

Los Baños Campus Forum

Wednesday, February 25th

Overview of Topics



Enrollment & Program Updates



Student Services Update



Promise Housing



Project Updates



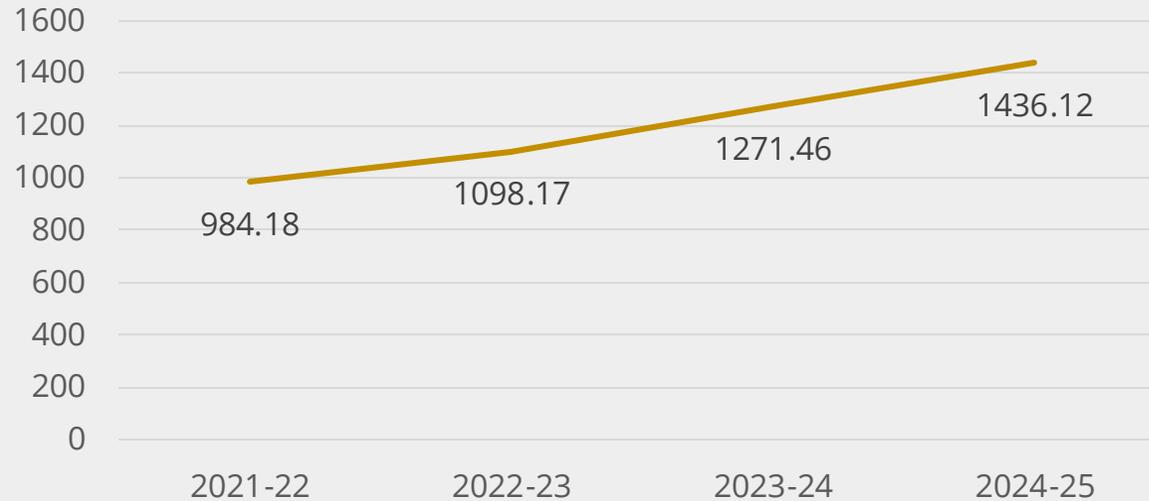
Bond Timeline/Plans

Celebrations!

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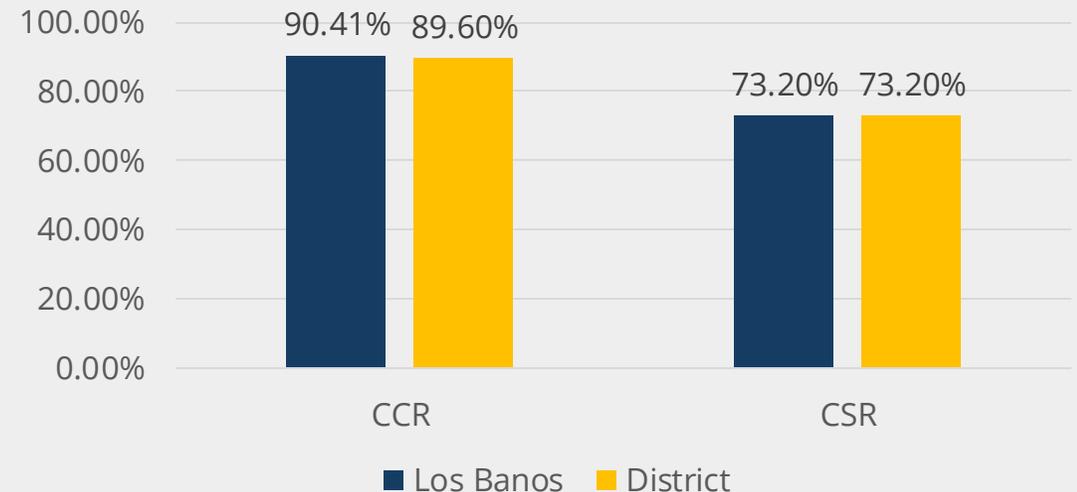
FTES



2025F = 3066 Unduplicated Headcount
 2026S = 2885 Unduplicated Headcount

- New course offerings given the hiring of a new adjunct for Los Banos: ART-02 & ARTD-40A
- Started our third cohort of EMT students in spring 2026. This program has been possible through the WeWill! EMT Grant.
- New FT Faculty in fall 2026: Ethnic Studies & EMT (50/50 split with Merced). Actively recruiting for Biology.

