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This week ahead

**Campus abroad:
Spring in Paris**
Learn about the spring
Campus Abroad trip to Paris.
The meeting will be held Jan.
7 in the Santa Cruz room
from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Jesus Christ
Superstar**
Tim Rice's and Andrew Lloyd
Webber's production "Jesus
Christ Superstar" stars Ted
Neeley. Tickets are \$31-\$61
from Ticketmaster. Catch the
play on Jan. 7&8
at 7:30 p.m. in the
Flint Center.

Dates to remember

Jan 5. First day of
Winter Quarter.

Jan 9. Last day for
international and out-
of-state students to
drop for a refund or
credit

Jan 16. Last day for
resident students to
drop for a refund or
credit.

Jan 17. Last day to
add classes.

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Budget cuts decrease classes, space

Nitzan Beck
LA VOZ NEWS

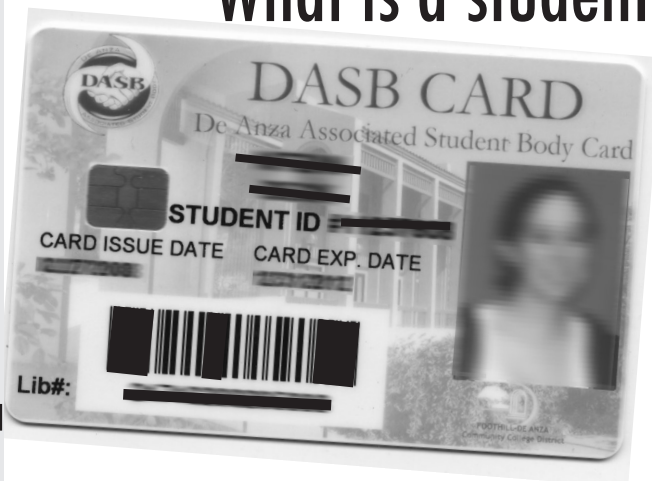
Offering fewer courses and registering fewer students are some of the corners De Anza College has to cut as a result of the recently announced state budget cuts. Approximately 3,800 students are waitlisted for the winter quarter, said district Chancellor Martha Kanter in a San Jose Mercury News article.

The proposed budget cuts will turn away 262,845 students from community

colleges, according to the Community College League of California. As a comparison turning away a quarter of a million students is equivalent to closing down a University of California.

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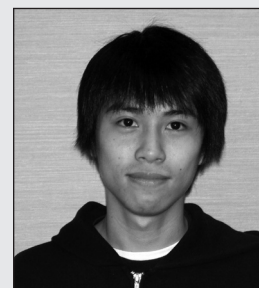
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"Don't get the Philly cheesesteak. It is an abomination unto Philadelphia."



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CAMPUS EVENTS

Happenings around De Anza College

Wednesday, Jan. 7

CAMPUS ABROAD: SPRING IN PARIS
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7, 12:30 - 1:30 P.M., SANTA CRUZ ROOM
Learn about the spring Campus Abroad trip to Paris, France at this meeting. For more information and an application contact Art Turmelle at 650-949-7614 or contact turmelleart@foothill.edu.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7, 7:30 P.M., FLINT CENTER
Tim Rice's and Andrew Lloyd Webber's play "Jesus Christ Superstar" stars Ted Neeley. Tickets are \$31-\$61 from Ticketmaster.

Thursday, Jan. 8

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
Repeat of the Jan. 7 program.

