



August 2025

Welcome Back to an Exciting Year Ahead with the WE Will! K16 Collaborative and our Partners



As we begin a new academic year, we're thrilled to welcome back our students, staff, and community partners. The WE Will! K16 Collaborative is energized and ready to make this our most impactful year yet.

Reflecting on our journey so far:

- Year 1 was all about Planning — laying the foundation, clarifying our vision, identifying needs, and addressing critical gaps.
- Year 2 marked the shift to Action — turning plans into practice, building strong partnerships, expanding our network, and aligning staff within a shared framework.
- Now, we enter Year 3: The Year of IMPACT — the moment we've all been working toward. This is the time to amplify our efforts, elevate our voices, and showcase the meaningful change we are driving across the region.

Our focus this year remains rooted in our core goals: postsecondary transition, affordability, work-based learning, and college and career readiness. We are proud to see our vision statement come to life through the collaborative efforts of our entire community.

Let's continue to push forward — together — and make this year one of bold progress and lasting impact.

PROJECT PARTNERS SUMMER OF SUCCESS STORIES!



CSU Stanislaus, Modesto Junior College, Modesto City Schools, Waterford High, and Ripon High
 Orlando, Florida
 June 2025



CSU Stanislaus Students
 Andrea Guevara, Tiffany Richey



CTE Teachers, MJC, & CSU Stanislaus
 Collaboration Meeting



Shirley Miranda Brenes, Dean of Education
 Modesto Junior College, and Dr. Ana York,
 CSU Stanislaus, Teacher Education

Strengthening the Teacher Pipeline: A Growing Partnership

Highlights:

- Former Modesto High students now thriving as Aspiring Educators at MJC and CSU Stanislaus.
- 15 mentors supporting future educators on their journey.
- Two CSU Stanislaus students placed in the national Educators Rising Moment competition:
 - ▫ Andrea Guevara - 2nd Place (Spanish)
 - ▫ Tiffany Richey - 3rd Place (English)

This summer, 66 students, mentors, teachers, and administrators for the National Educators Rising Conference in Orlando—representing high schools like Johansen, Modesto High, Downey, Waterford, and Ripon, alongside Modesto Junior College and CSU Stanislaus.

This growing pipeline is creating meaningful opportunities across the region. With more chapters on the horizon, we're excited for what's ahead in 2025!

Strengthening Pathways with ARCHES: WE Will! PBL Workshop Impacts Gustine Unified Schools

In June, ten dedicated educators from Gustine High School participated in a transformative two-day Project Based Learning (PBL)



workshop sponsored by the WE Will! Collaborative that exemplified the collaborative approach needed between K-12 education and industry partners.

The diverse group included business pathway, patient care pathway, mathematics, and arts teachers, demonstrating how PBL can bridge

academic disciplines while preparing students for real-world careers. Participants designed authentic units of study, moving beyond traditional classroom approaches to create learning experiences that mirror actual workplace challenges and skill building as well as integrating work based learning experiences with industry partners in the form of guest speakers, industry tours, industry mentoring and informational interviews.

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DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WORKSHOP



WE Will! K16 Collaborative and the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) are hosting a Community of Practice for current and new CCGI district partners. These sessions will highlight updates to CaliforniaColleges.edu and provide opportunities to share best practices for implementing Tier I and II college and career tools.

Session 1: College Applications and Eligibility Tools

In this session, you will learn about all the new enhancements to the eligibility tools and the college application status reports. We will dive into your current senior a-g eligibility data to set goals, progress monitor, and improve college and financial aid application completion rates. You will have an opportunity to engage with other districts to share best practices and learn from each other's challenges.



September 11, 2025



8:00am - 12:30pm



**SJCOE Wentworth
Education Center
2707 Transworld Dr.
Stockton, CA 95206**

Audience:

**CCGI Point of Contact,
CMP Manager,
Implementation Leads &
Counselors**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
FOR SESSION 1!](#)

Save the Date for Session 2

February 24, 2026
Career Exploration and Capturing end
of Year Data
More information TBA

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THESE EVENTS!

October 8-9, 2025

Industry Sector Summit Merced County
November 4-5, 2025

Transformative Counseling Conference
w/ Career Ladders Project
November 7, 2025

Industry Sector Summit San Joaquin
County
December 3-4, 2025



Registration details will be
shared soon!

BACK TO OUR SCHEDULED PROGRAM

Monthly Expenditure Reports

As a reminder fiscal monthly expenditure reports are due monthly on the 15th day of each month. Reporting period is the month prior to the reporting month.

Example: September 15th reporting will report expenditures for the month of August.



[Monthly Expenditure Report Excel Sheet](#)

Quarterly Narrative Reporting

All Projects will continue to submit quarterly narrative reports in our data tool.

This years narrative reports are due:

November 1, 2025
January 31, 2026
May 1, 2026
July 31, 2026

Reminders will be sent out to the lead contact.

FRESH LOOK, FRESH START: DISCOVER WHAT'S COMING!

WE Will! Calendar of Events

▫ New Year, New Look! ▫

We're starting the year off with a fresh update — the WE Will Calendar of Events page on our website just got a makeover!
Now, it's easier than ever to stay in the loop. Explore our month-by-month event schedule, complete with new filtering options so you can find exactly

what you're looking for – whether it's workshops, trainings, or monthly meetings.

Coming Soon:

We're working on a brand-new feature just for YOU – our incredible project partners!

Soon, you'll be able to submit and share upcoming WE Will events happening that can be added to our calendar.

Stay tuned for more details!

Let's make 2025/2026 our most IMPACTFUL year yet. ▢

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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