

Dear ARC Community,

As we share our Week 15 updates, we want to pause and sincerely thank our campus community for the way so many people pulled together this semester to care for students, support one another, and keep important work moving forward. Whether through daily acts of service or contributions to efforts like program review, hiring committees, the Institutional Equity Plan, and planning for project teams that will continue into next fall, your collective commitment has made a real difference. This semester included both important progress and difficult moments, including the loss of a student, and I am deeply appreciative of the compassion, resilience, and shared sense of responsibility that carried our community through.

Key Updates:

- Don't forget about all the resources available on the [Office of the Vice President of Instruction | Inside American River College](#) and [Office of the Vice President of Student Services and Equity | Inside American River College](#) webpages! If there are any updates needed - or - information you would like to see included - Please let us know:-)
 - **Graduation: Please come support our students!**
 - Thursday, May 21, 2026
HomeBases: Art; Health & Education; Public Safety; STEM
Doors open at 6 p.m. for guests, the ceremony begins at 7 p.m.
Beaver Stadium
 - Friday, May 22, 2026
HomeBases: Business; Language & Communication; Manufacturing, Construction, & Transportation; People, Culture & Society
Doors open at 6 p.m. for guests, the ceremony begins at 7 p.m.
Beaver Stadium
- The best type of College Service - Celebrating our students!
- **Grand Opening of Natomas Center STEAM** - May 11 @ 9:00 a.m. at American River College Natomas Center, 2421 Del Paso Rd., Sacramento, 95835
 - **Cultural Graduations**
 - [Lavender Graduation](#)
 - Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026
 - Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 - Location: ARC Community Rooms
 - [Native Graduation](#)
 - Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026
 - Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

- Location: ARC Cafeteria
 - [**Celebration of Excellence & Achievement for Students of African Descent**](#)
 - Date: Friday, May 8, 2026
 - Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 - Location: [St. Paul Church of Sacramento](#)
 - [**Honrando a Nuestros Estudiantes**](#)
 - Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026
 - Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 - Location: Sacramento City College
 - [**Asian Pacific Islander Scholars Rising**](#)
 - Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
 - Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - Location: Harris Center for the Arts, Folsom Lake College
 - **Institutional Equity Plan Update:** The Institutional Equity Plan has been finalized and will be reviewed for approval by ELT on Monday, May 4. This five-year plan will help guide and align our equity work across the college.
 - **HomeBases Project Group Charter:** The HomeBases Project Group Charter has been approved by Academic Senate and will move forward for adoption. The one-year project group work is scheduled to begin in Fall 2026.
 - **Opportunities to participate in campus-wide Project Teams in the fall.** Please let your constituency leadership know if you're interested in serving:
 - **Distance Education Project Team**
 - **Dual Enrollment Project Team**
 - **HomeBases Project Team**
 - **Important Night and Weekend contacts:**
 - Campus Police: 916-558-2221, dial 0 for Dispatch (Roof leaks, broken window, vandalism, emergencies)
 - Custodial On-call: 916-484-8255 (building classroom access, minor cleanup)
 - Emergency: 911 (medical emergencies, fire)
 - After-Hours Admin: 916-484-4500 (Administrator support for evenings/weekends)
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Instructional Updates

- **Program Review:** Thank you to the programs engaging in Program Review this cycle for the thoughtful reflection, data-informed planning, and deep commitment to students that this work requires. Across these conversations, we heard

exciting examples of innovation and care, including expanded OER/ZTC efforts, stronger workforce and transfer pathways, inclusive teaching practices, industry and community partnerships, and creative approaches to student access and success. Program review is a lot of work, and we are grateful for the time, honesty, and leadership each program is bringing to the process.