Friday, Jan. 9

COPELAND'S 'NOT A GENUINE BLACK MAN'
FRIDAY, JAN. 9, 7 P.M., SMITHWICK THEATER, FOOTHILL COLLEGE
Award-winning author/comedian Brian Copeland will perform "Not a Genuine Black Man," followed by a reception and book signing. Tickets are \$20-\$25 from <http://preznet.fhda.edu/fas.html>. For more information call 650-949-7360

Saturday, Jan. 10

CALAA DIGITAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, JAN. 10, 3-6 P.M., ATC 120
Short films produced by U.S. and Canadian filmmakers who have roots in India will be shown. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at <http://www.calaonline.com> and at the door, if not sold out. This event is sponsored by the California Arts Association and De Anza's Film/TV department. For information contact Susan Tavernetti at 408-864-8872 or tavernettisusan@deanza.edu

Tuesday, Jan. 13

CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECTACULAR
TUESDAY, JAN. 13, 7:30 P.M., FLINT CENTER
New Tang Dynasty Television - San Francisco presents Divine Performing Arts 2009 World tour "Chinese New Year Spectacular." Tickets are \$30-\$80 from Ticketmaster.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECTACULAR
Repeat of the Jan. 13 program.

Thursday, Jan. 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION
THURSDAY, JAN. 15, 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., CAMPUS CTR RMS A & B
Dr. Steve Miller, chair of African American Stud-

ies at San Jose State University, will speak on the challenges that face African Americans post Obama and if the "the dream" is still necessary. For information contact Phong Lam at 408-864-5559 or lamphong@deanza.edu

CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECTACULAR
Repeat of the Jan. 13 program.

Friday, Jan. 16

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY
FRIDAY, JAN. 16, 8 P.M., FLINT CENTER
The San Francisco Symphony will perform Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5," Prokofiev's "Piano Concerto No. 5" and Michael Tilson Thomas' "Street Song for Symphonic Brass." Tickets are \$40-\$67 from Ticketmaster.

Saturday, Jan. 17

PENINSULA SYMPHONY "FLAMENCO"
SATURDAY, JAN. 17, 8 P.M., FLINT CENTER
Guitarist Angel Romero and the Flamenco dance company Brisas de Espana will perform pieces from "La Vida Breve," "Carmen," "Three Cornered Hat" and "Espana." Tickets are \$34 from Ticketmaster.

Monday, Jan. 19

CAMPUS CLOSED FOR MLK JR. HOLIDAY

YUNDI LI PIANO CONCERT
MONDAY, JAN. 19, 7:30 P.M., FLINT CENTER
Yundi Li is the youngest winner of the international Chopin Competition and the first pianist in 15 years to be awarded the first prize, as well as the first Chinese winner. He will perform music by Mozart, Chopin, Liszt and Mussorgsky. Tickets are \$45-\$100 from Ticketmaster.

Saturday, Jan. 24

COMEDIAN BILL ENGVALL
SATURDAY, JAN. 24, 8 P.M., FLINT CENTER
Comedian Bill Engvall, star and executive producer of the TBS sitcom "The Bill Engvall Show" will perform. Tickets are \$34.50-\$67 from Ticketmaster.

Monday, Jan. 26

BOOK SIGNING W/ AUTHOR GLENN LOVELL
MONDAY, JAN. 26, 4:30 - 6 P.M., ATC 120
Author and De Anza College film/TV instructor Glenn Lovell will present clips from the films of John Sturges, followed by a question and answer session about Sturges. A Book signing for Lovell's book "Escape Artist: The Life and Films of John Sturges" will begin at 5:35 p.m. Sturges films include "The Magnificent Seven"

and "The Old Man and the Sea." For information contact Susan Tavernetti at 408-864-8872 or tavernettisusan@deanza.edu

Wednesday, Jan. 28

CAMPUS ABROAD: SUMMER IN SYDNEY
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28, 12:30 - 1:30 P.M., SANTA CRUZ ROOM
Learn about the summer Campus Abroad trip to Sydney, Australia at this meeting. For more information and an application, contact Art Turmelle at 650-949-7614 or contact turmelleart@foothill.edu

Saturday, Jan. 31

DHOL DI AWAZ XI
SATURDAY, JAN. 31, 6 P.M., FLINT CENTER
The oldest Bhangra competition on the west coast features performances emphasizing culture and tradition. Bhangra is a form of music and dance that originated in India's Punjab region. Tickets are \$20 from Ticketmaster.

