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**The SBCC Foundation to host inaugural *Spring Forward!* Gala
on Saturday, April 27th**

Funds raised will support SBCC student success

Santa Barbara, CA – The SBCC Foundation’s inaugural gala will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2019**. The event will take place on the beautiful Santa Barbara City College campus, in the Sports Pavilion, which will be transformed into an elegant venue by Merryl Brown Events.

Attendees will enjoy an exquisite dinner prepared and served by the renowned Seasons Catering, with assistance from SBCC Culinary Arts students. SBCC Music students and faculty will perform, making it an evening to remember (as will a surprise guest!). SBCC Art students & faculty are creating original works of art that will adorn the tables and stage.

Proceeds from *Spring Forward!* will support all SBCC Foundation programs, including the nationally recognized SBCC Promise, innovative student achievement programs, scholarships, emergency funds, book grants, and other critical needs of the college and its students.

The community is invited to join in celebrating our community’s college and supporting student success. The gala begins with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner, a short program, and entertainment at 7:00 p.m.

The Luria Foundation and Union Bank are the Presenting Sponsors for the event. Trustee Sponsors are Yardi Systems and the Herbert & Bui Simon Foundation; Potek Winery is the Chancellor Sponsor, and the President Sponsors are: Montecito Bank & Trust, SEI, Armstrong Associates / Leslie & Earl Armstrong, the Jurkowitz Family Foundation, Nanette and Henry Nevins, the Santa Barbara Foundation, and the Vincent Family.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Please visit the [SBCC Foundation website](#) for more information on sponsorship levels and complete the sponsorship form.

Tickets are now on sale. Tickets may be purchased online, by mail, or from the SBCC Foundation office by phone at 805-730-4401.

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About the SBCC Foundation

The SBCC Foundation has provided Santa Barbara City College with private philanthropic support since 1976, serving as the vehicle through which individuals and organizations may invest in the college and its students.

As an independent 501c3 nonprofit organization and partner to SBCC, the SBCC Foundation awards more than \$5 million annually for student success programs, scholarships, book grants, emergency funds, and other critical needs of the college. For more than four decades, the resources raised and managed by the SBCC Foundation have supported SBCC students as they prepare for careers, transfer to four-year universities, and pursue lifelong learning goals.

In 2016, the Foundation launched the SBCC Promise, offering all local high school graduates the opportunity to attend SBCC full-time at no cost. The SBCC Promise relies entirely on private support and covers all required fees, books, and supplies for up to two years. To date, more than 3,000 local students have participated in the SBCC Promise. By removing financial barriers, the SBCC Promise ensures that SBCC's life-changing educational programs are fully accessible to all local students.

For more information, visit <http://www.sbccfoundation.org>