



HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

FROM HIGH SCHOOL to GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE and BEYOND

Students Succeed at GCC

People come to Glendale Community College from a wide variety of places and for a lot of different reasons. But no matter how you start, if you engage in campus activities and utilize the student services and resources that are available, you'll greatly increase your chances for success.

The students profiled here represent just a few of the ways you can get to where you want to be, but you don't have to find your way on your own. Student Outreach Services (SOS) is here to help. Call SOS: **(818) 240-1000 ext. 4767** or visit our web site: www.glendale.edu/sos



Sooren Derboghosian, UCLA

Sooren's future was cast when he was only about eight years old, watching a UCLA basketball game with his father in Iran. "Maybe you can play for them someday," his dad told him. He made the Iranian National Team at 14, moved to the U.S. after high school and enrolled at GCC. Upon transferring to UCLA, he made the Bruin team as a walk-on. "Glendale College felt like home to me," he said, "so the transition was really easy."

When she first started at GCC, Liliana admits she wasn't a very good student. She took two semesters off, but seeing her educational opportunity slipping away, she came back with newfound motivation. "College may be hard," she said, "but there are a lot of resources you can access to help you succeed." She joined the Scholars Program, found her spark, and was awarded a prestigious Regents Scholarship when she transferred to UCLA.



Liliana Camacho, UCLA



Chris Wise, CSULA

After working in construction for ten years, Chris wanted to elevate his career and become a civil engineer. He started by taking a few classes at GCC, but then decided to become a full time student. "I applied for financial aid so I could work less and focus more on my studies," he said, "and I applied for and received scholarships every year." It wasn't easy, but the money helped Chris maintain a high GPA and transfer to CSULA.

After a false start at another college, Cameron landed in a student development class at GCC. "I learned how to be a better student," he said, "and since it was taught by counselors, I started going to the counseling office to talk about my options." He also got involved with student government and developed more opportunities than he imagined possible, choosing UCSB from a list of eight schools that accepted him for transfer.



Cameron McGee, UCSB



Tatevik Melkumyan, USC

Tatevik was admitted to CSULA and CSUN after high school, but chose to attend GCC instead. "I wanted to stay close to home and keep my expenses low," she said. "I transferred to UCLA and they gave me an excellent financial package, so my only student loans have been to pay for grad school." Tatevik is currently working in the Student Outreach Services office at GCC while she finishes her master's degree in post-secondary education at USC.

It wasn't the closest school to Asad's home, but some friends planned to go to GCC, so he decided to join them. "I wanted to prepare for a four-year university by attending community college, and chose GCC mainly for the social benefit," he said, "but it worked out great for me academically, too." His activities with student government and on-campus jobs helped him build a resumé that secured his admittance to USC.



Asad Imam, USC

Glendale Community College can help you go places; this info can help you start.

Look inside for important details on how to apply, register and pay for college at GCC. If you have any questions, please contact Student Outreach Services: **(818) 240-1000 ext. 4767** or sos@glendale.edu

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New Student Checklist for 2014

Don't miss out!
You must complete these steps by June 13 to receive priority registration for fall 2014.

January 2014

- Apply to Glendale Community College for the fall 2014 semester
 - Application available online **January 20** at www.glendale.edu.
 - Applying is easy and it's **FREE**.

February

- Complete an Online Orientation
 - Once you receive your student ID number, visit www.glendale.edu/Orientation.

March–April

- Take your Math and English/ESL Assessment Tests
 - Assessment tests are available at GCC beginning **March 17** in **SF112**.
 - Visit www.glendale.edu/Assessment for testing schedule and sample tests.
 - Be sure to review sample tests prior to taking assessment tests.
 - The Assessment staff will make an Academic Advising appointment for you.

April–May

- Meet with a GCC counselor at your Academic Advising session
 - A counselor will help you develop your required **Student Educational Plan (SEP)**.

June–July

- Register for fall 2014 classes at GCC
 - Deadline to apply, complete orientation, take assessment tests and complete your SEP is **June 13**.
 - You will be notified of your registration date through MyGCC, your online student portal, on **June 23**.
 - Priority registration begins on **June 30**.

Tips for Success—Things to do once you're a GCC student that can help you succeed

- ▶ Take a student development class
- ▶ Join a club
- ▶ Apply to Alpha Gamma Sigma (honors society)
- ▶ Visit your professors during their office hours
- ▶ Volunteer through the Center for Student Involvement
- ▶ Get into student government
- ▶ Visit your counselor every semester
- ▶ Use the Tutoring Center, Learning Center and Career Center

Find contact information for these Student Services on the back page.

Paying for College

Glendale Community College is a very cost-effective option, but you can still get help paying for college while you're here.