Monday, Feb. 2

AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ-IN
MONDAY, FEB. 2, 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M., WRC, ATC 309

Saturday, Feb. 7

DE ANZA FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY, FEB. 7, 8 A.M. - 4 P.M., PARKING LOTS A & B
The De Anza Flea Market, a student enterprise, offers over 800 vendor stalls including antiques, clothing, collectibles, jewelry, plants, toys and used household items. The Flea Market is held on the first Saturday of every month, rain or shine.

Friday, Feb. 13 - Monday, Feb. 16

CAMPUS CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

ONGOING EVENTS

PLANETARIUM SHOWS
SATURDAYS FROM JAN. 17 - MARCH 21
Journey to the stars with the Planetarium's Infinium S Star projector and laser light shows. Astronomy presentations include "Astronaut," "Extreme Planets" and "Blackholes." Light shows feature Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, the Doors, and Pink Floyd. Costs range from \$7-\$9. For information and a list of shows and time go to <http://www.deanza.edu/planetarium>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMPUS CAMP WELLSTONE
FRIDAY - SATURDAY, MAY 15-16
Campus Camp Wellstone is a new training program for students across the country interested in gaining skills in leadership, political action and

civic engagement. Two units of college credit are offered. For information call the Institute of Community and Civic Engagement at 408-864-8349.

DUEL AT DE ANZA AUTOCROSS

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 8 A.M. - 3 P.M., PARKING LOTS A & B
Auto drivers compete for the best times, navigating a course with their own cars. Free for spectators, drivers pay to register. For information contact 408-864-8527 or brandtmichael@deanza.edu

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 5: First day of winter quarter.
Friday, Jan. 9: Last day for international and out-of-state students to drop for a refund or credit
Friday, Jan. 16: Last day for resident students to drop for a refund or credit.
Saturday, Jan. 17: Last day to add winter quarter classes.
Saturday, Jan. 24: Last day to drop a class with no record of grade.
Friday, Jan. 30: Last day to request P/NP grade.
Saturday, Feb. 28: Last day to drop a class with a "W."
Friday, March 13: Last day to add CAOS and Skills self-paced classes.
Friday, March 27: Last day of winter quarter final exams. Also, last day to file for a winter degree or certificate.
Monday, April 6: First day of spring quarter.
Saturday, June 27: Graduation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Let us know!
Send event notices to Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com by Wednesday noon preceding the publication week. Please type "Happenings" in the subject line. La Voz does not guarantee publication.
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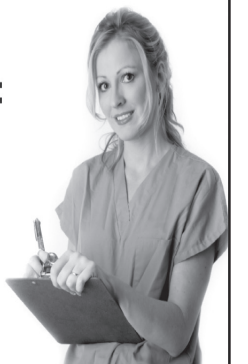
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Winter quarter classes with fewer than 20 students enrolled were reviewed by administrators before winter break, in order to determine which classes would be cut. Library Services Director Judy Mowrey said low enrollment classes were cut with possible plans for new sections with long waiting lists to be opened.

De Anza can enroll only a limited amount of students determined by reimbursement from California state funds. The legislature pays \$5,845 per student according to the CCLC, and determines the enrollment cap, or limit, based on previous years. The state calculates the amount of money received by each student through a formula known as Weekly Student Contact Hours. Essentially, the more units a student takes, the more money the state pays.

The fees students pay do not cover the cost to attend De Anza. Student fees account for less than five percent of the budget and are sent to the state, said Kanter.

De Anza's funding pools are restricted. Income from grants and bonds are limited to specific uses. For example, Measure C monies are legally restricted to facilities, equipment and technology. Measure C funds come from local property tax assessments approved by residents who live in our district.

Some services De Anza offered in the fall are no longer available. The Online Writing Assistance Center has been suspended for the winter and spring quarters and the Library Express is no longer open on Sundays. As the quarter unravels, there is a distinct possibility that more services will be cancelled. Mowrey said the

library may have to open later and close earlier.

