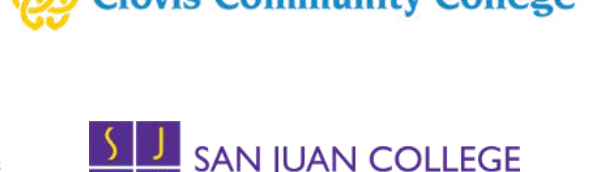


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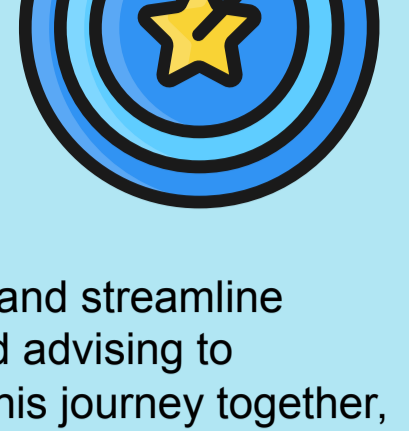


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## Workday Student (SIS): Stay Informed and Get Involved

### Happy New Year!

As we begin 2025, we're one step closer to launching Workday Student, the Student Information System (SIS) project. This transformative initiative will enhance our support of students and the management of academic operations.



The Workday SIS project is designed to modernize and streamline processes across the colleges, from registration and advising to academic scheduling and beyond. As we continue this journey together, your awareness and engagement are key to its success.

*Here's how you can stay informed and get involved:*

- **Stay Updated:** Look out for regular project updates and key milestones in upcoming communications, namely the CHESS Connection, our bi-weekly newsletter. Missed a CHESS Connection? No worries! You can find it [here](https://www.chess.edu/mission-communications/) (https://www.chess.edu/mission-communications/)
- **Learn More & Ask Questions:** Attend **Coffee with Kathy** on the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning January 28, to get up-to-date information, ask questions, and provide feedback to the project CEO. Click [here](#) to join!

Together, we're building a more efficient and student-centered system that will strengthen our CHESS mission and impact. Thank you for your continued dedication and support as we bring this exciting vision to life.

**Wishing you a successful and inspiring start to the new year!**

## WOW (Wonders of Workday) Moments

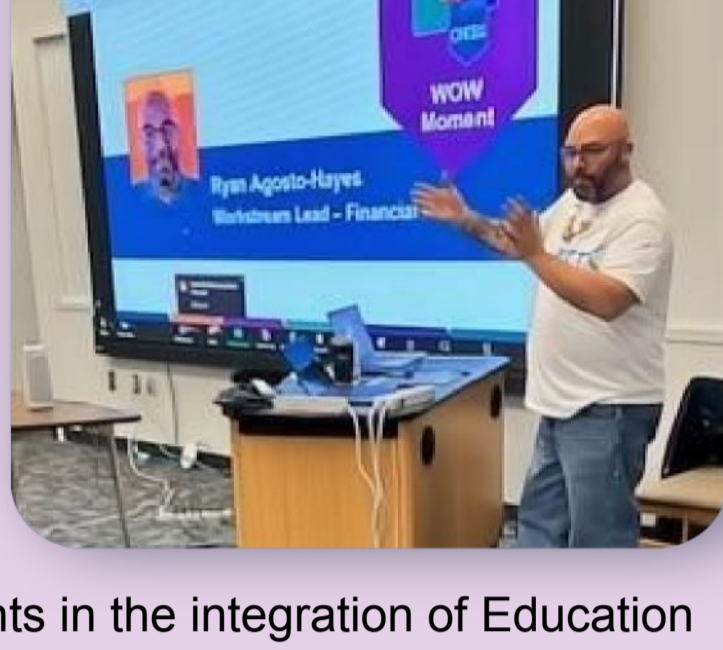


During the December 2024 planning meeting at Luna Community College, moments of celebration brought energy and inspiration to the teams as they advanced their efforts. Among these highlights were the "WOW Moments"—short for "Wonders of Workday"—showcasing the exciting potential Workday Student offers.

CNM's Ryan Agosto-Hayes from the Financial Aid workstream and SJC's Karen Doughty from the Student Core/Cross Functional workstream shared impactful "WOW" moments that are paving the way for the transformation of student services.



Ryan highlighted the simplification of FAFSA comment codes, emphasizing the ease with which users can now find, view, and modify comment codes in a user-friendly format. These changes, along with new admin guides, promise to make decisions more informed and less dependent on outdated knowledge.



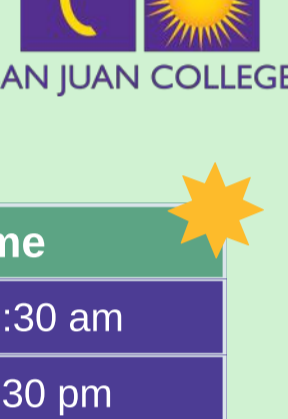
Karen discussed pivotal moments in the integration of Education Tests into Workday, noting that digitizing processes will drastically reduce paper usage and manual data entries. Additionally, Karen looks forward to rule-based college credit applications, particularly in Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), which will streamline the award process and reduce time spent across colleges. These updates are transforming the way we serve students and staff.

