2016-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

SCIENCE & ALLIED HEALTH DIVISION
Division of Science & Allied Health (SAH) is the largest academic division in the College with 100 full-time and adjunct instructors and 10 classified staff. It serves 3,100 students per semester in 170 sections of both Science and Allied Health disciplines for general education, degrees, transfer, certificates and career skill development. Science programs include Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Chemical Technology, Geology Field Ecology and Physics. Our Allied Health programs include Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Registered Nursing and Vocational Nursing.

VISION
Transform our students’ lives and our community by providing the highest quality science and health learning experiences

MISSION
Increase student success and diversity in science and health disciplines and careers by providing evidenced-based educational experiences. Create a learning organization that fosters the scholarship of teaching and learning, celebrates diversity of thought and person, life-long learning, and an engaged community and civic life.

CORE VALUES
In pursuing our Goals, we systematically apply the following Core Values

Passion for Teaching and Learning
• The primacy of student interests in our decision making
• Education as an act of scholarship
• Life-long learning is a professional responsibility

Critical Thinking
• The principles of critical thinking guide our decision making efforts
• We accept failure as a necessary step to eventual success

Social context of our work
• Education is a cornerstone of civic, cultural, social justice and economic advancement of the individual and society
• Diverse Science & Health fields are critical for securing social justice and the long-term economic viability of our community and country

Diversity & Inclusion
• It is our responsibility to be active participants in addressing disparities that exist in STEM fields
• We are open to exploring promising ideas without regard to the source.
GOALS

1. Increase Student Success and Diversity in Science and Health courses

2. Collaborate with other STEM disciplines across the campus

3. Form strong professional relationships with our K-12 and 4-year partners, community organizations and STEM sector industries.

4. Encourage innovation informed by sound research, evaluated by rigorous data analysis and guided by professional judgment