Foreword

Dear Students, Prospective Students and Friends:

Welcome to Santa Barbara City College!

We are committed to the success of each student and to providing access to outstanding and affordable higher education programs that foster lifelong learning. I invite you to explore and take advantage of the variety of learning opportunities offered by our premier college. Whether you would like to train for a new job, earn a college degree, transfer to a four-year college or university, upgrade your existing skills, or explore educational opportunities, Santa Barbara City College has courses and programs to meet your needs and interests.

Our academic offerings are coupled with a vast array of support services, including counseling, career planning and job placement services, financial aid programs, and assistance for those with learning and/or physical disabilities. SBCC also offers a health center and a variety of tutorial programs.

This year will be a busy one at SBCC:

• Founded in 1909, SBCC will mark its Centennial anniversary during the 2009 – 2010 academic year. Beginning in August 2009, we will host a number of events and activities to recognize this important occasion. We invite you to join us in our year-long celebration which will end with Commencement ceremonies in May 2010.

• On October 19 – 22, 2009, SBCC will receive a visit for our Reaffirmation of Accreditation, an extremely important status for higher education institutions. Accreditation confirms the college’s ability to provide high quality education and services in a fiscally responsible manner, ensures that SBCC-awarded degrees and certificates are recognized, allows our qualified students to receive federal financial aid, and makes our college eligible for other federal funding and federal grants.

• Significant physical improvements are underway on campus with major construction projects:
  • Remodel of the Drama/Music Building, including upgrades to the Garvin Theatre which will create a state-of-the-art facility for both classroom instruction and for theatrical performances open to the entire community
  • Construction of the new Luria Conference and Press Center overlooking La Playa Stadium
  • Upgrades to the Pedestrian Bridge connecting the East and West Campuses
  • Installation of photo-voltaic solar panels in the West Campus parking area which will harness solar energy and result in substantial savings

It is an exciting time to be at SBCC. I wish you great success and happiness in pursuing your future education and career goals, and hope to see you on campus soon.

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