

## **SRJC Land Acknowledgement Statement**

We acknowledge that we gather at Santa Rosa Junior College on the territorial traditional land of the Pomo People, past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This land acknowledgement calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we inhabit.

We recognize that every member of the Santa Rosa Junior College community has benefitted, and continues to benefit, from the use and occupation of this land since the institution's founding in 1919. Consistent with our values of community and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the colleges' relationship to Native peoples. By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Santa Rosa Junior College more accountable to the needs of American Indian and Indigenous peoples.

## **Commitment to Land Acknowledgement**

As a step toward honoring the truth and achieving healing and reconciliation, Santa Rosa Junior College commits to open all public events and gatherings with a statement acknowledging the traditional Pomo lands on which we stand. It further commits to support faculty in exercising the option to incorporate a statement into instructional syllabi. Such statements become truly meaningful when coupled with authentic relationships and sustained commitment. We therefore commit to move beyond words into programs and actions that fully embody a commitment to Indigenous rights and cultural equity.