



A SPECIAL REPORT

The State of Our College

Building Opportunity Close to Home

STUDENTS & FAMILIES: Affordable pathways to careers and college.

VETERANS: Education and career pathways that build on your skills and experience.

COMMUNITY: Strong colleges build a strong local workforce.



Our Mission: An Affordable, High-Quality College Education for Thousands in Barstow



Veterans

Through Barstow Community College's close relationship with Fort Irwin and the Marine Corps Logistics Base, we serve veterans, active-duty service members, and military families from across the region who are transitioning from military service into civilian life and preparing for new careers. Many face unique challenges including adjusting to civilian life, navigating complex benefits systems, job-training, securing stable employment, and providing for their families. Barstow Community College is one of the few institutions in the region that offers veterans and their families an affordable education, job-training programs, and specialized support services close to home.



College Access, Career Training, and Transfer Opportunities

Many families in our region cannot afford the cost of attending a four-year university or the high cost of housing elsewhere. Barstow Community College provides students with an affordable pathway to begin their higher education close to home, rather than having to travel down the hill to get the training and education they need for in-demand careers. This includes career-focused certificates and industry-recognized credential programs in fields such as automotive technology, industrial maintenance, welding, and other skilled trades, as well as preparation for transferring to a four-year college or university. The college also allows local high school students to get a jumpstart on earning college credits by taking courses before they even graduate.



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Barstow Community College

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Dear Barstow Community Members:



It is my privilege to serve you as Superintendent-President of Barstow Community College District—a college dedicated to **providing affordable, high-quality education and job training close to home** for students, veterans, and working adults across our region.

Each year, more than 5,300 local students and veterans rely on Barstow Community College to prepare for in-demand careers, skilled trades, and transfer opportunities, without the cost of relocating or taking on overwhelming debt. As a community college, our role is to serve as a key pipeline for workforce training, expand access, support student success, and strengthen the local workforce.

This Special Report shares an overview of who we serve, what we are doing today, and the current condition of our campus facilities, many of which have been in continuous use for more than 60 years. It also highlights how our programs and partnerships with employers and community organizations align with local workforce needs and support economic opportunity in the High Desert.

As we move forward, we are committed to ensuring our community stays informed about our work and progress. We will continue to share updates, celebrate student success, and communicate openly as we plan responsibly for the future.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about your community college and the students and veterans it serves.

Sincerely,

Eva Bagg

Dr. Eva Bagg
Superintendent-President
Barstow Community College District

Barstow Community College Provides



Barstow Community College is preparing students and veterans for real jobs in our region through hands-on training, employer partnerships, and an affordable college education.

What We're Currently Doing:

- ▶ **Partnering with BNSF Railway** to provide specialized welding training for employees, designed to support industry requirements for railroad and industrial workforce roles.
- ▶ **Partnering with 160 Driving Academy** by providing classroom space for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training and student onboarding.
- ▶ **Expanding Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training programs** to help address our local healthcare workforce needs.
- ▶ **Supporting veterans through the Veteran's Electrical Entry Program (VEEP)**, a hands-on pre-apprenticeship that provides a direct pathway into the electrical trade and helps service members leverage their military experience.
- ▶ **Delivering instruction and student services at Fort Irwin**, increasing college access for active-duty service members and military families.
- ▶ **Addressing basic student needs through community partnerships** by providing food and clothing access and support services for students, veterans, and seniors.

Together, these efforts reflect our College's role as a practical, workforce-training focused institution. Our goal is to help students build the skills and earn the credentials necessary to find opportunity close to home.

a Critical Need in Our Community

Facilities that Support Learning, Training, and Transfer

Barstow Community College's facilities play an important role in supporting students and veterans as they reach their educational or career goals.

To continue providing a high-quality education, campus facilities must support technical and academic instruction, accommodate modern equipment and technology, provide safe and reliable learning environments, and offer flexible spaces that can adapt as programs and student needs evolve.

Many of our buildings were built more than 60 years ago and have been in constant use ever since. While we have worked deliberately to maintain our facilities, some spaces and systems were not designed for the types of training, technology, and academic expectations required today.

Additional and expanded lab and classroom facilities are needed to support programs such as nursing, supply chain automation, drone and security training, industrial maintenance related to mining and minerals, cosmetology, and emerging technology fields like cybersecurity.

Our community college currently delivers vital food and clothing support to veterans, military families, students, and the broader community from aging campus facilities that were never designed to meet today's level of demand. Limited space and outdated infrastructure significantly constrain our ability to expand services and respond to growing community needs.

