Choosing the right college is important—
to your son or daughter and to you.
Start the decision process early and take
your time. Consider all the options,
including Allan Hancock College.
We’re here to help you find the
right answers for your family.

Call us.
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1-866-DIAL AHC, ext. 3293
www.hancockcollege.edu

Is college financially possible?

Think college is out of reach for your child? The truth is, just about everyone who wants to go to college can afford it. Do not assume you do not qualify for financial aid. In fact, nationally, one out of two applicants receives financial assistance. At Allan Hancock College, 60 percent of our students receive some type of financial aid.

Financial aid can help many families meet college costs. Every year millions of students apply for and receive financial aid. Financial aid is money to pay for college that is not provided by parents or students. This money comes from federal, state, college and private sources.

Types of financial aid

Grants: funds that do not require repayment
Federal Educational Tax Credits: reduce the amount of income tax you pay
Loans: require a structured pay back method
Scholarships: awarded based on academic merit and/or financial need and require no pay back

More than $160 billion in grants, scholarships, and low-interest loans is available nationwide every year to help people afford a college education.

Last year, Allan Hancock College awarded $10 million in financial aid to students. In addition, more than $235,000 was awarded in scholarships.

Questions about financial aid and how it is awarded can be answered in the Allan Hancock College financial aid office at (805) 922-6966 ext. 3216 or online at www.hancockcollege.edu (Financial Aid is listed under “Student Services”).

A smart solution: To make the most of your money, have your child attend Allan Hancock College first. There he or she can complete the first two years of a bachelor’s degree, earn an associate degree or complete career training. Allan Hancock College and the other 111 California community colleges have the lowest college fees (tuition) in the nation.

What is the best choice
for your son or daughter?

What is best for my child?

Just by picking up this brochure you have demonstrated your interest in seeing your child succeed. You know that a college education opens doors and opportunities. Research shows that 80 percent of jobs will require at least two years of education or training beyond high school.

The average annual earnings for full-time workers in 2009 were:

► $32,812 — high school graduate
► $41,529 — associate degree
► $58,762 — bachelor’s degree
► $74,217 — master’s degree
► $128,578 — professional graduate

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

Twenty years ago, about half of all high school graduates went to college. Now, almost two-thirds do. Our economy increasingly honors specific skills and technical expertise, and some training or postsecondary education is necessary for virtually any job in the market.

Research shows that family support is more important to school success than a student’s IQ, economic status or school setting.

As a parent, what can I do now?

Take these steps to ensure your child’s future success:

► Help your son or daughter identify interests and abilities.
► By the time your child is in junior high, determine what college preparatory courses he or she should take through high school to be college ready.
► Help your teen take advantage of all college programs available in high school. For example, high school juniors and seniors can take classes through the Allan Hancock College College Now! program.
Why is Allan Hancock College a good choice?

- As one of the 112 California community colleges, Allan Hancock College is part of the largest system of higher education in the United States. More than 11,500 Central Coast residents choose Allan Hancock College each semester.
- The academic setting at Allan Hancock College offers students a college education while keeping them close to their family support network.
- More than 100 programs of study are available at Allan Hancock College, from astronomy to physics to welding. Hancock also offers specialized programs including applied design/media, nursing, police and fire training, culinary arts and more.
- A variety of services at Allan Hancock College are free to students, including tutoring, academic counseling, job placement and health services. The staff in our financial aid office actively assists students in obtaining financial support to attend college.
- AHC students collectively receive more than $235,000 each year in local scholarships.
- AHC students benefit from the lowest community college fees (tuition) in the nation.
- The AHC University Transfer Center is dedicated to helping your son or daughter prepare for transfer to a four-year university.
- Community college students receive priority admission when transferring to universities.
- AHC students consistently enjoy one of the highest acceptance rates to Cal Poly, UCSB and other universities.
- The college’s beautiful campuses provide a positive learning environment for students. A recent $180 million bond is providing new technology and state-of-the-art facilities throughout the district.
- More than 92 percent of students surveyed said they were pleased with their overall experience at AHC.
- Students can save nearly half the cost of fees and housing when attending a four-year university by completing the first two years of a bachelor’s degree at Allan Hancock College.

Attend Allan Hancock College and save!

**Annual tuition/fees (2010-2011):**

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"We're a Hancock family, all five of us."

**Sharol Viker**

"My children had the opportunity here at Hancock to do a variety of things. They were able to use the entire campus to find new experiences. They took some general ed courses that I think encouraged them to really look at things differently. There are opportunities here that are available nowhere else that I've seen. Two of my children participated in the athletic program and were very successful on those teams. In fact, my son was able to use his experience to transfer to a four-year university and continue to play there.

We're a Hancock family, all five of us—my husband and I and my three children all graduated from Hancock. I recommend Allan Hancock College! My kids really benefited from being here."

"Hancock has changed my life for the better."

**Stanley Fletcher**

"Hancock has really worked for me. I used to hate math and anything to do with math, but I took my first algebra class at Hancock and absolutely fell in love with it. Right now I'm working at a company called ATK. They're a space company in Goleta that produces solar panels. I'm also taking classes at Hancock again. I'm preparing to transfer and get a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Whether I'm working full time and taking some classes on the side to further my career, or taking classes full time like I did when I was younger, Hancock has changed my life for the better.

I would sum up my experience at Allan Hancock College as 'fantastic'. It was an all-around great experience for me from beginning to end."

**Stanley Fletcher**