

# EMPOWER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF DELTA COLLEGE

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### OPENING NOTE

Created by the Associated Students of Delta College, this newsletter is focused on disseminating information to empower the students we serve.

Information will come in the form of upcoming events, such as updates on the student food pantry and mustang pass distribution dates, legislative updates to inform the student body about policies that affect their lives, and surveys that provide data to help us better serve the students we represent.

The newsletter is also available in video form on the ASDC TV YouTube channel.

### ASDC TV ON YOUTUBE



<https://bit.ly/2G8YpXQ>



# FIRST EDITION INTRODUCTION

BY SENATOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS KATHRYN BISHOP

Welcome Delta College Community to the first ever ASDC Newsletter! My name is Kathryn Bishop and I am the current ASDC Senator of Public Relations and a Political Science major here at Delta.

One of my favorite things about being a student here is having the opportunity to attend college in the most racially diverse city in the United States, as well as having access to amazing professors, faculty, staff, and administration. As Senator of Public Relations, some of my duties include regularly updating the ASDC social media accounts, sending out press releases and fliers, and coordinating/assisting with organizational outreach efforts.



Senator of Public Relations Kathryn Bishop

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My first semester at Delta, I was a commuter student from Elk Grove, ill-informed of all the opportunities and resources Delta had to offer. I loved going to school and being on campus, but the longer I commuted the more disengaged I felt with school. As a result, it became difficult to utilize all the benefits Delta had, whether it was events I could attend or programs that would help me become a more active community member.

This is where my inspiration for this newsletter sprouted from, and why I'm so excited to share this new project with you all! Now that we are living in this unprecedented time, I want to ensure that students still feel supported, engaged, and excited to attend Delta College. My vision for creating this monthly newsletter is intended to keep you informed and to highlight what ASDC has to offer.

All members of the ASDC board share this same vision and, to make this Newsletter come to life, I am fortunate to be working with an amazing group. In this group is our ASDC President Colm Fitzgerald, ASDC Vice President Taminya Nawabi, and ASDC Senator of Legislative Affairs Steven Ziemann.

I hope this newsletter provides you with new information, resources, and events every month and assists with your success and journey here at San Joaquin Delta College.

Go Mustangs!

# OCTOBER 2020 EVENTS

BY SENATOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS KATHRYN BISHOP

## ASDC Events:

**NATIONAL VOTER EDUCATION WEEK  
TOWN HALL:**

**OCTOBER 6TH  
5PM-7PM**

**COLLEGE HOUR:**

**OCTOBER 15TH  
12:30PM-1:30PM**

**MUSTANG MOVIE NIGHT:**

**OCTOBER 30TH  
5PM-7PM**



## **Latinx Heritage Month Events:**

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S  
DAY CELEBRATION**

**OCTOBER 8TH  
11AM - 1:30PM**

**IMMIGRATION  
WORKSHOP AND  
HISTORY**

**OCTOBER 14TH  
1:00 PM**

## **STUDENT FOOD PANTRY:**

**OCTOBER 7TH**

**&**

**OCTOBER 28TH**

**11AM-3PM**

*S1 Parking lot at Delta College*

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GROCERIES, PLEASE VISIT THE STUDENT FOOD PANTRY WEBSITE TO COMPLETE A ONE-TIME APPLICATION FORM AND ALSO SUBMIT THE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION FORM TO IDENTIFY THE DATES YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FOOD. STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT THE FORMS AT LEAST ONE-WEEK PRIOR TO THE DISTRIBUTION DATE LISTED ABOVE.

[HTTPS://WWW.DELTACOLLEGE.EDU/STUDENT-LIFE/OFFICE-STUDENT-ACTIVITIES/STUDENT-FOOD-PANTRY](https://www.deltacollege.edu/student-life/office-student-activities/student-food-pantry)

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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# STEAMBOAT LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

BY SENATOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS STEVEN ZIEMANN



Hey there, Mustangs! My name is Steven Ziemann and I'm your ASDC Senator of Legislative Affairs. I'm currently a Political Science major and this is my first year here at Delta. My main role is to monitor any legislation that is proposed or passed by the state of California. To some, it sounds really boring and time-consuming, but I hope you'll come to understand just how much power you as students have in policy decisions! I also chair the Legislative Affairs Committee which drafts and submits resolutions to be approved by the ASDC Board. I really want to ensure that you as students understand what laws are being proposed or passed by California and empower you to stand up and speak up on our campus and at the statewide level!