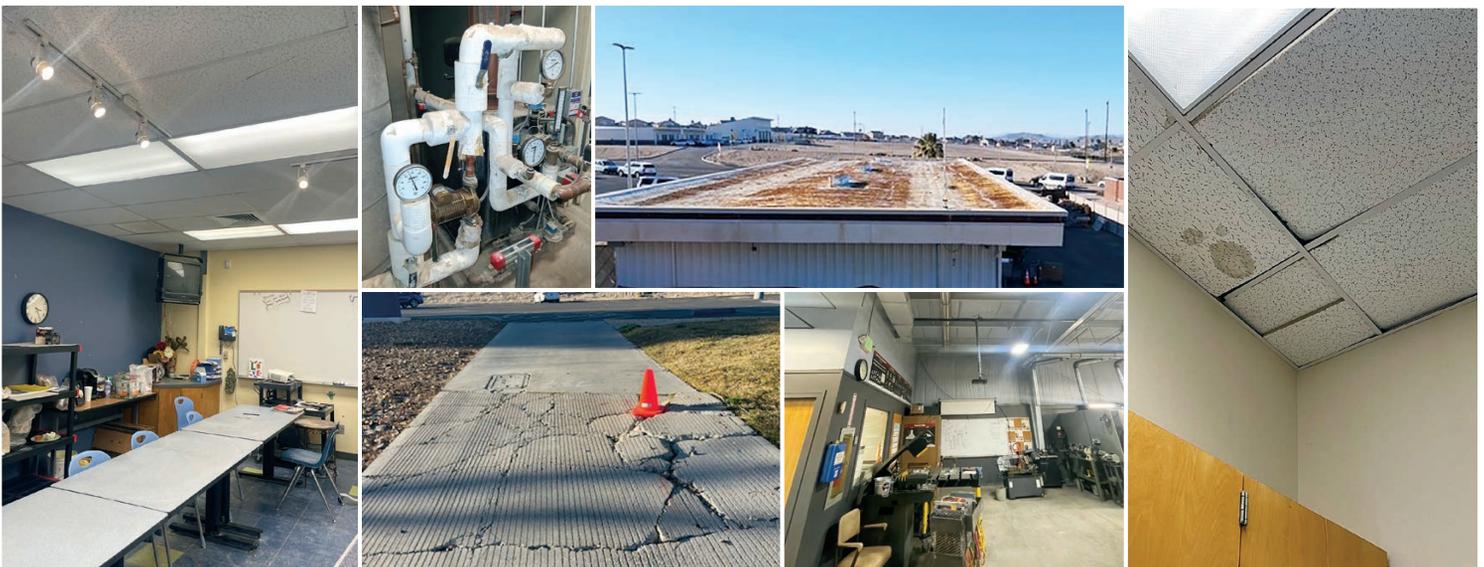
Our Critical Needs:

- ▶ **Repairing and upgrading** 60-year-old+ campus infrastructure, including leaky roofs and outdated plumbing, gas, sewer, and electrical systems.
- ▶ **Upgrading** aging and deteriorating HVAC, ventilation, and building

systems to support safe, reliable learning environments.

- ▶ **Expanding and improving** lab space for nursing, behavioral health, skilled trades, industrial maintenance, and emerging technology programs.
- ▶ **Supporting** workforce training facilities for construction, HVAC, transportation, and technology-driven careers.
- ▶ **Improving** campus safety and emergency communication systems.
- ▶ **Providing** adequate space for student and community support services, including food and clothing access, child care, and gathering or affinity spaces that support connection and belonging.

Ensuring these needs are addressed will help Barstow Community College continue to provide safe and modern facilities that support workforce training, transfer opportunities, and affordable access to higher education for our High Desert community, now and in the future.





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Facts About Your Community College



A single community college campus serves Barstow and the High Desert.



5,300+ students served each year, including local students, veterans, and working adults.



We offer 50 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.



Strong Workforce Star honoree, recognized by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.



Workforce training and certificate programs that help students and veterans gain the skills necessary for employment in healthcare, truck driving (CDL), welding, skilled trades, public safety, and other in-demand fields.



Employer partnerships, including BNSF Railway, regional healthcare providers, 160 Driving Academy, and others.



Basic needs support services, including food and clothing access, provided through community partnerships for students, veterans, and active-duty service members.



College Promise 2.0 helps keep college affordable for eligible students.



Veteran education and training programs connected to Fort Irwin.

Students, Veterans, Families, and Community Members:

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