



VISION, MISSION, VALUES, AND GOALS

2004-2009

VISION STATEMENT

Ohlone College will be known throughout California for our inclusiveness, innovation, and superior rates of student success.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Ohlone College is to serve the community by offering instruction for basic skills, career entry, university transfer, economic development, and personal enrichment for all who can benefit from our instruction in an environment where student learning success is highly valued, supported, and continually assessed.

CORE VALUES

- We provide life long learning opportunities for students, college personnel, and the community.
- We open access to higher education and actively reach out to underserved populations.
- We promote diversity, inclusiveness, and openness to differing viewpoints.
- We maintain high standards in our constant pursuit of excellence.
- We value trust, respect, and integrity.
- We promote teamwork and open communication.
- We practice innovation and actively encourage risk-taking and entrepreneurship.
- We demonstrate stewardship for our human, financial, physical, and environmental resources.

COLLEGE GOALS

1. Promote appreciation for and understanding of diverse races and culture by expanding the diversity of college personnel, international education offerings and exchanges, cross-cultural curricula, and ethnic/cultural events.
2. Develop across the curriculum the Learning College Model, utilizing methods and technologies that hold the most promise for improving student course and program completion success rates.
3. Develop strategies to increase the proportion of full-time students including learning communities, cohort groups, enhanced facilities, and improved course availability.
4. Provide continuous learning for all personnel associated with the District and promote an organizational structure that is adaptable, collegial, and supportive of the Learning College Model.
5. Promote the health, environmental, cultural, and economic vitality of the communities served by the District through programs of outreach, community service, and partnership ventures.
6. Promote and maintain an accessible, clean, safe, and healthy college environment through continuous engagement of students and college personnel in campus preparedness, wellness, beautification, universal design, and environmental sustainability.
7. Increase public and private funds for educational programs, equipment, and facilities through entrepreneurial activities, grants, and the college foundation.
8. Develop and implement a District-wide facilities plan which encompasses the design, construction (including furnishings and equipment), renovation and major scheduled maintenance of College facilities that support programs and enhance student and employee success.

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CHAPTER 1 WELCOME TO OHLONE

Welcome to Ohlone! We are honored that you have chosen to pursue your education at Ohlone and are excited to have this opportunity to share our campuses, programs, and services with you. We hope that you will take advantage of the many programs and services available at Ohlone.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS AT OHLONE

Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology

The Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology opened for classes on January 28, 2008. The eco-friendly campus is the first “green” community college campus in the nation. The campus incorporates energy efficient features such as photovoltaic solar panels, geothermal heating and cooling, and high-efficiency lighting. The interior areas include installation made from recycled blue jeans, carpets made from recycled material, and furniture that is made from at least 65% recycled materials. The landscape consists of native Bay Area low water consumption plants and grasses.

A variety of programs and courses are offered during the day, at night, and on the weekends to accommodate student scheduling needs. Environmental and sustainability components have been implemented across the curriculum. Program offerings include Allied Health; Biotechnology; Environmental Sciences; Geography and Geographic Information Systems (GIS); Phlebotomy; Physical Therapist Assistant; Registered Nursing; and Respiratory Therapist. A selected array of General Education; fitness and wellness; and lifelong learning courses are also integrated into the Newark campus curriculum.

Several environmental active and collaborative learning projects are also a part of the student learning experience. Lab projects in Environmental Biology, Geography, GIS, and the emerging Environmental Studies program include restoring the nearby wetlands, working within the environmental outdoor lab, and learning about the renewable energy features that are part of the new campus.

Student Support Services Building

The new Student Support Services Building is expected to open for the 2009-2010 academic year. The Student Support Services Building will centralize student services such as Admissions and Records; Campus Activities; Counseling; Disabled Students Programs and Services; Extended Opportunity Programs and Services; Financial Aid; International Programs and Services; Student Health Center; Student Success Center; and the Testing Center, among other services.

ACCREDITATION

Ohlone College is accredited by the national Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Ohlone has been accredited since 1970. Accreditation visits are made every six years by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, (a division of ACCJC) [10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949 (415) 506-0234]. The last visit was in 2008; the next visit will be in 2014.

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

The first community college in the United States, Joliet Junior College in Illinois, was founded in 1901, making 2001 the 100th anniversary of the community college system. According to the American Association of Community Colleges, as of 2008 there were more than 1195 community colleges in the United States, with 987 of those institutions being publicly controlled. There are 11.5 million students attending community colleges in the United States, representing 46% of all undergraduate students in the United States and 41% of all first-time freshmen in the United States. Annually community colleges award more than 555,000 associate degrees and nearly 295,000 certificates.