Another big concern for administrators, said Mowrey is that student employees and part-time faculty have the least seniority and protection in terms of employment. A virtual freeze has been placed on hiring staff, in order for administration to review all positions. If new positions open up through retirement of resignation, it may not be filled.

Funds in the college's B budget which comes from state monies and is used for supplies and to pay student employees, are limited. Mowrey said she hopes not to lay off student workers but she has a restricted amount of money to spend. Campus jobs are the only places international students can work because of visa limitations.

There is a direct relationship between recessions and high enrollment in higher education according to the American Council of Education in a New York Times article.

"Community colleges are the only remaining quality, affordable choice left for the majority of Californians seeking higher education," said Kanter.

Mowrey said no one knows exactly how De Anza will be affected this coming spring quarter. However, De Anza has two advantages over other community colleges. First the flexibility of the quarter system and second its financial reserves.

Kanter said, "My advice to students: pursue your education now. Don't wait. It may take longer but your education is priceless!"

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A year in review: 2008

Alex Jimenez
LA VOZ NEWS

January 30, 2008: A vote of no confidence by the De Anza Student Body government removes DASB President Robin Claassen. In its 60 year history, De Anza has never before removed the student body president.

April, 2008: De Anza students are among the 2,200 community college students marching on Capitol Hill to protest the governor's proposed budget cuts.



September 15, 2008: The bookstore launches its textbook rental program. The goal is to make college more affordable for all students.

February, 2008: De Anza College is the only community college selected to screen films at Cinequest, a world class film festival in San Jose. Two De Anza student films were shown.

May 3, 2008: The state attorney general's office announces there is insufficient evidence to prosecute the nine members of the De Anza baseball team who were accused of raping a 17-year-old girl.

November 2008: Arnold Schwarzenegger announces a \$4.5 billion cut from the California school system.



You Are Here

a Student and Community Services Building



You'll find the admissions and records office here, as well as the campus bookstore on the lower level. Counselors, and the transfer center can be found on the upper level.

b Hinson Campus Center



There is a food court, a dining hall, and an ATM on the upper level. Look for the student council chambers in the lower level.

