

I. Message from the Superintendent/President

A college on the move

Gavilan College has been serving the higher education needs of San Benito County residents since 1919, and South County residents since 1964. We have grown to be a 2,700 square-mile district with five locations and comprehensive instructional programs in numerous disciplines.

Throughout that history, we have periodically reflected on our practices and educational programs to ensure they remain relevant and continue to meet the academic and workforce needs of our community. With a new Superintendent / President on board, and a rapidly changing external environment, it is once again time to assess our operations and facilities in light of community goals. This **Education Master Plan** is a comprehensive review to determine how our curriculum, campus, and infrastructure will meet the current and future needs of our students. This document represents the findings of a thorough analysis of our strengths and opportunities for the future.

Gavilan College faculty and staff have done tremendous work to open our new Coyote Valley and San Martin locations, develop 22 Associate Degrees for Transfer, and to provide innovative Student Services for student success. Our Career Technical Education division and Community Education department have worked together to bring on career training programs such as Water Resource Management, Unmanned

Aircraft Systems, and Hospitality Management.

This Educational Master Plan highlights some opportunities going forward – working with our community to build a “college-going mindset,” exploring a College Promise program, developing Guided Pathways, and assessing the potential to serve international students. In the areas of career training, there is potential to expand a business focus with customer service and business information worker training, and to support local manufacturers with advanced manufacturing and welding programs.

The completion of the Education Master Plan is just the start, however. It serves as a blueprint and will inform the district’s Strategic Plan, the Facilities Master Plan, and all of the action plans that will lead to enhanced student success. With the strong leadership of our Board of Trustees and the on-going support of our diverse communities, the future of Gavilan is exciting and truly portrays a college that is on the move!

Thank you for being a part of our journey.



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