

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.