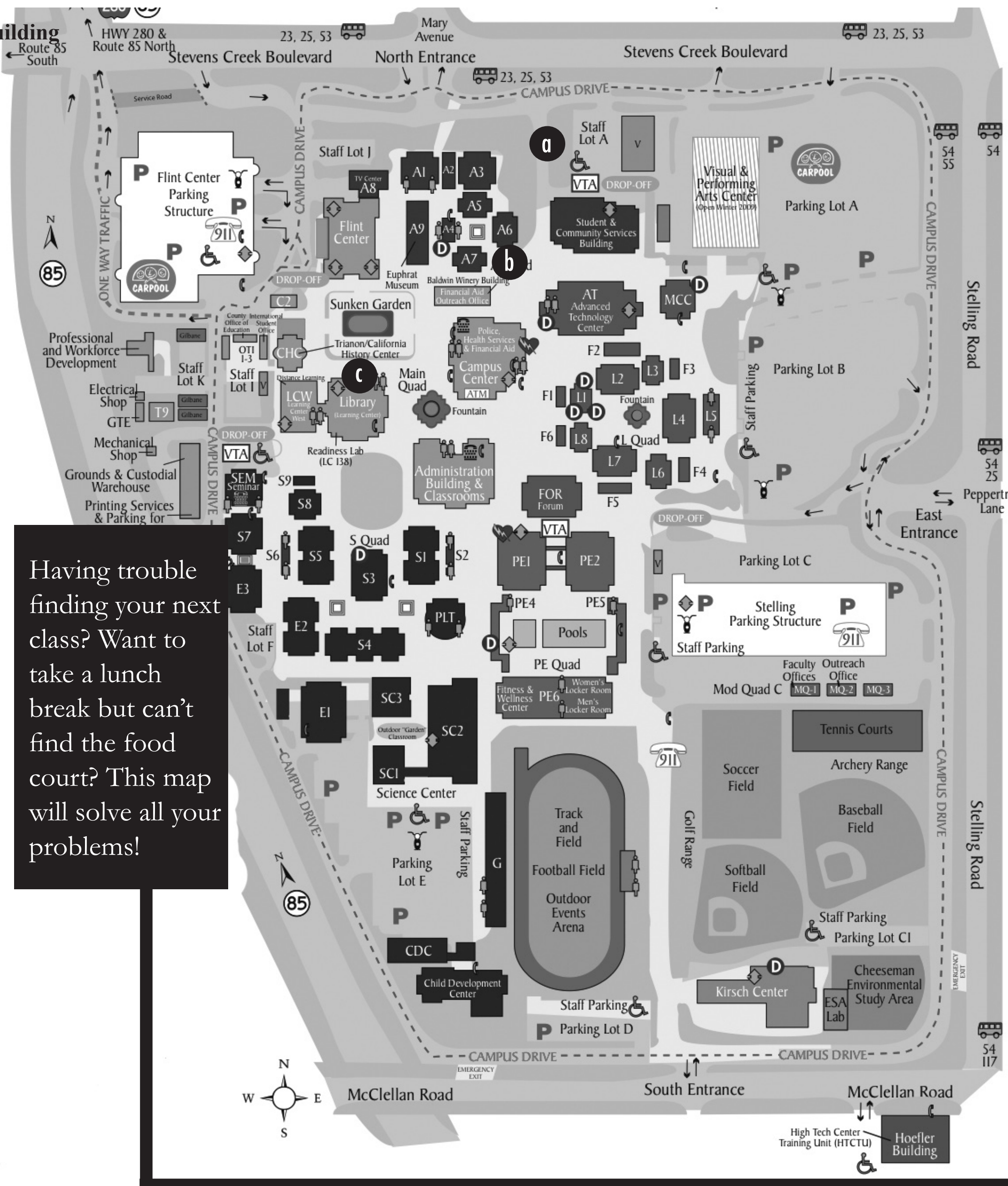
c Library



Students can expect to find excellent resources to help their academic learning. The library offers a variety of books and videos as well as electronic research databases. If you don't know where to start, just ask a librarian- they are more than willing to help.

Photos from La Voz Archives (3)

Having trouble finding your next class? Want to take a lunch break but can't find the food court? This map will solve all your problems!



Services EVERY student should know about...

Not every student knows they can request a security officer to escort them to the parking lot- or that there are microwaves available for students to use.

Alejandro Jimenez
LA VOZ NEWS

A. Tutorial Center:
No longer must you dread a "W" if class gets a bit rocky. Visit the tutorial centers if you intend to get As in English and math. The math/science tutorial center is located in S-43 near the Fujitsu Planetarium. The English/ESL and foreign language tutorial center is located in room L-47.
On the other hand, if you ace English and/or math, you are welcome to become a tutor. All you need to do is sign up for Learning Assistance 98. Other courses are available depending on the subject you want to tutor.

B. Police Escorts:
If you don't feel safe walking across campus, call 408-864-5555, to be escorted by a member of De Anza College security.

C. www.assist.org:
Don't know which classes are required for your major? Log onto assist.org to find what your dream school demands for admittance.

D. Forgot Your Headphones?:
You can check out a pair of headphones from the library. Just flash your De Anza Associated Student Body card. However, the library sincerely asks you please leave them in good shape. If your hygiene isn't up to par, do us all a favor.

E. Got Pain?:
No worries De Anzanites, the Health Center has you covered! Next time your head is throbbing from listening to your history professor yap for two hours, head over to the Student Health Services located in the lower part of the Hinson Campus Center, next door to the police station.
The center offers aspirin, tummy ache tablets, cough drops, band-aids, condoms, lubricant and tampons. You don't have to pay because it's covered under the health services fee.

