flowers. There were so many details to manage to ensure we created the perfect event.

We have worked tirelessly to ensure the day of the Award Ceremony would go perfectly, but it would mean nothing if we

didn't have the amazing students at Chaffey College to enjoy this night. So we encourage you all to come in your masks and get ready to celebrate your accomplishments!

Nominations for awards are open from February 23rd, 2026, to April 10th, 2026.

The award ceremony will be held at the sportscenter on May 1st, 2026, from 6-9 PM.

If you have any questions, you are more than welcome to contact the Elections Committee Chair, Keqi Zhu, at kzhu6839@panther.chaffey.edu.



The poster features a dark red background with a bokeh effect of light spots. At the top center is the Chaffey College Student Government (CCSG) logo, which is a circular emblem with a mountain peak and the letters 'CCSG' inside. Below the logo, the word 'AWARDS' is written in large, bold, yellow 3D letters. Underneath that, 'CEREMONY' and 'CLUB NOMINATIONS' are written in white, spaced-out capital letters. The word 'OPEN' is written in white, spaced-out capital letters below that. A QR code is centered below the text. At the bottom of the poster is a detailed illustration of a black and gold masquerade mask with a white feather on the left side. The text 'Club of the Year' and '\$500 Club Allocation awarded to Winner' is written in white above the mask. Below that, the date and location are given: 'Friday, May 1, 2026' and '6-9PM Sports Center, Rancho Campus'. At the very bottom, in white text, it says 'Awards Nominations open Monday, February 23, 2026 and close Friday, April 10, 2026'.