- Looking for **OER/ZTC** textbook options for your courses? Check out [LibreTexts!](#) LibreTexts is the non-profit open education resource platform for creating, customizing, and sharing accessible, interactive textbooks, adaptive homework, and ancillary materials. They collaborate with individuals and organizations to champion open education initiatives, support institutional publishing programs, drive curriculum development projects, and more.
- Registration is open for the May and June [WebAIM Accessible Document Training](#) cohorts, sponsored by the California Community Colleges (CCC) **Accessibility Center**. This training program is designed to provide participants with practical skills to improve document accessibility. **Free to CCC staff and faculty!** Participants who successfully complete the self-paced course and assessments will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. The course requires approximately 10 hours of work and can be considered towards FLEX credit or College Service.
- The Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce a new **free, self-paced** systemwide professional learning opportunity, [AI Literacy for Educators: Supporting Student Success](#), offered via the CVC@ONE platform. This opportunity designed for faculty, instructional designers, and academic leaders reflects the Chancellor's Office Vision 2030 commitment to driving innovation and shaping the future of learning through strategic partnerships.
- [Common Course Numbering \(CCN\)](#) is **expanding across Los Rios and ARC**. Following Phase I implementation in Fall 2025 (13 CCN courses in Communication, English, Political Science, Psychology, and Statistics), **Phase II will launch in Fall 2026** with CCN courses in Art History, Astronomy, Biology, Communication, Economics, English, and History, with additional disciplines coming online in 2027. **Phase III is being paused to address articulation concerns**. This phase will impact 18 disciplines at ARC; discipline faculty in those areas will be invited to review statewide CCN templates and determine which local courses should convert through the curriculum process. More information can be found on the [CCN webpage](#).
- The **Career Center** is continuing to refine its services to better support students across programs, and we value your perspective as part of this work. If you're able, please take a few minutes to complete the brief survey below: [Career Center Faculty Survey](#). Your input will help inform how we strengthen connections between Career Center services and instructional programs.

- As part of the **CCCCO Faculty Professional Development Work Group's** ongoing efforts to strengthen teaching and learning across the California Community Colleges, the Chancellor's Office is launching a [faculty survey](#) to better understand current needs, priorities, and experiences related to professional development. This survey was developed in collaboration with representatives from the ASCCC, CVC@ONE, CIOs, AI Faculty Fellows, regional consortia, OERI, and experts in accessibility, information literacy, and instructional design to ensure it reflects a broad range of faculty perspectives and systemwide priorities. Please expect the survey to take an estimated 5-10 minutes to complete. It will close on **Friday, May 26, 2026**. They greatly value your time and insight, and appreciate your partnership in helping to shape the future of faculty professional development across the system.
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Student Services Updates / Events

- **HomeBases Support Navigator Form:** We have launched the [Support Navigator Form](#), a new tool to help connect students with HomeBase support and campus resources through proactive, coordinated outreach. The form is not limited to moments of concern and can be used any time a student may benefit from a check-in or follow-up.
 - At launch, referrals may be submitted by instructional faculty and Admissions & Records staff, with expanded access coming soon.
- **HomeBase Support:** Each HomeBase offers in-person support tailored to students who are aligned with their major. Please continue to refer students to their designated HomeBase location for direct assistance (Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.):
 - LRC Building: Arts, Business, Language and Communication, People, Culture and Society, Health and Education, Public Service HomeBases, STEM, and Undecided Student Support (Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
 - CTE Building: Manufacturing, Construction & Transportation – 2nd Floor (Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- **Unite Center:** As we move through May, a time often associated with graduation, transition, and looking ahead, this College Hour creates intentional space to reflect on and celebrate AANHPI communities on our campus. The UNITE

Center continues to serve as a hub for culture, connection, and community.
Thank you to everyone who makes this important work possible

