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January 27, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

We are about to begin spring semester on Friday and as always, we want all of our students to come back to campus (or online) confident that we will keep their personal information safe. We have been governed by FERPA for as long as I have been in this system (25 years), which prohibits us from giving out student information to anyone outside of the College. Recent events suggest that we may have immigration agents or other government officials visit campus – we may not, but need to be prepared – and FERPA continues to



apply if you receive questions. And if you are presented with any documents, contact my office. The District will have more guidance out this week along with information for students, and we are setting up a webinar as well with Lisa Ramirez from US Immigration Law Group, LLP (see flyer below).

In the meantime, we will conduct business as usual – meaning celebrating all of our students, respecting them and helping them succeed in their classes – and keep you informed.

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HOW TO RESPOND TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ON CAMPUS Webinar



Date

February 7, 2025

Time

(B) 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Register Today!

bit.ly/HowToRespondWebinar



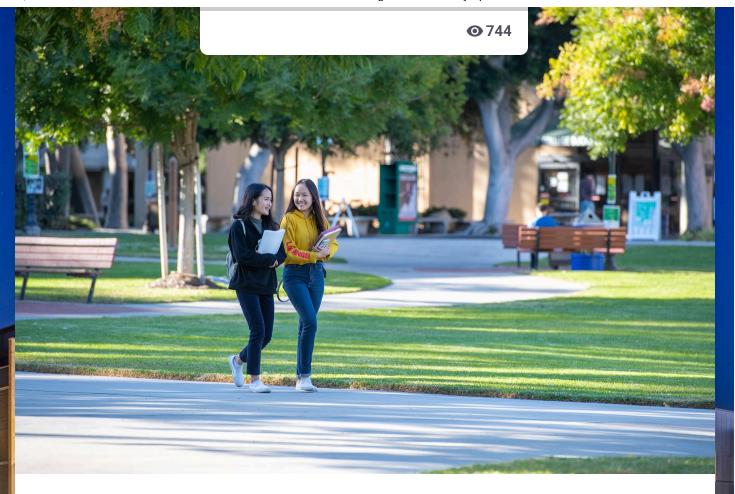
This session
is designed for frontline staff,
management, and faculty to
learn crucial information on
how to handle interactions
with immigration agents on
campus and in the
classroom. Enhance your
understanding and support
for undocumented students
by attending this important

webinar.



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This week and next week are blackout dates, meaning that everyone is expected on campus in person (not working remotely). The SSC and campus were buzzing last week, so I expect that we will have many students and prospective students coming here.



Some more excitement this week: we are expecting our first delivery of new Student Union furniture on Friday which should transform the space (from the current "mid-century juvenile detention facility"). Stop in next week or if you can't, we will send some pictures out next Monday! So pleased to be providing a better space for students. Thanks to ASGWC for funding as well as Claudia and Rick for making it happen.



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Don't forget to mark your calendars: Goldchella is scheduled for Thursday, March 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is an "all hands on deck" recruitment event as we welcome hundreds of seniors from our local high schools.

There are plenty of opportunities to help, including signing up to promote your program by tabling or hosting a demonstration or hands-on activity as part of a tour stop. And, of course, we always need general helpers for the event to assist with set up and break

down. If you haven't already, you can sign up by filling out this interest form.



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As we wind up Intersession, thanks to all the faculty and instructional assistants who made it a very well-enrolled session this year. And shout out to Cosmetology, CJ and Athletics, which have already started spring classes.

This week, I'll be orienting our new Foundation Director Jen Mower to campus and attending some trainings for both an ACCJC team and PRT that I'll be leading. In between, Rick, Joe Dowling and I will take one more look around campus for any last-minute clean up before students come back in force.

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GWC Mission Statement

Golden West College provides an intellectually and culturally stimulating learning environment for its diverse student population. The College provides enriching and innovative programs that help students: transfer to four-year institutions, earn associate degrees, complete certificates in career and technical education, advance their careers, and demonstrate college readiness. The College is committed to continuous assessment and improvement of student learning and institutional effectiveness.

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