The California Community College system of two-year public institutions is composed of 110 colleges statewide organized into 72 districts. The California Community College system served more than 2.6 million students during the 2006-2007 academic year and represents the largest system of higher education in the world. Ohlone College is a part of the Ohlone Community College District with campuses in Fremont and Newark, as well as the virtual campus of online course offerings. During 2007-2008 the Ohlone Community College District served six high schools, two continuation high schools, two adult schools, and the Regional Occupational Program, and more than 19,000 students. Ohlone is proud of its role in the community college system-both in the United States and California-and honored to be able to provide its students with a quality educational experience.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT OHLONE

- Ohlone enrolls 19,000 students per year at our Fremont and Newark campuses and online.
- Ohlone offers 180 degrees and academic programs.
- Every year more than 500 students transfer to four-year colleges and universities.
- About 600 students graduate with degrees or earn vocational certificates every year.
- Ohlone College employs 465 part-time and full-time faculty and 235 support and management personnel.

HISTORY OF OHLONE

Established in 1965, Ohlone College serves the cities of Fremont and Newark located in the southeast area of the San Francisco Bay Area, California. Ohlone College is part of the Ohlone Community College District. The Fremont campus is located on Mission Boulevard off Highway 680 on a beautiful 534-acre hillside site just south of historical Mission San Jose. The Newark campus is located on Cherry Street west of Highway 880 on a 31-acre site adjacent to the San Francisco Bay.

Officially named Ohlone College on June 18, 1967, the institution honors the early Ohlone Indians of the Costanoan tribe, who inhabited the Fremont and Newark area. Long before the local Indians were named Costanoans by the Spanish priests, they were known by a neighboring Miwuk tribe as the Ohlones or "people of the West." Distinguished by peaceful pursuits, especially in agriculture, they held profound reverence for the earth, believing it was theirs for living and not for the taking. They aided the Franciscan Fathers in building the Mission San Jose de Guadalupe in the late 18th century and prospered until 1806-1833 when a series of epidemics virtually destroyed the tribe. Some descendants, however, still reside in the Fremont-Newark area.

In January of 2005, the College introduced a new logo to more fully represent the Ohlone heritage of our name. The new logo represents two eagle feathers suspended from the sun. The rays shooting off from the sun look like arrowhead points aimed in the four compass directions, a traditional Native American symbol. The white band around the sun represents the "O" in Ohlone. The two feathers, another traditional symbol, also serve as a reminder of the Native American traditions that Ohlone has emulated with our goals of being more environmentally aware in our building and our practices and celebrating and promoting cultural diversity.

Ohlone Community College District opened its doors in September 1967. The 2006-2007 academic year marked the 40th anniversary of serving the Tri-cities community with higher education opportunities. Classes were first held at a temporary site in the former Serra Center Home for Girls on Washington Boulevard in Fremont. A year later, the Huddleson Ranch property, located in the Mission foothills just south of old Mission San José, was selected as the permanent campus site.

THE OHLONE CAMPUSES

Fremont Campus

The Fremont campus opened in September 1974 and is located on a beautiful 534-acre hillside above southern Alameda County between Highways 680 and 880. With 300 acres reserved for open space, the campus offers a peaceful learning environment for students. Natural features including black oak, chaparral, and seasonal springs dominate the landscape and welcome wildlife alongside the academic environment.

The architecture is designed to complement the hillside surroundings. At the center of the campus are eight of the nine original buildings comprising the academic village, composed of classroom buildings dedicated to music, art, deaf studies, athletics, and science labs, including our biotechnology laboratory and greenhouse. The central campus also features a student newspaper, cafeteria, and bookstore.

Additions to the Fremont campus are the fine and performing arts center, the Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts (which opened in 1995); the business and technology center, the Morris and Alvirde Hyman Hall (2002); and, currently under construction, the Student Services Support Building located at the southern end of the campus where Building 7 was formerly located. Groundbreaking for the Student Support Services Building occurred in March 2007 and the Student Support Services Building is scheduled for completion in the 2009-2010 academic year.

Newark Campus

Early in its history Ohlone began offering satellite classes in Newark to better serve students at the north and west ends of the district. In 2001 voters approved a bond committing \$100 million to building a campus site in Newark. The groundbreaking took place in May 2005 and the new facility, known as the Ohlone College Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology, opened in January 2008. The building actually consists of five buildings merged into one for greater energy efficiency and to conserve land use and cost. The Newark Center focuses on cutting edge vocational programs including health sciences, biotechnology, and environmental studies.



Students hang out at the new Newark Center. Photo courtesy of Julie Polk.

