

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

NONDISCRIMINATION

San Juan College will comply with existing federal and state laws and regulations, including the Title VII Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 1990, Executive Order 11246 Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, the Age Discrimination Act of 1967, the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, as amended, and the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974. It is the policy of the College to provide for equal opportunity in recruitment, employment, compensation, benefits, transfers, layoffs, returns, institutionally sponsored education, training, tuition assistance, social and recreational programs, staff development opportunities and advancement, and all other personnel practices without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, age, or veteran's status. Questions should be directed to the EEO officer at 566-3253.

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VISION STATEMENT

San Juan College will be a model of the learning college of the future by promoting student-centered learning, using appropriate technology, employing systems thinking, implementing collaborative approaches, and utilizing data-driven decision making.

MISSION

The mission of San Juan College is to improve the quality of life of the citizens it serves by meeting the educational and human needs of the entire community in concert with community agencies, businesses, industries, and other groups.

To assist in the accomplishment of this mission, the college will assess needs, identify clientele, utilize appropriate resources, remove access barriers, and develop and implement curriculum and services appropriate to a comprehensive community college. These services include the transfer function, vocational/technical training, developmental education, student services, and community services.

San Juan College will maintain accountability in all of its functions.

PHILOSOPHY

San Juan College strives to provide education and service to all individuals who seek this service both in and beyond its service area. In doing so, San Juan College asserts these fundamental beliefs:

That every individual has inherent worth and potential, regardless of race, sex, age, socioeconomic group, or other factors, and the College pledges itself to provide a variety of programs and activities to develop that potential.

That San Juan College is strongly community-based and anticipates, as well as responds to, the changing needs of the community while at the same time remaining accountable to its constituency.

That education is a life-long process and every individual has a capacity for life-long learning; the community college is a fundamental provider in this quest.

That San Juan College promotes cultural and enrichment activities and responds to community interest.

That the College has a responsibility to the community and nation in assisting in the solution of the great problems that affect us at every level.

VALUES

San Juan College believes an ethical foundation reflecting the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility is essential to achieve the College mission and vision. A commitment based on academic integrity and a high standard of individual and institutional ethics shall guide the work of the students, the faculty and the staff.

HISTORY

San Juan College was founded in 1956 as the Farmington Branch of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. All classes were initially taught by part-time instructors during evening hours at Farmington High School. In 1958, the name was changed from Farmington Branch to San Juan Branch, NMSU.

During the 1966-67 year, the College received federal grants to construct a facility for a branch campus on 590 acres of land that the Farmington City Council returned to the Bureau of Land Management. Thus, with the first building constructed in 1967-68, San Juan Branch had a permanent site in the northern part of Farmington.

From the first phase of construction in 1967 to 1981, the College grew exponentially. As the community and local school districts invested more money and support in this

university branch campus, the natural desire for more local control and autonomy arose. A successful county-wide election was held in 1981, approving of separation from NMSU and financial support for a newly created junior college district. On July 1, 1982, an independent and separate community college known officially as Junior College District of San Juan County, and informally as San Juan College, came into being.

The College supports a wide variety of instructional and support activities for academic transfer function, vocational education, and noncredit learning activities. More importantly, however, as the College has grown, there has been an incremental growth in student population. From its modest start in 1956 with 25 students, the College now has a credit enrollment of more than 9,000 students per semester. Staff size has grown from a handful of part-time instructors to a present complement of 100 full-time faculty, 300 part-time faculty, and other staff for a total of more than 900 men and women to operate the College.

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATION

In 2003, San Juan College became one of the first community colleges to take part in the Higher Learning Commission's Academic Quality Improvement Project, which replaces the traditional accreditation process. AQIP uses quality processes and standards to assist the institution maintain its accredited status. Membership in this accrediting association makes possible the transfer of credits to other colleges and universities. Accreditation information can be viewed by the public upon request from the San Juan College Office of Institutional Research and Planning. The college is also a member of the following organizations:

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology *
- American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers
- American Association of Community Colleges
- American Association of School Administrators
- American College Unions International
- American Dental Association (ADA)
- American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA)
- American Dental Education Association (ADEA)
- American Health Information Management Association*
- American Veterinary Medical Association
- American Physical Therapy Association*
- American Vocational Association
- Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs*
- Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education*
- Commission on Dental Accreditation*
- Consortium of College Testing Centers
- Council for the Advancement and Support of Education
- Council for Occupational Educators
- Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools*

- National Academy of Early Childhood Programs
 - National Association for Campus Activities
 - National Association of College and University Business Officers
 - National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation
 - National Council of Instructional Administrators
 - National Initiative for Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness
 - National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development
 - National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.*
 - New Mexico Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers
 - New Mexico Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
 - New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries
 - New Mexico Education Council
 - New Mexico Independent Community Colleges
 - New Mexico Placement Council
 - Rocky Mountain Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
 - San Juan Association for Retarded Citizens and Services to the Physically Handicapped
- *accreditation



CAMPUSES

Farmington Campus

4601 College Boulevard, 505-326-3311

San Juan College is one of the finest and most advanced community colleges in the state. The beautifully landscaped main campus is located on the north side of Farmington. The San Juan College campus has been carefully planned and all buildings are constructed in white stucco. The College's facilities have grown significantly over the years, consisting of 15 buildings and five off-campus facilities occupying more than 978,000 square feet and representing a value of more than \$196 million for buildings only.

The newest building is the 13,000-square-foot Health Sciences Simulation Center that includes training space for the College's programs in Surgical Technology, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Laboratory Technology, as well as a state-of-the-art Simulation Center for ICU, ER and nursing skills.