



## NEWS RELEASE

# Santiago Canyon College Announces New Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Melba Castro

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Orange, CA – Intelligent.com, a trusted resource for online/on-campus program rankings and higher education planning, included Santiago Canyon College to its 2023 list of the Top 40 Community Colleges in California. Santiago Canyon College ranked 11th out of the 116 community colleges in the state.

The research identifies top schools in California, based on tuition costs, the number of credits required to graduate, and online coursework delivery format. Intelligent.com implemented a methodology that ranks each program on a scale from 0 to 100 across five categories. The scoring system compares each college according to program strength, student readiness, return on investment, cost, and student engagement.

Santiago Canyon College offers flexible distance learning that appeals to busy adults or hybrid models that include on-campus and online formats. Experts at Intelligent.com assessed programs in the Best Community Colleges in California that help students enhance and develop advanced skills for a variety of in-demand positions. Studies show that obtaining a degree increases income substantially, degree holders earning 84 percent more than those with only high school diplomas or those without a completed GED. The percentage difference in earnings continues to grow with higher learning degrees such as masters, doctoral or professional degrees, with the unemployment rate decreasing to as much as 1.1 percent for those with a doctorate. To access the complete ranking, visit [Best Community Colleges in California of 2023 - Intelligent](#).