Learning Resources Center (LRC)/Library

The Learning Resources Center (LRC) now has two locations. The first is located on the third and fourth floors of Building 1 on the Fremont campus; the second is located on the first level at the Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology. Within the Learning Resources Center are a variety of services to maximize student success. The Library contains a broad collection of materials, arranged for easy access using the Library of Congress Classification System, and includes over 61,000 books and 225 print periodical subscriptions, as well as Web-based access to some 2,000 periodicals in full-text and to a growing collection of electronic books. Media includes audio and videotapes, compact discs, and CD-ROMS with listening and viewing equipment in the Student Technology Center. Approximately 40 Internet workstations are available for research use. A variety of seating is available, including individual carrels, tables, and group study rooms, which are available on a first-come basis. Librarians teach students and staff to gather, evaluate, and use information, both one-on-one at the Information Desk and in classes. Although the Library is primarily a resource for Ohlone students, faculty, and staff, the community is welcome to visit and peruse Web resources at <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/library>.

The Student Technology Center in Hyman Hall on the Fremont campus offers peer tutoring for students, general-purpose computers, and two specially-equipped workstations for use by students with disabilities. The Media Center, located at the Circulation Desk on the Fremont campus, houses a wide array of media for use by students in the Student Technology Center. Faculty may reserve instructional videos and computer equipment for classroom use.

Student Center

The Hochler Student Center in Building 5 on the Fremont campus houses the Ohlone College Bookstore; Ohlone College Deaf Center; Cafeteria; facilities for *The Monitor*, the Ohlone College student newspaper; classrooms; and serves as the hub of student activities. Building 5 was dedicated to the memory of the Ohlone Trustee Abraham (Abe) Hochler on June 17, 1976. Mr. Hochler had served the Fremont-Newark Community College District as a trustee from July 1, 1966 until April 2, 1976, and is remembered for his exceptional leadership in development and construction of the College. He was a staunch supporter of students during his years of service to the District.

Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts

The Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts was built on the Fremont campus in 1995 to serve student and community needs for a professional performing arts facility. An impressive architectural creation, the Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts can be seen on the hills above Fremont from as far away as the San Mateo Bridge. The Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts boasts state-of-the-art facilities in the areas of radio and television production and broadcast, a dance studio, stages for theatre productions and music performance, as well as a professional art gallery.

The Smith Center has three stages: the Jackson Theatre, a 400-seat proscenium theatre; the NUMMI Theatre, an intimate black box stage with adjustable seating; and the Ohlone College Outdoor Amphitheatre with a breathtaking view of the Bay Area. The Louie-Meager Art Gallery displays a wide range of professional art exhibits from Skateboard Art to Kinetic Neon Sculpture. The Television facilities provide staging, shooting, post-production, and broadcast of news and entertainment programming. KOHL Radio is a popular Bay Area top-40 station broadcasting on 89.3 FM.

The Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts is the largest performing arts theatre in the southern end of the East Bay. Each season *Smith Center Presents!* offers professional artist performances; a children's theatre series; Louie-Meager Art Gallery Exhibits; and the Ohlone Music, Theatre, and Dance Department performances. In addition, it is the primary performance site for the Fremont Symphony Orchestra.

Ohlone Network Television (ONTV)

With two fully equipped studios and state-of-the-art control room, Ohlone College's Broadcasting Department offers students instruction for a career in television from instructors who have spent their careers working in commercial television news and entertainment. Students use professional grade Sony DV Cam and Beta Cam cameras and AVID digital editing equipment. The department's AVID Xpress Elite Non-linear Editing Suite and multiple AVID DV Editing Bays give students the chance to receive extensive hands-on editing time and to develop editing skills that are in short supply in the broadcast industry. The Broadcasting Department's Live News Production class produces a weekly newscast throughout most of the school year, broadcast live over ONTV Channel 28 and serving the cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City. A Television Sitcom class uses Hollywood television scripts to produce a half-hour pilot that airs over ONTV Channel 28. A Producing and Directing Live Television class is also offered for students interested in the technical side of broadcasting, as well as a Live Production Crew class in which students cover live theatre, sporting, and political events.

Radio Station KOHL

KOHL FM 89.3 is a commercial broadcast training program focusing on the business of radio broadcasting. KOHL is a 24-hour operation with on-air staff primarily provided by students in a controlled and formatted broadcast lab environment. The station's operational platform is a computer business software program fully integrated with digital broadcasting equipment considered state-of-the-art in the industry. This rigorous program prepares students for a wide variety of positions including on-air talent, production, programming support, and broadcast sales to meet business and industry standards.

