OUR VISION

SJCC+CS envisions all young adults empowered by knowledge and skills that will allow them to fulfill their potential and achieve personal and professional success.

OUR STUDENTS

42% FEMALE
58% MALE

92% STUDENTS OF COLOR

95% BETWEEN 18 AND 24 YEARS OLD

30% HOMELESS
84% QUALIFY FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

6th-8th GRADE

AVERAGE LITERACY LEVEL OF INCOMING STUDENTS

AVERAGE NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY OUR STUDENTS PRIOR TO SJCC+CS

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95% BETW

30TH ANNIVERSARY KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
✓ Five-year charter renewal for SJCC Charter School
✓ Accreditation from Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
✓ Key partner in the City of San Jose’s emergency flood response
✓ 30th Anniversary Luncheon honoring SJCC+CS founders
✓ Solar installation projects at Berger Rd. and Senter Rd. campuses

OUR MODEL

CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
+ Accredited high school diploma
+ Career and college counseling
+ Life skills classes

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION
+ Pathways to careers via paid job training
+ Bridge to post-secondary education
+ Community Service

SUPPORT SERVICES + PARTNERSHIPS
+ Stabilization services
+ Counseling support and case management
+ Post-secondary scholarships

“After thirty years, SJCC+CS’s impact is unequivocal. Yet, the need for our services continues to grow. Therefore, we remain committed to enhancing the innovative ways in which we meet our students’ needs and improving the quality of services we provide. Thank you for your support. Together, we change lives.”

Former Mayor of San Jose, Susan Hammer, and former San Jose City Councilmember, Shirley Lewis, were honored with Founders Awards, having been instrumental in starting SJCC 30 years ago. Presenting the award (left-right): Margie Matthews, former SJCC+CS Board President, Fidel Gonzalez, and Mark Lazzarini, current SJCC+CS board members. SJCC+CS founding Executive Director, Bob Hennessy, was also honored.
The SJCC Charter School completed a year of program enhancement that was marked by the renewal of a five-year charter from the East Side Union High School District trustees and by receiving accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The conferment of the charter and the accreditation recognized our newly defined literacies in academics, 21st century technology, civic engagement, and college and career counseling. Together, these literacies will equip students with real world skills that will help them to continue their education and make a positive impact on their community.

AMERICORPS

Through community service projects, students in the SJCC+CS YouthBuild/AmeriCorps program make local communities safer, help non-profits carry out their missions, honor the sacrifice of others, and instill leadership by example. They also expand their skills, broaden their networks, and increase their chance for new opportunities through their civic engagement. AmeriCorps, a nationwide program, rewards their hard work with Education Awards, which can be used to help pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans.

PAOLA FLORES

RECYCLING DEPARTMENT INTERN

Paola’s journey to graduation was fraught with many challenges. First enrolled in 2012, Paola would come and go from our charter school program twice before finally succeeding on her third try. It wasn’t for lack of motivation though. Before achieving her goal of graduating with a high school diploma (in June 2017), Paola first had to overcome being expelled from her family home and living in her car; finding very low-cost living accommodations in Los Banos, but having to commute to San Jose for work; lacking childcare for her infant daughter Athena; and separating from her partner.

Paola credits SJCC+CS staff, particularly CTE & Support Services Director Ashley Koch, with helping her get there. “She encouraged and motivated me to come back to school. I built a connection with Ms. Koch and Principal Ogden. I felt welcomed. Regardless of what happened, they were going to help me.”

The first in her family to graduate from high school, Paola is embarking on another first for her family. Hired as an SJCC+CS Recycling Department Intern in May, Paola is now enrolled in a two-year program at Evergreen Valley College as part of her internship. Paola plans to transfer to a university where she will use the AmeriCorps Education Award she is earning to help pay her tuition. Eventually, Paola would like to pursue a career in social work.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016/17

174 GRADUATES

$171,601 IN AMERICORPS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED BY 110 STUDENTS

$69 MILLION INCREASED LIFETIME EARNINGS FOR 174 GRADUATES
CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION
PAID JOB TRAINING

CORPSMEMBERS
Corpsmembers are current students and graduates of SJCC+CS or other high schools (ages 18 to 27) who gain valuable paid work experience via our Career Technical Education program. Through paid job training in high growth industries such as green energy and waste management, these youth are able to obtain living wage jobs and move from poverty to prosperity.

PROGRAM BENEFITS
In addition to acquiring job skills and performing community service, corpsmembers in FY16-17 have triggered the economic and environmental betterment of their communities through:
- emergency flood response and clean-up in San Jose,
- trail construction of a high priority project within the County Parks Master Plan, and
- solar photovoltaic installation at our campuses helping to reduce our reliance on the traditional energy grid.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016/17

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SJC+CS CREWS CENTRAL ASSET IN SAN JOSE FLOOD RESPONSE
SJCC+CS corpsmembers worked for several days and late nights filling and distributing sandbags at the City of San Jose's Mabury Service Yard, as they helped combat the most torrential storm the area has seen for 20 years. After the rains subsided, corpsmembers helped in clean-up efforts in the neighborhoods in the McKinley Elementary School area and Kelley Park. SJCC+CS staff and corpsmembers were honored for their outstanding community service during the flood relief by three governmental agencies: the San Jose City Council, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors. Collectively, our crews removed 5,000 cubic yards of flood damage debris from 1,461 homes, gave 7,722 hours of work toward the relief efforts, and helped to clean up seven city parks, including the Kelley Park lower zoo, by cutting and removing fallen trees and removing debris and other contaminants.

LISA KILLOUGH TRAIL CONSTRUCTION
An Environmental Conservation work crew spent nearly the entire year working to construct a new trail through the new Rancho San Vicente addition to Calero County Park. This new trail was a high priority project in the Santa Clara County Parks Trails Master Plan. Working with hand tools only, the crew constructed 4.7 miles of new trail, maintaining the proper grade and adding 15 rock crossings and drainages to ensure that the trail will be sustainable. Corpsmembers were trained in erosion control best practices (in order to protect the watershed from loss of top soil and prevent silt and other debris from entering nearby Calero Reservoir), safety training, and trail design and maintenance. The skills, knowledge, and environmental principles they employed was truly an example of STEM in action!

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH PARTNERSHIP
SJCC+CS is a key partner of the Santa Clara County Opportunity Youth Partnership (OYP), which addresses the needs of the county’s opportunity youth through a collective impact approach. This approach facilitates cross-sector systematic transformation with the goal of increasing positive outcomes for the hardest to serve youth in our county. Opportunity Youth are 16-24 years old, disconnected from, or insufficiently connected to, education and the workforce. SJCC+CS students, who are disconnected from the critical systems and experiences of education and employment that lead to self-sufficiency, have access to a network of support services through the OYP partner organizations.
None of the work accomplished by SJCC+CS would have been possible without our community partners, sponsors, and donors. We are thankful for your commitment to our organization and know that, together, we can create a community where all young people’s talents are realized.

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