

Proclamation
Honoring
Santiago Canyon College
2026-27 Military Friendly® School

WHEREAS, Santiago Canyon College (SCC), located in the City of Orange, is dedicated to providing accessible, high-quality education, and comprehensive support services that empower a diverse student population, including veterans, active-duty service members, military spouses, and their families; and

WHEREAS, SCC has been recognized as one of the Top 10 Military Friendly® Schools for the 2026-2027 academic year, earning the distinction of being ranked No. 6 in the nation in the Small Community College category; and

WHEREAS, SCC is the only California community college to rank in the Top 10 nationwide within the Small Community College category for the 2026-2027 Military Friendly® Schools designation, reflecting its exceptional commitment to those who have served our nation; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious designation highlights the outstanding efforts of SCC faculty, staff, and leadership in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for veterans, dependents, and military-connected students through programs such as the Veterans Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, institutions earning the Military Friendly® Schools designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses to a comprehensive proprietary survey administered by VIQTORY, with participation from more than 3,200 organizations; and

WHEREAS, final rankings are determined based on a combination of survey results, public data, and demonstrated success in key areas including student recruitment, retention, academic progress, graduation rates, career placement, and the availability of support services for veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses; and

WHEREAS, SCC continues to serve as a model institution by exceeding established benchmarks and advancing opportunities for student veterans to achieve their academic and career goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Slater, Mayor of the City of Orange, and the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and commend Santiago Canyon College for its designation as a Top 10 Military Friendly® School for the 2026-2027 academic year, and applaud its ongoing commitment to excellence in serving the veteran and military-connected community. We extend our sincere congratulations and express our appreciation for the college's continued leadership, innovation, and dedication to student success.