So, moving on to the nitty-gritty. I was appointed by the ASDC to be the official San Joaquin Delta College delegate to the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC). The SSCCC is the official statewide voice for all 2.1 million California community college students. The SSCCC is divided into ten regions and Delta College is located in Region II. I am honored to be able to represent all San Joaquin Delta College students at both a local and statewide level.

The most important upcoming event is the SSCCC General Assembly in March 2021. This event is when delegates vote on resolutions to be passed on to the California Legislature for consideration and support. This is how students tell our legislators what our priorities are and what their priorities should be.

We recently just voted for a new Vice President of Regional Affairs, Benjamin Blevins, and Vice President of Communications, Brianna Ross, for the SSCCC Board of Directors this month. The VP of Regional Affairs meets with all the regions and supports them in any way possible, while the VP of Communications sends out the monthly newsletter and updates our social media with any upcoming events or trainings.

We're all really excited to see some new faces in the SSCCC Executive Board and know every member will serve their position well! The SSCCC released their 20/21 Legislative Priorities for both the statewide and federal level. These guide the organization in a student-oriented direction and can be called on at a later date to ensure the SSCCC is on track. These priorities also assist California community colleges with drafting and passing resolutions to submit to the General Assembly in Spring 2021.



Senator of Legislative Affairs Steven Ziemann

Statewide priorities focus on basic needs reform, COVID-19 relief, cultural/equity training, financial aid reform, student enfranchisement, technological divide, and student unemployment. These will be among the many objectives set forth by the Legislative Affairs Committee.

Regarding the Legislative Affairs Committee, we currently have a resolution being drafted that would allow the "A+" grading symbol to be added to the current grading system. This would not increase your GPA, as any GPA above 4.0 would violate the California Education Code; however, it may give you a grade boost when transferring. If you would like to weigh in or hear what the committee has to say, you can join our meetings that occur biweekly on Thursdays from 2-3 PM. Our October meetings will be held on October 8 and October 22. Here at ASDC, we value your voice and your view, so please contact us for any questions or concerns!

Quick reminder: If you are not registered to vote in the upcoming General Election, please visit <https://registertovote.ca.gov/?t=s> to register/pre-register to vote and check your registration status!

# FEEDBACK LOOP

BY PRESIDENT COLM FITZGERALD

Fellow students and greater San Joaquin Delta College community, it is my pleasure to introduce myself. My name is Colm O'Reilly Fitzgerald. I serve as your President for the Associated Students of Delta College (ASDC), and will be bringing you the Feedback Loop section in every new edition of Empower.

The Feedback Loop is an opportunity for the ASDC to collect important data and gather feedback from the campus community on our many ongoing and potential projects. At the bottom of every Feedback Loop, there will be a scannable QR code that will take you to that month's question. Every question we survey will relate to the broader goals we have chosen to serve your interests. To scan the QR code, you can download a QR code scanner application on the IOS or Android app stores, or by simply using your camera application with certain devices.

In the Feedback Loop section, I will report on the data collected with the previous month's question, and will dissect it. Most importantly, I will discuss how that data will be used to better serve our students. For this first edition there is no data to report on.

## **FIRST EDITION FEEDBACK LOOP QUESTION**

During the COVID-19 pandemic students were forced into an all online educational environment. As a result, many students have rightfully felt isolated. Mental health statistics are troubling. The campus student life experience is all but nonexistent. The ASDC wants to ensure every student feels connected to the campus and the community during this challenging time.

That said, our first survey question for the Feedback Loop revolves around the ASDC's digital communication platform project. In order to revitalize campus life virtually, the ASDC will use the data from this survey to create a digital communication platform where students can interact with other students, study, attend campus life events, join clubs and more. Scan the QR code below, and complete the survey. We look forward to using your feedback to bring back the student to student interaction we all crave!



Associated Student Body President Colm Fitzgerald

## SURVEY SCAN



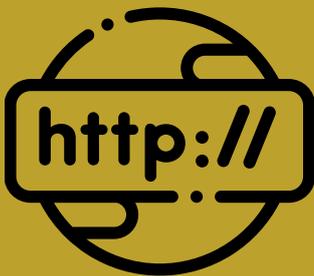
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