Did you know???

Ohlone was the first smoke-free college in the Bay Area and has set a trend for other campuses.

Morris and Alvirda Hyman Center for Business and Technology

The mission of the Morris and Alvirda Hyman Center for Business and Technology on the Fremont campus is to provide quality, cost-effective education and training for the fields of business, computer science, office technology, and software applications. Hyman Hall serves to advance economic development in the greater Fremont-Newark region. Hyman Hall's programs perform three important functions:

1. Prepare students for entry-level, re-entry, mid-level, or advanced jobs requiring a community college education.
2. Assist students in preparing to transfer to baccalaureate degree-granting institutions.
3. Serve as a center for continuing education (upgrading current employees of business, industry, and government).

Programs housed in Hyman Hall include Computer Applications and Office Technology; Computers, Networks, and Emerging Technology; Computer Science; English; English as a Second Language; Graphic Arts; Mathematics; and Multimedia studies. Hyman Hall boasts a seven-to-one student per computer ratio and offers the latest technology in multimedia, business, and other applications.

Hyman Hall is a vital economic development asset in the Fremont-Newark region, providing benefits to the entire community. Hyman Hall offers opportunities to prepare for a wide variety of occupational fields. It is also a place where employees can receive continuing education and professional development. By preparing individuals for the workplace and providing continuing education to employees, Hyman Hall is an excellent resource for employers as it offers customized training for companies and organizations.

Ohlone College Center for Deaf Studies

Ohlone College has one of the largest and most comprehensive programs in California designed to meet the academic and vocational needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. The Ohlone Deaf program is unique in that there are both self-contained and mainstreamed classes. Students may work toward a certificate, associate degree, or may fulfill requirements needed to transfer to four-year institutions such as Gallaudet University; National Technical Institute for the Deaf/Rochester Institute of Technology; California State University Northridge; or other universities. The large Deaf student population at Ohlone allows for a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, including special interest clubs on campus. There are many activities for students within the local and Bay Area Deaf communities as well.

As an important complementary program, Ohlone has one of the largest and most comprehensive ASL/Deaf Studies associate degree and certificate programs available in the United States. In addition, Ohlone has nationally recognized Interpreter Preparation associate degree and certificate programs. The close proximity of the Ohlone College Center for Deaf Studies to the California School for the Deaf in Fremont provides unique collaborative opportunities for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and hearing students.

The program is staffed by full-time and part-time instructors, all educated and certified in the area of education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people. Counselors provide assistance with registration; personal, academic, and social concerns; and educational, vocational, and career guidance. Counselors are available to assist students with any of these educational plans. The Center for Deaf Studies is located in Building 5, third floor on the Fremont campus (www.ohlone.edu/instr/div_deaf/). Registration information and appointments with a counselor may be obtained by calling (510) 659-7326 VP/TTY or (510) 659-6269 (V).

Gallaudet University Regional Center

Since its founding in 1864, Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. has been a symbol of achievements and abilities of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and has provided leadership, inspiration, and exemplary programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people all over the world. For some time the University has been expanding its scope of services beyond the traditional four-year liberal arts and practical sciences degree. This expansion is in response to the changing needs of society.

The Gallaudet University Regional Center at Ohlone College opened in October 1983. The Center serves twelve western states including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming and works in cooperation with the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center at Gallaudet University.



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The Center provides information, training, services, and resources to address the educational and vocational needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people from birth through post-secondary employment, their families, and the professionals who work with them. The Center has a library of books and videotapes for loan. Upon request the Regional Center will assist local communities with planning and coordinating educational programs, workshops, and seminars for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people, their families, and professionals who work with them. The Center will utilize resource persons from Gallaudet University as well as appropriate resource persons from schools for the Deaf, colleges and universities, and state and local agencies.

Additional information about the Gallaudet University Regional Center may be obtained by calling (510) 659-6268 (Voice/TTY); by sending a fax to (510) 659-6033; or by sending an e-mail to gurc.ohlone@gallaudet.edu.

Fremont Campus Tours

The Ohlone College Peer Mentors conduct campus tours every week. Please refer to the Peer Mentors Web site at <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/peermentors/> for exact days and times of tours. Tours begin promptly at the scheduled time and last approximately one hour. Anyone interested in taking a tour of the Fremont campus should meet in the Lobby of Building 1. Comfortable shoes should be worn as the tour involves a great deal of walking.

Individuals in need of special accommodations for taking a campus tour should contact the Peer Mentors Office at (510) 979-7563 at least 48 hours prior to the tour. Tours can be provided on alternative days by making arrangements in advance with the Peer Mentors Office. Groups over 10 people need to contact the Peer Mentors Office at (510) 979-7563 or by e-mailing newstudent@ohlone.edu to arrange a private tour.

