San José Promise is San José Evergreen Community College District’s commitment to:

- Serve 500 students who have graduated from a San José high school in 2017 (expansion of students served will increase in subsequent years)
- Enroll graduating San José high school students with a focus and specific outreach to underrepresented, low-income, undocumented (AB 540) and first-generation-to-college students
- Provide a “cost free” education, for up to two academic years, that includes tuition, books, Eco Pass (VTA Transportation), and health fee
- Provide academic and student support services for academic success.

San José Promise college students commit to:

- Complete all eligible financial aid applications
- Enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 units each semester
- Earn and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 each semester
- Enroll in and successfully complete math and English courses (in addition to courses within student’s education plan) each semester
- Enroll in and successfully complete a college readiness summer math course if needed
- Attend required appointments with a San José Promise counselor
- Attend required orientations, focus group meetings, writing and math workshops
- Participate in mentorship, internship, civic or community service opportunities.

“By ensuring that more local students are prepared for, enroll in, and graduate from college, we will diversify the Silicon Valley workforce and ensure our local economy has the skilled workers needed for 21st century jobs.”

— SJECCD Chancellor
Dr. Deborah Budd

“San José Promise reflects our city’s collective commitment to ensuring that every single San José high school student has the opportunity to continue their education and pursue a future with unlimited opportunity.”

— San José Vice Mayor
Magdalena Carrasco

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San José Promise Graduate

— Klayre Guzman Ortega

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Making college an expectation and attainable goal for every San José high school graduate

San José · Evergreen Community College District is leading San José Promise in partnership with the city of San José to deliver college readiness and success programs, including the San José Promise College Scholarship.

In collaboration with our local high school districts: East Side Union and San José Unified, as well as programs with the city of San José, San José Promise is designed to remove the barriers that leave too many of San José’s youth and young adults disconnected from school and work, or relegated to low-paying jobs.

San José Promise will build a highway to success with the goals of improving high school graduation rates and increasing college access and success through three strategies:

1. **College Readiness** programs that support a college-going culture for high school students and their families through:
   - Community College dual enrollment courses to provide high school students with free, on-site, community college courses; and
   - College readiness support, including assistance with college and financial aid applications;

2. **San José Promise College Scholarship** provides up to two consecutive years of full-time college funding with an enrollment focus on low-income, first-generation, and historically underrepresented students, including undocumented (AB 540) youth;

3. **College Pathway Partnerships** with service providers and corporate and philanthropic partners that support college and career pathways for San José’s youth.

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“I’m grateful to the pilot San José Promise program for covering my tuition, fees and textbooks and giving me the academic tools to succeed.

I received my associate degree in Chemistry at San José City College and transferred to UC Davis with full financial aid. I earned my bachelor’s degree from UC Davis and will start my career in San José in a few months.

— Klayre Guzman Ortega
(Pictured on cover)

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Today, of every 100 students entering high school, only:

- 84 will graduate from high school;
- 60 will enroll in college; and
- 30 will earn a college degree or certificate within six years.

San José Promise will address this issue by removing barriers and creating pathways for student success.