## Workday Training Corner

### ATTENTION:

\* San Juan College Employees

Mark Your Calendars for Performance Review Training - Part 2



Dates	Group	Time
February 7	Faculty	9:00-10:30 am
February 7	Staff	2:00-3:30 pm
February 25	Staff	9:00-10:30 am
February 25	Faculty	3:00-4:00 pm

\*Performance Review Training is intended only for regular faculty and staff. It does not apply to temporary or adjunct employees. All training will be via Zoom. Please check your SJC email for Zoom links and details.



## MISSION: ALL TOGETHER



CHESS values are expressed by the people partnering with us in implementing best practices for our students. To introduce you to the people who share our vision and work hard to make it a reality, the CHESS Communications team has created an easy-to-use flipbook detailing the key responsibilities of your co-workers who are shaping this expansive project. This is a virtual "who's who" directory of the people serving on each workstream on behalf of their home colleges.

[Click on the image to view the flipbook.](#)

## Welcome to the CHESS Team



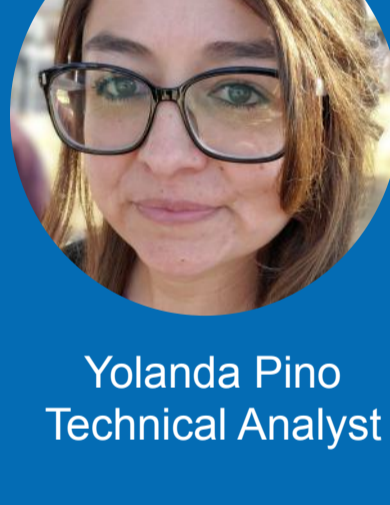
We're so happy that you've joined the team!



Jessi Wieberg  
Payroll Tax Accountant



Keri Magana  
SIS Student Lead, ESS



Yolanda Pino  
Technical Analyst

## CHESS Superstars

Congratulations to Our Newest CHESS Superstars!

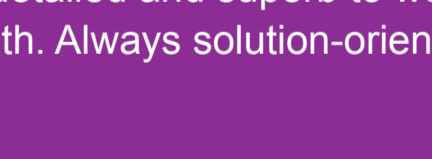
RUUD CLERX  
CHESS PM

MARCOS GARCIA  
CHESS



Ruud's nomination came from the Workday Team. They wrote:

"Ruud is consistently very detailed and superb to work with. Always solution-oriented."



Marcos Garcia has been nominated on behalf of the Academic Foundation / Student Core / Student Records teams regarding the passage of Workday Delivery Assurance. They wrote:

"Marcos works really hard to make sure that the PMO works harmoniously with the rest of the project team members and groups. He continuously motivates the project managers and works hard to make sure that his team gives one hundred percent effort to the SIS implementation and other projects under CHESS."

CHESS Superstars are individuals on project implementation teams, member college employees, or CHESS employees, who are recognized based on the CHESS Values of Collaboration, Honesty, Equity, Sustainability, and Student Success.

## Questions? Concerns? Suggestions?



Coffee with Kathy is an informal chat with Kathy Ulibarri, CHESS GEO, about current Workday projects and any other CHESS questions you might have.

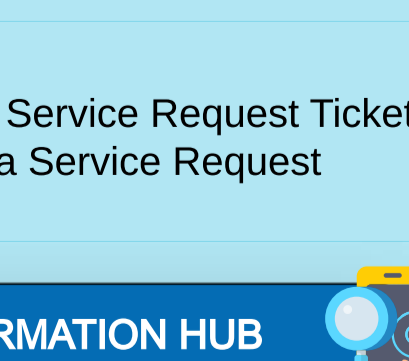
SAVE THE DATE!

The next session will be January 28th, 2025 at 10 AM MDT.

[Click here to join Coffee with Kathy](#)

## Quick Access to the Technology Support Hub

The **Technology Support Hub** is located within the Member Hub on the CHESS website. The pull-down menus will quickly get you to the right information. Use the buttons below to get the information you need most!



### SERVICE REQUEST HUB

- Create a New Service Request Ticket
- Follow Up on a Service Request

- Scheduled Maintenance
- Tenant Management
- Current Outages (Coming Soon)

### TENANT INFORMATION HUB

- Top Reports by Functional Area
- Reporting Tips & Tricks



### REPORTING HUB

- RFC (Request For Change) Process
- Change Board

### RFC (REQUEST FOR CHANGE) PROCESS



## Contact CHESS

Do you have any questions? Do you have suggestions for new stories?

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The *CHESS Connection* provides news about CHESS and our Workday Enterprise Resource Planning and Student Information System projects. Please feel free to share.

*CHESS, the Collaborative for Higher Education Shared Services, is a nonprofit comprised of member colleges that employ a unique approach to transform the student experience and streamline administrative operations through state-of-the-art technologies. Mission: All Together is the CHESS initiative to launch Workday.*