Financial Aid

Q: Should I apply for financial aid?

A: YES!

You could be eligible to receive financial aid in the form of federal or state grants, fee waivers, loans, or part-time work study. But you'll never know unless you apply, and it's all handled through a single application:

► **Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) at fafsa.gov**

*Undocumented non-citizens should not complete a FAFSA, but should complete a California Dream Application at csac.ca.gov

- Complete the application **between January 1 and March 2, 2014** for the 2014-15 school year
- Fill out the application with your parents.
- Include GCC in your list of school choices. **Our Federal School code is 001203.**
- You should receive a Student Aid Report via e-mail within 1 – 2 weeks. Be sure to follow up on any additional steps outlined in the report.
- The California Student Aid commission will receive your FAFSA information automatically for state grants, but your high school must also send them your grades. **Check with your high school counseling office to be sure they do this before the March 2, 2014 deadline.**

► **Apply for admission to GCC on **January 20, 2014** for fall 2014 semester**

- Once you apply for admission and have submitted your FAFSA (or CA Dream application) and all other documents required by the Financial Aid Office, the GCC Financial Aid Office will notify you by e-mail of all the programs that are available to you.
- Always accept grants; this is money you don't have to repay and it can be used at your discretion.
- Never take out a loan for more money than you need; student loans must be repaid and interest charges accumulate while you're still in school.

► **Visit www.glendale.edu/FinancialAid for comprehensive information**

Scholarships

Q: Should I apply for a scholarship at GCC?

A: YES!

The Glendale Community College Scholarship Office has over 500 scholarships available and you can apply for all of them by filling out one simple application through your student portal at MyGCC.

Q: Do I have to be an "A" student to get a scholarship?

A: NO!

Very few scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement; most are based on the student's financial need, major field of study, community service, campus leadership or other criteria established by the scholarship sponsors.

Q: Who can apply?

A: Currently enrolled students who have completed at least 12 units of credit at GCC with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

THE GLENDALE COLLEGE ADVANTAGE

#1 FIRST—TRANSFER RATE

among region 7 community colleges which includes Santa Monica, Pasadena, LACC, LA Pierce and LA Valley. Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
<http://datamart.cccco.edu/Outcomes/>



#1 FIRST—COMPLETION RATE

among region 7 community college students who showed intent and either earned a degree or certificate or transferred or became "transfer prepared" by completing 60 or more transferable units with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. See www.glendale.edu/accountability

#1 FIRST—PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO EARN AT LEAST 30 UNITS

in region 7 for all students tracked AND IN THE ENTIRE STATE among students who were prepared for college-level math and English courses upon entry. See www.glendale.edu/accountability



#1 FIRST—PERSISTENCE RATE

among region 7 community college students who showed intent and continued their education for the first three consecutive semesters in the California Community College system. See www.glendale.edu/accountability

#2 SECOND—MOST BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN AMERICA

as ranked by bestcollegesonline.com



#3 THIRD—TRANSFERS TO UCLA AND ALL UC SCHOOLS COMBINED

comparing the percentage of full time equivalent transfer students in region 7. Source: GCC Transfer Center.

Get in touch with these helpful Student Services. Our mission is your success!

Academic Counseling	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5918	www.glendale.edu/counseling
Admissions & Records	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5910	www.glendale.edu/AR
Athletics	(818) 240-1000 ext. 3193	www.glendale.edu/athletics
ASGCC (Student Government)/Clubs/Organizations	(818) 240-1000 ext. 3033	www.glendale.edu/as
Assessment Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5329	www.glendale.edu/assessment
Bookstore	(818) 240-1000 ext. 3015	www.glendalebookstore.com
Career Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5407	www.glendale.edu/careercenter
Center for Students with Disabilities	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5905	www.glendale.edu/csd
Center for Student Involvement (CSI)	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5789	www.glendale.edu/csi
EOPS	(818) 240-1000 ext. 6900	www.glendale.edu/eops

Fees, Tuition & Refunds	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5930
Financial Aid	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5916 www.glendale.edu/financialaid
Health Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5909 www.glendale.edu/healthcenter
Instructional Services	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5904
Learning Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5333 www.glendale.edu/learningcenter
Library	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5586 www.glendale.edu/library
Scholarship Office	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5591 www.glendale.edu/scholarships
Scholars Program	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5699 www.glendale.edu/scholars
Student Employment	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5194 www.glendale.edu/ses
Student Outreach Services	(818) 240-1000 ext. 4767 www.glendale.edu/sos
Tutoring Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5333



Get to Know Student Outreach Services

Do you have any questions about Glendale Community College? Would you like us to mail you information about our programs? How about a campus tour? Please call Student Outreach Services: (818) 240-1000 ext. 4767. We will be happy to assist you.

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