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# the d-brief

Hello!

Welcome back and happy fall from all of us here at the el Don! After a long, crazy, stressful 17 months we are finally back in the newsroom here at SAC and working hard to bring you the latest campus and community news.

Whether you're a first-time student or a long-time faculty member there are some big changes on campus. Check out our [printable, foldable zine](#) with helpful info like what student services are available in-person and a campus map. And on the subject of available services, the new [Johnson Student Center](#) is finally open for use (yay!), as well as the [Thrive Center](#), which offers a food pantry to students 4 days a week.

Rookie sports reporter/photographer Edgar Galvan has been hustling to bring you coverage of [men's soccer](#) and [women's volleyball](#).

And finally, the first episode of this season's podcast, featuring interviews with students about their feelings on being back on campus, is [available on Spotify!](#)

I'm Carrie, your fall 2021 Editor in Chief. I got into journalism because I believe it's the media's job to inform us, not decide for us and want to work to bring integrity back to the media industry. I can't wait to help keep all of you informed so if you have questions, let us find your answers! [Slide into our DMs](#) where ever you get your social media fix or [email us](#) anytime.

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**NEWS**

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## In Photos: New Johnson Student Center



Five years after the closure of its predecessor, the new Johnson Student Center reopened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 27. With construction costing roughly \$60 million, the JSC is home to The Spot, bookstore, cafe, Disabled Student Services, financial aid, student business office, associated student government, student life, and health and wellness center, as well as several conference rooms. ...

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## Thrive Center opens food pantry in The Village



Students can get free groceries at the Thrive Center's new food pantry, which launched its soft-opening hours this week. Registered students can get up to one grocery bag of donated goods per week as well as grab-and-go snacks once a day during. Appointments are recommended but not required. The pantry will be open for morning and afternoon shopping on Monday, ...

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## District to mandate vaccines for employees



With one COVID vaccine now receiving full approval from the FDA, Rancho Santiago Community College District employees will soon need to be fully vaccinated to access campus. Officials say they are also considering a vaccine mandate for students in the future. Pfizer received full approval from the Food and Drug Administration on Aug. 23 for their COVID-19 vaccine, triggering a ...

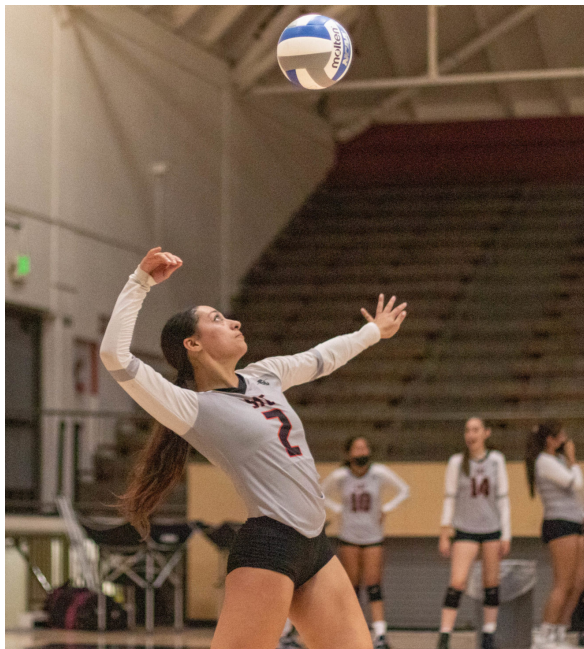
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## SPORTS

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### [Women's volleyball claims victory over Palomar](#)



The women's volleyball team defeated Palomar on Wednesday, Sept. 15 in Cook's Gym. The match lasted over two hours with a final score of 3-2. The Dons were unable to keep up with their opponents in the first set. Comet freshman middle blocker Casey Widdos' intensity helped Palomar win the set 25-17. In the second set, the Dons outperformed the ...

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### [Dons defeat Eagles in men's soccer opener](#)



The Santa Ana Dons won their home opener of the season, and the first game they've played in almost two years, defeating the Los Angeles Mission Eagles 2-1 on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Santa Ana scored twice in the first half with freshman defender Antonio Wall out-jumping defenders in the 15th minute with an assist from sophomore Marcelo Aguirre's corner kick. ...

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## Voices & Views

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[IN PHOTOS: A Weekend in the Life of Santa Ana College Students](#)



Over one weekend in September, journalism students at Santa Ana College were asked to document their everyday lives. The assignment: make a photograph that shows others what it looks like to be living through this time right now. What would normally be a bustling college campus seems to be empty as SAC continues to have nearly 70% of their classes ...

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## [The Distraction Podcast](#)



We are back this fall, and we have a full team this semester. During this episode, we will be talking to students on campus about how they feel being back in person after over a year of remote learning. We will also be speaking to visuals editor Kate at the end. Thank you so much for listening! This podcast was produced by el Don staff at Santa Ana College.

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