

Philosophy of Region V

When the CCCCCO created the regions in the state, the goal was to group the Community Colleges based on commonality. Region V was created based on the agricultural region of the state, our commonality was agriculture. Today, districts have grown tremendously and no longer are we just agriculture. Today Region V is the most diverse region of the state. The region is made up of City, Rural, Forestry, Agriculture, and Oil driven colleges, creating great difficulty to join the colleges together in commonality at a regional level.

In 2013 Region V started to move away from its previous ways of doing things, it was a new and fresh look at how the region could serve its constituents. On July 19th, 2013 at Bakersfield College, constituents voiced their need for a grassroots region that will assist local ASO's in local and district issues, foster state advocacy, and provide resources and leadership at a regional level.

This grassroots movement drove the region to accomplish more than it has ever accomplished in the past. The new region website born from this grassroots movement does more than inform, but provides useful resources to our constituents and is hailed as one of the best regional websites in the state. The website is utilized by students and advisors for detailed information on events and conferences.

The Region V logo is a symbol of this grassroots movement, encompassing all names of our colleges in the Roman numeral V, with agricultural roots of the region wrapped around all of us. The logo was designed to be the new symbol of Region V and to be a reminder of where we come from and who we serve.

In 2015 this grassroots concept still exists and runs strong within the region; from a Region V meeting in March 2015, the following words were used to describe the mission of the region:

“Collaboration, Creating Leadership, Working together, Region Supports each College, Social Issues at Colleges, Flexibility, Student Success, ASOs helping ASOs, Sustainability, Advocating for Equality, and Legislative Awareness.”

Region V has pride itself on being an independent and proud organization that voices its concerns and serves its constituents. The region listens and embraces all of its constituents and strives to be a teacher of leadership, an advocate for those who feel voiceless, and a mentor to anybody who seeks it.

The philosophy of Region V is expected to change and develop as new student leaders take charge of it, however we can never forget where we come from, and who we are. When in doubt bring it back to the roots of our region, as a region we have always prevailed and survived by the deep roots of our history.

