

Gavilan College: Mission, Vision, and Values

Results from Mission definition work session, May 2018:

PURPOSE	ACTION	VALUES	COMMITTMENT
Ensures that everyone can have access to a high-quality, purposeful college education	Offer classes, leading to degrees, certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions, or the workforce	Efficient and Effective	Serve the community regardless of skills – there is a starting place for all
Supports the local workforce	Provide a broad range of degree and certificate programs: transfer, technical, academic, career ladder, noncredit	Respect for students and their situations	Response to community need
To serve as a pillar of the community, providing stability	Evaluate, track analyze, report	Social justice – being mindful and aware	Reflect the community’s needs in programs and services
Provides a place for higher education for students and the communities of South Santa Clara and San Benito Counties	Provide guided pathways	Equity	Individualized support
Prepares students for future education and careers	Help students navigate the educational process	Creating lifelong learners	Support along the way
Opportunity for social mobility	Create learning environments	Relevant skills	Guidance
To serve as a beacon, a way out of poverty, a way out of the dark	Provide a positive environment for learning	Student empowerment	Reciprocity
To empower students	Provide equitable access and support to disadvantaged student populations	Self-determination	Responsibility / Accountability
First generation college students		Decision-making skills	Commitment of staff
Helps students acquire a lifelong habit of inquiry		Helping students develop their self-confidence	
		Professional development	

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What is required for Accreditation:

Standard I: Mission, Academic Quality and Institutional Effectiveness, and Integrity

A. Mission

- B. 1. The mission describes the institution's broad educational purposes, its intended student population, the types of degrees and other credentials it offers, and its commitment to student learning and student achievement

Matrix of results from Mission workgroup May 2018:

What we have now: (June 2018)

Mission

Gavilan College cultivates learning and personal growth in students of all backgrounds and abilities through innovative practices in both traditional and emerging learning environments; transfer pathways, career and technical education, developmental education, and support services prepare students for success in a dynamic and multicultural world.

Philosophy

Gavilan College is committed to educational excellence. The college aspires to be an exemplary, student-centered community college through leadership, planning, and a commitment to ongoing improvement. Its services and programs are designed to instill the values of critical thinking, life-long learning, cultural understanding, and community service. Gavilan's quality of service to students is closely bound to the quality of the college staff.

Gavilan College strives to accomplish its mission with creativity and innovation and with a proactive, accessible and sensitive presence in the diverse communities it serves. The college is dedicated to fulfill its mission with compassion, caring and understanding and holds, in high regard, the respect and worth of all individuals.

Purpose

Gavilan College offers a wide range of services, including programs of community education, study in the liberal arts and sciences, and study in the pre-professional, business, vocational, and technical fields. To support student success, we offer services that strengthen and augment the learning environment. Courses and programs of study are offered days, evenings, weekends, and online. All offerings are designed to assist students in meeting their educational and life goals.

Visionary Educational Values and Goals

Values

- An imaginative and nurturing community of learners, fostered through rigorous scholarship, creativity, and personal and professional development.
- A college environment and social climate characterized by inclusiveness and mutual respect for all of our students, staff, and community.
- Excellence in and promotion of comprehensive programs, services, and activities.
- Partnerships that support the educational, economic and social development of the college and the communities we serve.

Goals

- To be known for educational excellence
 - To demonstrate involved and responsive community leadership
 - To increase our accessibility
 - To encourage innovative instruction
 - To lead in the application of appropriate educational technology
 - To promote a harmonious learning and working environment
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