



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

San Jacinto College Industry-Related Courses and Financial Support Described to Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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For the first time in its 30-year history, the Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) met by video and audio rather than in person. Participants heard jR Ragaisis, Dean of Business & Technology at San Jacinto College's Central Campus and DPCAC member, describe the college's programs geared toward the petrochemical industry. Ragaisis also listed financial and other resources available to support students. His slides are posted with this meeting summary.

The college's new LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology (CPET), which many DPCAC members visited in January, offers programs in process technology; instrumentation; environmental health and safety; and industrial technology (welding, inspection, and electrical). They also conduct courses for current industry workers seeking to upgrade their skills.

The college has developed 4 core areas of resources to support student success: *Personal Support* (meals, clothing, housing), *Student Support* (career, advising), *Financial* (scholarships, financial aid, child care) and *Instructional* (success centers, online tutoring). The CPET program also features some internships.

Most classes at CPET have been extended due to COVID-19 school closures and are being taught online. Those with significant hands-on components, such as welding, must be held in person. CPET is working on how to safely bring back students to complete such courses.

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