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Tumaini Program

**Mission:** Increase academic and personal success, and promote transfer to four-year colleges. Targets students who are interested in learning about African-American history, literature, and culture.

**Benefits:** Assistance with registration, career counseling, cultural field trips, educational planning, financial aid counseling, free English and Math tutoring, mentoring, and personal guidance.

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Valley-Bound Commitment

Eligible Schools:
- Colton High School
- Eisenhower High School
- Carter High School
- Rialto High School

About: Valley-Bound Commitment provides a free first year of college to local high school graduates.

Mission: remove all economic barriers to the first year of college while providing critical guidance that is essential to students’ education.

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The Honors Program

The Honors Program is designed for ambitious, hard-working students to get the most out of their education and earn an advantage in transferring to a four-year institution.

Benefits: Opportunities to publish original work in honors journals. Scholarships and internships unique to Honor students. Priority admission to UC, CSU, and private four-year institutions. Increased academic guidance from Honors Counselor.

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California College Promise Grant

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HSI STEM PASS GO Program

The HSI STEM PASS GO Grant was awarded to San Bernardino Valley College to provide support mechanisms that are intended to enhance success, completion, graduation and transfer rates of Hispanic students, low-income students and underrepresented students in the STEM discipline.

Benefits:
The STEM Program provides STEM students with text book vouchers; free tutoring and Supplemental Instruction (SI) sessions are also provided throughout the academic year to help students develop successful study skill habits. STEM students receive academic support through counselors specialized in STEM to help set educational goals. Additionally, students will participate in STEM activities, events and field trips intended to support and encourage students to persist in their chosen STEM majors.
CalWORKs Program

Mission: to promote self-sufficiency through education and employment. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipient with minor children and attending or planning to attend RCC may be eligible to receive support services to ensure success in school and the workplace.

Benefits:
- Academic and career counseling
- Priority registration
- Gas cards and school supplies
- Laptop assistance
- Work Study
- Assistance with county documents
- Tutoring - one on one
- Commencement and Cap and Gown

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Honors Enrichment Program

Mission: to provide an experience that allows students to grow intellectually and to work actively with students and faculty to acquire an understanding of the diverse points of view necessary for a rich and productive intellectual environment. The most valuable aspect of this Program will be the enthusiastic learning environment students will help to create, an environment we hope benefits honors students, faculty, the college, and greater community as well.

Benefits:
- Enriched educational experiences in the classroom
- One-on-one mentoring and help from the honors coordinators and faculty
- Workshops to help you prepare applications and essays for applications
- The opportunity to participate in a student research conference eligibility for HTCC Scholarships and the MSJC Honors Program Scholarship
- Access to the SJC and MVC Honors Spaces for studying, review sessions, and computer usage
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Fire Technology Program

Mission: To prepare students for an entry level career in the fire service by providing a foundation of core concepts, practices, vocabulary, culture, safety and requirements for the fire service. This program follows the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) model and is a component of accreditation from the California State Fire Training.

Benefits:

- Gain the ability to address problems while working as part of the team
- Develop good oral and written communication skills
- Exhibit a working knowledge of the various aspects of the Fire Service
- Learn Fire Service theories and techniques
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program  
**Mission:** “to prepare competent entry-level general sonographers in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains”.

**Benefits:**
- Complete the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation exam
- Demonstrate proper use of ultrasound equipment and image improvement
- Utilize therapeutic verbal and nonverbal communication with patients, families, staff and physicians

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**Cosmetology Program**

**Mission:** To prepare the student to qualify for the California State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology examination and the workforce. Upon passing the state examination, the student will be issued a cosmetologist license by the California State Board.

- Classes are held both during the day and night to meet all accommodations.

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The Ujima Project

**Mission:** To helping students identify and develop positive behaviors in their personal, social, and academic lives that will lead to academic success and engagement in college life, foster community among students and strengthen students’ relationships and ties to their home communities.

**Benefits:**
- A comprehensive two-year educational plan along with a semester by semester plan, reviewed by a Ujima counselor
- Counseling: academic, career, financial aid, personal achievement
- Learning Communities (Guidance, English, African History, African Art, etc.)
- Laptop, textbook, and African novel lending
- One-on-one tutoring
- Special guests and motivational speakers
- Peer Advocates/Faculty Mentors
- Speakers, workshops, field trips, college tours

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