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## **SBCC Foundation Spring Forward! Gala to be held Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**Funds raised will support SBCC student success**

Santa Barbara, CA – The SBCC Foundation’s 5<sup>th</sup> annual [Spring Forward! Gala](#) will be held on **Saturday, May 4, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the beautiful Great Meadow of SBCC’s West Campus**. Proceeds from the event will support the Foundation’s work on behalf of Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) and its students.

All are welcome to join us for a spectacular evening celebrating the many ways SBCC enhances life in our region.

Gala guests will enjoy a cocktail reception featuring curated signature drinks and hors d’oeuvres, followed by a delectable multicourse dinner with locally sourced ingredients. Talented musicians will set the scene as guests enjoy an opportunity to mingle while taking in the incredible views of the campus and Pacific Ocean.

The event raises much-needed funding for the SBCC Promise, student success programs, scholarships, emergency grants, and more. The support helps students prepare for careers, transfer to four-year universities, and pursue lifelong learning goals.

“A record number of local high school graduates participated in the SBCC Promise this school year, and we expect another record number in the fall,” said Sarah Stretz, SBCC Foundation Chief Development Officer.

**Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available** at the [SBCC Foundation Spring Forward! Gala](#) website.

**Trustee Sponsors are:** Rachel Kaganoff, Scott Vincent, and YARDI.

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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 provides approximately \$5 million annually for the SBCC Promise, student success programs, scholarships, book grants, emergency funds, and more. For nearly 50 years, 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 recent, 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 7,000 students have participated. 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 [sbccfoundation.org](http://sbccfoundation.org)