



CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR INCLUSIVE COLLEGE

Welcome & Highlights

Growing Beyond Graduation

The first UC Davis Redwood SEED graduates are showing the lasting impact of inclusive higher education. [Read full article.](#)

"It feels like home," said Cristina Riegos, one of four Redwood SEED graduates now living together off-campus. "My friends are like my family."



(Left to right) Karis Chun, Olivia Adams-Falconer, Sophie Howarth and Cristina Riegos at home. (Beth Foraker/UC Davis)

What's New

California Makes Historic \$25 Million State Investment to Expand Inclusive Postsecondary Education

[\(Click Here to Read the Press Release\)](#)

Scholar Leaders Shape the CCIC Ambassador Program

Built by scholars, for scholars, the California Center for Inclusive College (CCIC) Co-Design Committee is convening scholar leaders from Inclusive College Programs across California to help shape the future Ambassador Program. Since summer 2026, scholars and CCIC staff have been teaming up to spark change! By sharing their unique stories and valuable input, these scholars are directly shaping leadership, advocacy, accessibility, and community-building opportunities for the next wave of CCIC ambassadors.



Top Row: Jasmine Campbell (CCIC), Alexis Gomez (CCIC), Michael Jason (CCIC). Second Row: Jillyan McKinney (CCIC), Katelyn Reed (Redwood SEEDS), Roman Martens (Aspiring Scholars Program). Third Row: Claire Scott (Pathway), Prabhav Sriram (SPARTANS Occupational Career Life Studies (OCLS), Lorenza Parente (Wayfinders). Bottom Row: Alex Bliss (LIFE (Learning Independence for Future Employment) Program)

Scholar Spotlight

San Francisco State University (SFSU) Inclusion Program congratulates DeMian Williams, Class of 2026!

Congratulations to DeMian Williams for achieving both an SFSU Inclusion Program Certificate in Integrated Career and Community Studies as well as three associate's degrees from City College of San Francisco!

[Link to Program](#)

"Being in college helped me understand the importance of setting goals and my ambition on what I want for the future. The Inclusion Project helped me learn the meaning of responsibility and managing my tasks on what needs to be done. Being a college student means to me that I have the opportunity to take independence and prove my worth in education. I didn't think I was going to make it this far to succeed. But the Inclusion Project helped me see that if other college students can do it, so can I!"



Inclusive College Program Spotlights

Learning Independence for Future Employment (LIFE)

The [LIFE Program at Sierra College](#) held their first ever Cohort Graduation and are looking forward to welcoming back two students as well as the newest cohort members. Check out their instagram for more updates. [@sierrallife](#)



1st Row (kneeling), L-R: Evelyn Bliss, Kami Wascher, Clint Ballin
2nd Row (standing), L-R: Patrick Schroeder, Mia Paredes, Naomi Robinson, Austin Garfias Paniagua, John Wood, Jordan Saadi and Joshua Lee.



Bottom Row: Ryan, Andre (mentor), Roland (mentor), Iren (mentor), Emily (mentor), Nhi (mentor), Mavel (mentor), Mukund, Peter, Nick (mentor), and Vincent (standing). Top row: Dr. Lee (Director), Kat (mentor), Catherine (mentor), and Kate (mentor).

OCLS San José State University

[San Jose State University's Occupational Career Life Studies \(OCLS\)](#) program is excited to welcome ten new students in Fall 2026, in addition to 2 continuing students. The photo shows OCLS students and mentors getting together and enjoying a social skills-building event at a Starbucks on campus.

Resources and Tools

What are Inclusive College Programs

College is possible for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Learn how California's Inclusive College Programs provide opportunities for students to earn college credits, build career skills, participate in campus life, and prepare for employment and independent living.

[Click Here to Learn More About Inclusive College Programs \(ICPs\)](#)



COLLEGE SEARCH TOOL

College Search Tool

We are excited to share Think College has refined college search tool with updated resources to help you support students and family members as they navigate their college journey with confidence.

[Think College Search Tool](#)



[Think College: College Scholarships 2026 update](#)

[Resource for Working With Faculty & Instructors](#)

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What are Inclusive College Programs?

College is Possible for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in California.

Explore California Inclusive Colleges.

What Are Inclusive College Programs?

Inclusive College Programs (ICPs) are college programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) established on college campuses. Students attending ICPs:

- Take College Courses:** Enroll in courses that align with their career goals and interests.
- Gain Career Skills:** Engage in internships, employment, and career-focused development activities.
- Engage in Campus and Community Life:** Join clubs, attend sporting events, and participate in student organizations.

"I have really enjoyed having the college experience and meeting new friends. I have been able to challenge myself by pursuing my early childhood certificate while at Pathway and although it was hard at first I feel like good about it. I feel I am more confident in taking these classes, having my educational courses help me review the assignments before I start on them has helped me be a stronger student."

Cathy Ortega, Pathway at CCLU Extension

20+ PROGRAMS

Across California, inclusive college programs are preparing students with intellectual and developmental disabilities for employment, independent living, and self-determined lives.

National Data:

Nationally, 74% of graduates who completed a federally-funded inclusive college program had post-employment one year after graduation. (Original: [Think College Fact Facts 2024](#))

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