

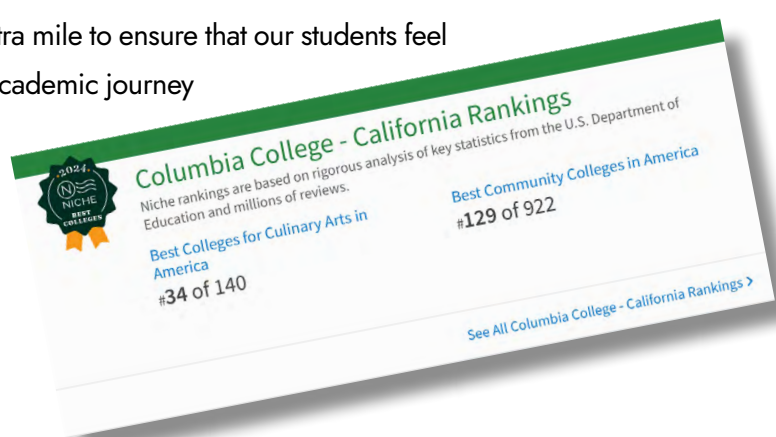


NICHE RATING

Niche, an organization dedicated to evaluating and ranking community colleges across the United States, has recently acknowledged the impressive achievements of Columbia College for 2024. Among 118 Best California Community Colleges, Columbia College has secured an outstanding position at #28. Furthermore, the college has been recognized as the 129th best value college out of a total of 922 community colleges in the entire USA. The Culinary Arts program at Columbia College has also earned well-deserved recognition, ranking at #34 out of 140 programs.

These accolades serve as a testament to the college's commitment to excellence and its dedication to providing an exceptional student experience. Such remarkable accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering efforts of the college's staff and faculty.

My heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has gone the extra mile to ensure that our students feel truly welcomed and cared for as they embark on their academic journey with Columbia College. These achievements are a source of immense pride for our institution, and we look forward to continued success and growth in the future. Thank you for your exceptional contributions.



DURING THE OCTOBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE,

students, staff, and faculty had the chance to warmly welcome our elected officials in the Lakeside Lounge with a Meet and Greet Gathering. Trustee Dr. Don Davis participated in a friendly game of Foosball with students.



ON OCTOBER 20, DR. TRAN PARTICIPATED in The Central Valley Higher Education Consortium (CVHEC) Higher Education Summit focused on "Student Success Through Equity and Inclusion." The summit offered valuable insights and resources on a variety of subjects, including pathways to and through college, equitable dual enrollment strategies, federal legislative updates, and real-world examples of colleges addressing specific community needs.



On October 4, Dr. Tran participated in a CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) training session designed for college presidents, focusing on foundation advancement.

CASE is a global nonprofit association dedicated to educational advancement professionals—in alumni relations, communications, development, marketing, and advancement services—who share the goal of championing education to transform lives and society.

The training emphasized the importance of innovative and strategic fundraising efforts involving alumni and corporate partnerships. Additionally, there were deep discussions on the value of having students share their personal stories at various events as a means of fostering stronger connections with donors.



Dr. Tran took on the role of Vice Chair for the ACCJC visiting team of Ventura College and visited the campus for a comprehensive review Focused On-Site Visit. This endeavor offered Dr. Tran a chance to directly engage with the visiting team and comprehend the intricate logistical aspects and methodologies involved in an accreditation review. This experience is highly advantageous as Columbia College gets ready to finalize our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) and welcomes a visiting team to our campus in the Fall of 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (HOME GAME)	10/27
HALLOWEEN CONTEST AND CELEBRATION	10/31
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING	11/8
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (HOME GAME)	11/8
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (COLLEGE CLOSED)	11/23 & 11/24



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