2024-25 LB Outcomes



Student Services Update

Priority registration allows designated student groups to enroll in classes before the general population.

This practice supports student success by ensuring timely access to required coursework, reducing scheduling barriers, and helping students stay on track toward degree or certificate completion.

Priority Group Dates

Group 1

Monday, March 9, 2026

Group 2-A

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Group 2-B

Monday, March 16, 2026

Group 2-C

Monday, March 23, 2026

Group 3

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Student Services Update

Blue Devil Preview Days is the culminating *celebration* for incoming high school graduates who have completed their enrollment steps throughout senior year. This special event honors their commitment to joining the Blue Devil Family while offering an *engaging introduction* to the Merced College campus, programs, and supportive services that will guide them on their educational journey.

Dates: Main Campus: March 16th – 18th

Los Banos Campus: March 19th



Commencement Updates

Class of 2026 Commencement Dates:

- **Los Banos Campus**, Thursday, April 30th at 7:00pm
- **Merced Campus**, Friday, May 1st at 6:00pm

Graduate Regalia

- Cap, Gown, Tassel, and Stole = \$92.25
 - Without stole = \$53.00

Certificate Ceremony Standards

- These standards establish a consistent, student-centered, model for departmental certificate ceremonies that complements, but does not replace, Commencement.



Promise Housing Updates

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Promise Housing Overview

- **Location:** UC Merced campus
- **Term:** 30 years, with two optional 10-year extensions for Merced College
- **Scope:** 478 beds dedicated to low-income students
- **Occupancy:** Spring 2027
- **Bed Allocation:**
 - 287 UC Merced students
 - 191 Merced College students
 - 9 Resident Assistant units
 - 1 Resident Director Unit
- **Eligible Tenants:** Priority given to students who meet criteria under the Grant Program; priority given to full-time, low-income students.
- **Unit Types:** Apartment-style & suite-style units with lounges, study spaces, and amenities.
- **Rental Rates:** Subject to the State grant requirements. Will be escalated to cover expenses, management fee, and capital reserves. Includes all utilities.



Projects Update

Completed Projects

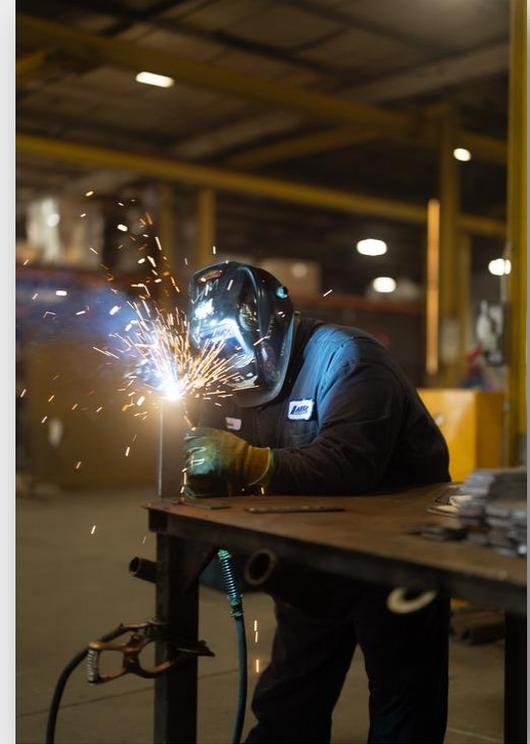
- Blue Devil's Brew Café
- Child Development Center
- Outdoor Gym
- Food Forest
- Ag Modular Classroom
- Greenhouse
- Keyless Access
- Kiosk
- Corner Signs (Lighting and landscaping coming soon)



Bond Timeline/Plans

Welding Lab

- Architect consultants currently developing requirements and budget
- RFQ in early March with RFP to follow in April
- Expect to award the Design-Build contract in May
- Construction to begin in Spring 2027 with an 18-month duration



Quad

- Renovation to begin after graduation in May 2027
- 9-month duration



Questions?