- El Centro Presents: **"The REAL Cinco de Mayo"**. Join El Centro for an engaging and educational conversation with Professor Ricardo Catón exploring the historical and cultural significance of Cinco de Mayo beyond common narratives.
 - Date: May 5
 - Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **PRISE College Hour: Celebrating AANHPI Heritage Month**
 - The PRISE Center invites the campus community to a special College Hour dedicated to celebrating and uplifting AANHPI Heritage Month.
 - Date: Thursday, May 7 Time: 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM Location: Raef Hall 162
 - Flex Credit: 1.0 hour
- **Library:** Starting June 1st, 2026, the second and third floors of the ARC Library will be closed to patrons due to extensive elevator repairs. Students can still check-out materials during this time—just stop by our Circulation desk on the first floor for help! Please keep an eye on our [website](#) for updates. Our Summer Hours will be 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.
- **Learning Resource Center (LRC):** As we approach the end of the semester, our [LRC Tutoring](#) and [Beacon Supplemental Instruction](#) Programs are here to help! Visit us in the LRC or [schedule an appointment online using Penji](#).
 - Please also attend our [Study & Succeed @ the LRC](#) Event on May 12th, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM!
- **[ARC Student Health & Wellness Center](#):** Student Health & Wellness Center is open all summer - students may access services if:
 - They are enrolled in summer semester, or
 - They were enrolled in Spring '26 AND Fall '26, or
 - They are in a program that requires health services before their program starts
 - *May is Mental Health Awareness Month:* A very good time to check-in with yourself and prioritize your wellness (check out the latest [Stall News](#) for more). The SHWC team will be hosting several activities to raise awareness:
 - All month SHWC will be hosting a Mental Health Awareness Activity Wall in the Student Center Community Wall
 - Student & Succeed in the LRC on May 12th from 10-2pm
- **Beaver Cares Basic Needs:**
 - **Summer applications** will open on June 1st via our website.
 - **Spring 2026 numbers:** Beaver Cares received 1,093 applications for services (not including the food pantry) of which 935 were eligible and

received services. Our Housing Team has served over 150 students experiencing homelessness or in danger of becoming housing insecure and we have served 2,046 unduplicated students in the food pantry this semester.

- **Natomas Center**

- The Natomas Center is hosting an in-person Financial Aid workshop to support students, prospective students, and their families in completing their 2026-2027 FAFSA or CADAA application.

- Date: Thursday, May 7th 5:00-7:00pm
- Location: Natomas Center, Building 1, Room N103
- Register [HERE](#)

- **Student Support Services**

- We invite all graduating students participating in any Student Support Service program to join us for a special Graduation Celebration on May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Community Rooms. This event is an opportunity to honor your achievements, celebrate your journey, and recognize the support systems that have contributed to your success. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you!

- **Disability Services:**

- DSPS ensures that students with disabilities, medical conditions, or temporary injuries have the support they need to thrive in college and beyond.
- Visit the DSPS Office in the Welcome Center or learn more online:

 arc.losrios.edu/DSPS

 DSPS@arc.losrios.edu |  (916) 484-8382 |  (916) 993-3087

Student Services and Resources

- [Students' Services and Resources](#): To further support our students and their success, here is a consolidated overview of our current student services and resources so you have an easy way to connect students with what they need. You can find the list of programs, contact information, and key services in this document: [Student Services and Resources](#). Please feel free to share it with your teams, include it in your classes and meetings, and provide it to any students who may benefit.

Important Dates

Admissions and Records - Important Dates (Full-Term deadlines)

Spring 2026

- May 15 - 21: Final Exams
- Grades Due:

For a complete list of term and session-specific deadlines, please visit the [Academic Calendar and Deadlines](#) page.

Visit the [Work Calendars webpage](#) for the 2026 employee work calendars.

Summer 2026

- Summer June 8th to August 5th.

Fall 2026

- Fall priority registration is between April 13th to May 8 ([Full Details](#)).
- Open Enrollment: May 12, 2026.

Our joint emails will resume in the Fall semester - Have a great summer!

Warmly,

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American River College Land Use Statement: We acknowledge the land which we occupy at American River College as the traditional home of the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of this land since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient tribes and bands, both Federally recognized and unrecognized. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the generations that have gone before as well as the present-day Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok people.