Other services such as the morning after pill or scheduling a health meeting with a staff member are offered, but require an additional fee.
Health Services is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

F. Jumpstart Your Car:
Do not panic, put the phone down, relax- you don't need a new car. You probably just left your headlights on and your battery died. Yes, car batteries die, as dramatic as it sounds. Call a police officer at 408-864-5555 to jump start your car. All you have to do is sign a waiver.

They also offer services if you are locked out of your car. The De Anza Police Substation will unlock your car if it has manual locks. The substation is available from 6 a.m. till midnight.

G. Computers in a Cave:
Stop waiting in line at the library to print a 10-page midterm at the last minute. Go to the Open Media Lab located downstairs in Learning Center West, behind the library, to print. Black and white printing is 10 cents per page and color costs 75 cents per page.

H. AB540 Form:
Yes, De Anza does offer this form. Ask for it at Admissions and Records. If you enrolled at De Anza without the form, don't panic. The Student Success and Retention Services Center in the Student and Community Services Building has more information.

I. Microwave Ovens:
Save money by bringing your own food from home and warming it up in the microwave ovens in the Hinson Campus Center.

J. Athletics:
Not only will you be able to enjoy various athletic disciplines ranging from karate to fencing to bowling, De Anza is steeped with a rich history in their athletic department, on and off the fields of play.
Admission to any basketball game or sporting event held at De Anza is free to those who have a De Anza student body card. Men's and women's teams are in action this winter and would appreciate your cheering services.

K. More Athletics:
If you enroll in PE 70 or 71, you have the ability to use De Anza's Wellness Center at your leisure.
However, the pool is only open for those students who enroll in a class that utilizes the pool.

De Anza Voices:
Which class is a "must"
for all students?



"Check your professor against ratemy-professor.com."

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"Alex Kramer's speech classes are useful for real life situations."

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Sociology
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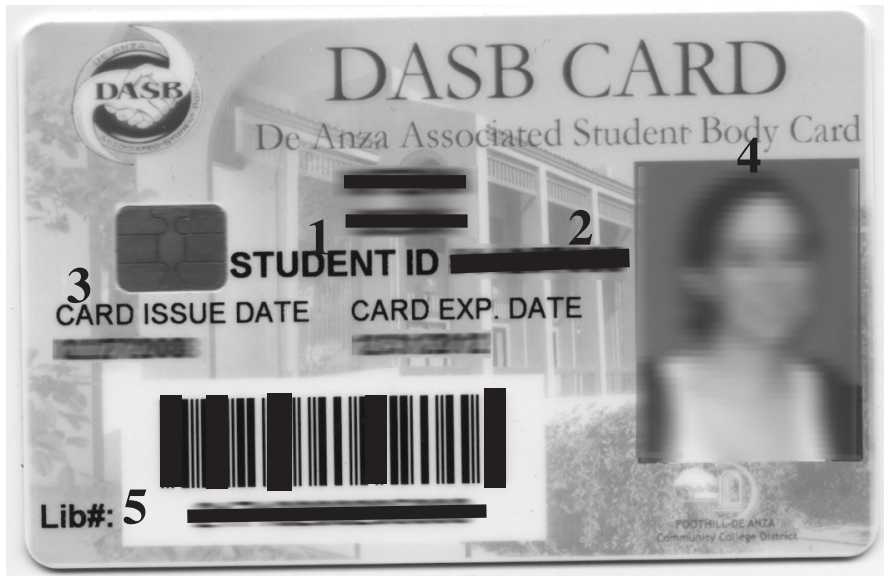


"Dr. Mack's economics classes are very relevant to the current economic situation."

Esha Menon
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What can your student body card do for you?



The De Anza Associated Student Body card is useful for De Anza services, as well as discounts. And it's practically free! Simply go to the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center, get your picture taken, and the card will be ready in a few minutes.