Tri-Cities One-Stop Career Center

39399 Cherry Street
Newark, CA 94560
(510) 742-2323
<http://www.tricitiesonestop.com>

The Tri-Cities One-Stop Career Center, Newark offers free resources and services in support of employers and all job, education, and training seekers. The One-Stop Career Center is a member of East Bay Works, a regional partnership that coordinates employment activities throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The resources and services include:

- Job listings
- Computers with high-speed Internet access
- Career assessment tools
- Career counseling by appointment
- Labor market information
- Job search workshops on topics such as resume writing, interview preparation and practice, job search strategies, and more

Community Education

Community Education courses are designed to meet the not-for-credit education needs of individuals in the Tri-Cities area. No tests or exams are required. Classes provide skills, knowledge, and hands-on activities appropriate to the content. Students can improve job skills, prepare for promotion, or explore new careers by taking not-for-credit workshops. Many classes are available online. The Ohlone for Kids program has special classes designed for students going into grades 4-11. Students practice critical thinking skills and enjoy a variety of activities including arts, computers, math, reading, and writing.

The Community Education program is self-supporting and receives no taxpayer funding. Visit the Community Education Web site at <http://commed.ohlone.edu> or call (510) 742-2350 for information and registration.

Study Abroad Program

Since 1986 the Study Abroad Program has been a part of the instructional offerings at Ohlone. From its inception, Ohlone has offered students the opportunity to study and travel in a variety of countries during the summer, fall, and spring. The Study Abroad Committee has overseen a variety of summer programs offered by the Art, English, Language Arts, Music, and Theatre and Dance departments. Students have studied art in Italy, mastered French in Paris, attended theatre in London, performed concerts throughout Europe, and spent semesters abroad in Stratford-Upon Avon and Cambridge, England and Sydney, Australia. Future travel may include China as well as other interesting destinations. Beginning in the Summer of 2008, students will have the opportunity to do a Summer semester in Bangalore, India. Students should also check the Study Abroad Web site at <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/studyabroad> for additional study abroad opportunities.

Students may receive more information about financial aid for use in Study Abroad by contacting the Ohlone College Financial Aid Office at (510) 659-6150. Students who are interested in studying abroad may contact the Study Abroad Coordinator at (510) 979-7441 or via e-mail at kharrison@ohlone.edu.

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Ohlone Community College District serves the cities of Fremont and Newark and includes all facilities and functions for Ohlone College. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees who are selected by voters in local elections. The Board sets District policy, appoints the District Superintendent, and oversees the management of District assets and operations. Information about the Board of Trustees activities can be found on their Web page at <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/board>.



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OHLONE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The Ohlone College Foundation exists to broaden educational opportunities for students. One important function is to provide scholarships to those who need financial assistance. The entire Ohlone community benefits from the Foundation's support in provision of equipment, furnishings, and community-focused programs at the Fremont and Newark campuses. The Foundation receives the bulk of its financial support from members of the private and business communities; donations, endowments, and other gifts are an important source of funding for the College and its students. Of course, each gift indirectly benefits the community at large, as well.

Programs With a Purpose, Gifts With Meaning

To raise funds for its endeavors, the Foundation conducts a range of programs. During 2008-2009 the primary focus is on the Capital Campaign. Thanks to a generous matching grant by a local foundation, all capital funds raised to furnish and equip the Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$2.5 million. The Foundation launched a "Buy a Brick" program in Fall 2007 to augment corporate fundraising efforts.

How You Can Help

The Foundation facilitates grants, gifts, planned gifts, corporate funds, gifts-in-kind, and a host of other donation vehicles. Many donations are made with a specific purpose; for example, donations are made to honor an individual (living or deceased) or to fund a specific type of scholarship. Many gifts are left unrestricted to allow the Foundation to identify areas of need.

Support for the Foundation can be in the form of cash, commitments, life insurance, wills, or transfer of investments and real property. Other giving arrangements include bequests (wills), trust funds, and endowments, which are invested for long-term growth and ongoing income to help Ohlone students reach their educational goals.

All gifts are tax deductible and subject to current tax accounting limitations. Prospective donors are encouraged to consult a qualified tax consultant for more detailed information. Contributions of any size are enthusiastically welcomed and greatly appreciated, and supporting the Foundation is a great way to invest in the future of our students. To learn more about the Foundation or how to help, please call (510) 659-6020.



Students are introduced to Ohlone College at Welcome Day.
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