



## IMPACT Weekly

April 16, 2025

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April brings National Environmental Education Week (April 21–27), a time to celebrate the power of learning about our natural world and taking steps to protect it. Environmental education helps students understand the interconnectedness of ecosystems, builds environmental literacy, and encourages action toward a more sustainable future. This week is an opportunity for families, educators, and students to engage in hands-on learning and local environmental stewardship.

In Santa Clara County, there are many ways to get involved. The Santa Clara County Office of Education supports environmental literacy through its [Environmental Education Initiative](#), offering curriculum resources, professional development, and partnerships with local organizations. Educators can explore [green school initiatives](#), outdoor education opportunities, and sustainability-focused learning experiences.

You can also connect with local events and nature centers, such as [Walden West Outdoor Summer Programs](#), [Environmental Volunteers](#), and [Santa Clara County Parks](#), which host family-friendly activities year-round.

Let's take this week to appreciate the beauty of our planet, support environmental learning, and empower our youth to lead the way toward a healthier, greener world—starting right here in Santa Clara County.

## Community News and Resources



*The Heart and Soles Run Volunteers*

Are you looking for a fun way to give back to your community? The Heart and Soles Run seeks volunteers on Race Day (May 10) and Packet Pickup (May 9). Help support this event by giving out shirts and bibs, assisting runners along the course, or handing out water, snacks, and medals. It's a great way to be part of this event that benefits local youth health and nutrition programs—even if you don't feel like running!

Sign up now at [heartandsolesrunsv.com/volunteer](https://heartandsolesrunsv.com/volunteer)



Join us for the 2025 Young Artist Showcase Virtual Celebration on May 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. where we will celebrate and showcase this year's student submissions.

To register, please visit <https://sccoe.to/2025YASCelebrate>

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## Local Early Education Planning Council (LPC)

Santa Clara County  Office of Education

### *Local Planning Council Recruitment*

The Local Planning Council (LPC) of Santa Clara County is seeking dedicated professionals to join their team and help shape the future of early care and education in our community. They have vacancies in the following membership categories: Consumer, Public Agency, Community, and Child Care Provider. By joining, you will play a crucial role in addressing the childcare needs of all families, both subsidized and non-subsidized.

If interested, please complete the 2025 LPC Membership Nomination Form, application statement, and nominee questionnaire by **April 18, 2025**.

For the 2025 LPC membership Nomination Form, visit: [https://www.sccoe.org/supoffice/lpc/PublishingImages/Pages/membership/LPC Membership Nomination Form 2025.pdf](https://www.sccoe.org/supoffice/lpc/PublishingImages/Pages/membership/LPC%20Membership%20Nomination%20Form%202025.pdf)



*AI Community of Practice for the 2024-25*

Don't miss the AI Community of Practice for the 2024-25 school year, with online sessions designed specifically for educators looking to harness the transformative potential of AI in education. Learn to ethically and effectively integrate AI tools to enhance student support, gain access to valuable resources, and engage in continuous learning to stay abreast of rapid technological advancements.

For more information and to register, please visit: <https://sccoe.to/AICOP>

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*Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum Introductory Training Series*

Join us for the Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum (ERWC) Introductory Training Series and learn evidence-based, engaging strategies aligned with the CA Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and English Language Development. Become familiar with the ERWC pedagogy and investigate rhetorical reading, writing, and inquiry processes.

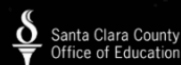
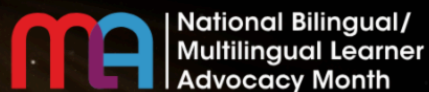
The event will be held on the below dates from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 8 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Monterey.

- May 2 and 3, 2025
- June 9 and 10, 2025

To learn more and register,

visit: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/999f5e9b803c4b5c8de8a58b25ad8ce0>

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# Launching GLOBAL LEADERS

Celebrating Multilingualism

Thursday, April 24, 2025



In-Person  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

*State Seal of Biliteracy and Biliteracy Pathway Recognition*

We invite you to celebrate schools in Santa Clara County for their participation in the State Seal of Biliteracy and Biliteracy Pathway Recognition. The keynote presenter is Andrés Martínez, Program Executive at the Mars Campaign Office, NASA. Educators, school board members, families and community members are invited to join. This is a free event.

To learn more and register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/multilingual2025>

## District Resources



*Education Specialist Preliminary Credential Program*

Apply for your Education Specialist Preliminary Credential (EPIC) before the deadline! Learn more about SCCOE's EPIC pathways with concentrations in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Mild Moderate Support Needs (MMSN), and Extensive Support Needs (ESN) and start your career in education.

The application for our EPIC Summer Cohort closes **April 24, 2025!**

To learn more, visit: <https://sccoe.to/epp-tcp>

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TK - 12th Grade Educators

# EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ONLINE COURSES

\$29/course • self-paced • asynchronous

Register anytime  
January 15 - May 31 to  
participate in the  
Winter/Spring Session!

[sccoe.to/onlineregistration](https://sccoe.to/onlineregistration)

*Winter/Spring Educational Technology Online Courses*

K -12 educators are invited to take Winter/Spring 2025 Educational Technology online courses. Explore cutting-edge strategies in culturally responsive pedagogy, digital citizenship, blended learning, and more. Discover innovative ways to integrate educational technology tools and engage your students like never before. Invest in your professional growth and unlock a world of possibilities.

To register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/onlineregistration>

*\*Cost associated with this course.*

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Unlock your Future!

# EXPLORING HIGH-TECH & HIGH-WAGE CAREERS

April 21 – 25 • Virtual Sessions



In partnership  
with:



*High-Tech & High-Wage Career Event*

Learn more about various tech careers during SCCOE's High-Tech, High-Wage Career virtual event with guest speakers from Pfizer, Khan Academy, and more! Teachers are welcome to register their entire class to stream live.

To register, visit: [sccoe.to/HTHW](https://sccoe.to/HTHW)

## Health and Wellness

# Story Road Hub

## Resource Fair

**April 25, 2025**

2 to 5 p.m.

1775 Story Road #120

San Jose



Santa Clara County  
**PUBLIC  
HEALTH**

*Story Road Hub*

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department is holding a FREE resource event on April 25 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at 1775 Story Road #120 in San Jose. Lots of resources are available, like COVID and flu vaccines and food boxes.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/57oTSM72njxQXVLL8>

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# DONATE BLOOD **SAVE A LIFE**



GIVE **LOVE** TO THOSE IN NEED.



[WWW.AABB.ORG/GIVEBLOOD](http://WWW.AABB.ORG/GIVEBLOOD)

*Blood Donation*

The California Department of Public Health encourages individuals to donate blood. Donating blood can help those who need it most.

To find a location near you, visit: [www.aabb.org/giveblood](http://www.aabb.org/giveblood)

### ***About the Santa Clara County Office of Education***

Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success. ***The SCCOE is a premier service organization driven by core values: students first, collaboration, and innovation.*** For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit [www.sccoe.org](http://www.sccoe.org) and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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