Know Your Card

Learn how to dissect the De Anza Associated Student Body Card

Compiled by Soheil Rezaee/La Voz

1. Student name
2. Student ID number - Allows access to academic records and used for registering for classes.
3. Chip - Identifies stored money that can be used toward printing at copy machines.
4. Student photo
5. Library barcode - Grants access to checking out books from the library and research databases.

Know Your Discounts

Dae Kim
LA VOZ NEWS

You are probably aware of the student body card – right? The one which is practically free? (Assuming you have paid your quarterly fees.)

Well, if not, go to the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center. The card will get you discounts on stores close to De Anza College. Here are a few of my favorites:

Yiasso offers 25 percent off all food items. Enjoy Greek food, with a hefty discount for beer and wine for the adults.
10660 S De Anza Blvd., Cupertino.

Cynthia's Professional Hair Stylist offers \$5 off haircuts and \$10 off chemical services (by appointment). Not only does everyone need haircuts, but out of all the businesses offering discounts, Cynthia's has, by far, the most delicious sounding address.
657 Grape Avenue, Sunnyvale.

Coffee Society offers 10 percent off any food or drink item. They've been

fueling De Anza students for years and that 10 percent will stack

considerably over the course of a quarter. Cheers.
21265 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 202, Cupertino.

Marie Callender's offers a 15 percent discount on all food items. Who doesn't like pie? Who doesn't like discounts? Who doesn't like discounts on pie?
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Homestead Lanes offers a buy one game, get the second game free discount. For those not majoring in math, buy one, get one free = 50 percent discount. Half off = good times.
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Professors should post grades online

THE OPINION OF THE LA VOZ WEEKLY EDITORIAL BOARD

As you sit through some of your possibly mind numbing lectures, you might think to yourself, "I wonder what my grade is right now." Then you start to stress about what grade you have because your instructor hasn't provided you with an updated grade. And all you have left to do is clench your teeth and hope for the best.

We've reached a new age of technology, maybe as far back as, let's see, the 1990s, yet some instructors can't seem to adapt.

Grades are important because they reflect a student's standing. But more importantly they reflect an instructor's expectations. Rather than figuring out what the professor wanted at the end of the quarter, a student can work alongside the instructor. After

all, learning is a process.

If instructors can demand students to use technology for assignments, students have an equal right to demand the same from instructors.

Students who are kept updated about their grades have a higher

chance of success. Why? Awareness. Students who are better informed of their grades, may be induced to study more if they know their grades are slipping.

As opposed to professors saying, "On your green sheet are all the points

available and how they are distributed. Add it up," they should say, "I will have grades posted for you on a weekly or biweekly basis."

It may make for more work because some classes have over 100 students, but if instructors stay on a strict grading schedule, the same strict schedule they enforce for homework, then posting the grades would be beneficial for all.

All that's required to make this possible is a little will power and some ingenuity.

If the college were to adopt a massive "Power School" type grading system like the one from Pearson Education, all students would be able to access their grades simply through the click of a mouse.

All students would have their own usernames and passwords that the college would give them upon enrolling in their classes. The instructors would

then post the grades for the assignments as they come in, (or don't come in) and a student and professor would be more aware of impending grade issues.

No longer can a student say the instructor lost his or her homework. And they couldn't pass the blame for a bad grade to the instructor if he or she is timely, posting each graded assignment – giving a chance for students to dispute it.

De Anza professors who have distance learning classes are familiar with the Catalyst system, which provides its students updated information on their academic progress.

Since this form is already implemented, albeit on a small scale, it's effective enough to try on a larger scale, by possibly starting out with one of De Anza's larger departments.

In the grand scheme of things, students attending De Anza should have the wherewithal to maintain and keep up with their own grades, but they could be more productive if they always knew their standing.



Welcome back, but fun times are over



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Welcome to the winter quarter.

