Ten years ago De Anza College Staff, Faculty and Administrators met to envision the college’s future. Facing enrollment, funding, and demographic challenges, a decision was made to restructure the college’s activities in many of these areas based on the early community college movement to democratize higher education. As junior colleges became “community colleges”, the dream was that they become a core network of the community’s social structure. The new level of state funding now allows a more complete response to plans long simmering.

Realizing the need for funding, De Anza College leaders built a statewide coalition to assure passage of the Community College Initiative to pass a funding bill based on the CCCCCO real cost of education.

De Anza is now able to provide:

- Small localized community-based service centers to engage specific populations.
- Expanded mentors and tutorial programs to engage at-risk students
- Flexible programs in vocational areas to serve employers and their employees.
- A redesign and retrofitting of older buildings to complement the College’s commitment to an environmentally sound and sustainable campus that models it’s philosophy of becoming green.