



# Santiago Canyon College

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Dr. Dianne Van Hook  
College of the Canyons  
26455 Rockwell Canyon Rd.  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Dear Chancellor Van Hook:

Santiago Canyon College would like to take advantage of the support made available by the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) through its provision of tailor-fit Partnership Resource Teams.

The college performs consistently well in the areas of outcomes assessment, annual planning, program review, resource prioritization and allocation, and budgeting. The college has worked hard to integrate all of these processes in a way that student learning and achievement data, along with service area outcome data, inform critical short and long-term planning decisions.

One area where Santiago Canyon College could use assistance is in the identification of technology that can help manage the institution's integrated planning processes from the assessment and disaggregation of student learning outcome data through resource allocation and master planning efforts. Currently, the college employs multiple tools to manage each component of the integrated planning process, making documentation and tracking cumbersome and inefficient. Ideally, and as was written in the college's 2014 Self Evaluation as an actionable improvement plan, the college would like to incorporate all of its planning and resource allocation documents and forms into its current assessment management tool, Taskstream. Unfortunately, this is no longer a viable option to meet the newer ACCJC standards requiring the disaggregation of student learning outcome data by student groups. Additionally, Taskstream was not designed to be a comprehensive integrated planning solution, so embedding program review and resource allocation processes into the user interface would not serve the college well.

Recently, the college decided to develop a task force to determine the desired functionality of a Taskstream replacement and to evaluate potential commercial and homegrown solutions to this technological problem. We would like to invite a Partnership Resource Team, comprised of experts in outcomes assessment, integrated planning, budgeting, and of course information technology, to Santiago Canyon College as soon as possible to assist us in this endeavor.

It is our hope that this solution may serve as a model for other California community colleges faced with this same issue.

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Please note that my time as president of Santiago Canyon College is ending on July 15. Interim President John Hernandez will assume his leadership role at that time, and future correspondence should be addressed to him and to our Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Aaron Voelcker.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Weispfenning, Ph.D.  
President

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