For those who finished their first experience of the college environment last fall, you overcame a major challenge, so congratulations! Yet it's still too early to pop open the champagne bottle and celebrate.

Students need to welcome the challenges of winter and spring quarters and take a deep breath to realize that they are not joining those who called it quits and pursued a career at a dead-end job paying \$10 an hour.

In this crumbling economy, businesses are trying to survive. Industries are on their knees, begging for a bail out. A simple high school diploma with one quarter of college-education is useless if you have high expectations for yourself.

You are entering an ultra competitive world, whether you like it or not. Standards have been lifted, so that nowadays, finding a job without a college diploma is incredibly hard, if not useless. (For these purposes a job will be defined as any respectable career that pays well enough so you may get away with slapping a friend with a wad of \$100 bills.)

Simply by enrolling in college you deserve a congratulations. Be proud of yourself for not taking the easy way out in life. You can distinguish yourself from those who lied to themselves by choosing to take a year off from responsibility, when really they have

only accepted failure.

However if you got a late start in being a good student, you have a lot of catching up to do to keep up with your classmates.

To top it off, winter quarter is the most depressing time of the school year. The weather creates a negative atmosphere in everyone's spirit. You'll rarely see joy in a smile until the spring.

During this most depressing season, it's a great time to choose to grow up and get over having to rely on mommy and daddy taking care of you.

But I do not want to give you false

expectations. College is not easy. Lectures aren't meant to be fun. And if you ditch class you are only hurting yourself.

Instead, college requires hard work and determination. I promise you there will be times when you'll want to give up. Don't. Instead imagine life at 30 years old, without a college diploma, sitting on a couch with your best friend, the biggest failure in your high school class.

But then imagine a different scenario, one with a "happy ending." You're 30 years old and working at a respectable company making six figures a year while enjoying the finer things in life.

Don't let failure be an option. Stay strong and stay in school. If you are ever feeling discouraged, remind yourself why you enrolled in the first place. Ultimately, you are obtaining a college degree for your own benefit. Don't let grades, instructors, people, or anything, for that matter, intimidate you.

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How to avoid six traffic tickets



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I could have avoided six parking tickets, paying too much for textbooks and missing out on a math class if a former student had given me advice about De Anza College. Lucky for you, I'll give you tips on how to maximize your stay.

Take advantage of what I have to offer because these tips aren't taught in Counseling 101 or written on the De Anza Web site. The are from my personal experience.

First and foremost, you want to start on the right foot. So when you arrive at De Anza, be aware of the sneaky sheriffs who park at the east entrance on Stelling Road. They seem to hand out tickets like the military hands out

their promises.

My English professor came to class furious because they pulled her over. I have also seen a person in front of me get pulled over. So beware, and use common sense. If you enter campus from the East Entrance, especially into Parking Lot B, slow down and pretend you know how to drive.

Now that you are on campus and ticketless be sure to park near your first class – and stay there are all quarter long. One of the ways that

makes parking easy for me is I choose the same general area for the entire quarter. As a result I show up earlier.

So when you finally get that parking spot, it's time to get to class.

But what happens if you are waitlisted for a class? The future seems dim when people are pouring out of classrooms as others wrestle their way in. But don't give up! Be aggressive! You should be right there in the middle, fighting your way through. Show up every day, come



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early, sit in front and remind the professor that you want to be added. Be a pain. A polite and hard working pain, that is. There is nothing worse than a student who bugs an instructor only to receive a poor grade and ultimately withdraw from the class.

Although you are enrolled in classes, don't expect to get a good grade without purchasing the required textbooks. Money doesn't grow on trees and paying for textbooks can be pretty costly.

To save money, I borrow textbooks from my local library when available. Don't forget to return them please, I rue the fact that precious books are lost because of irresponsible library card holders.

Keep these things in mind and your stay at De Anza will be a lot less hectic.

Share the wealth, and pass on this advice to other De Anza students. Don't be selfish!

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