

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 4, 2024

**ANNUAL REPORT ON COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS** **1**  
**HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

**Status:** Information

Presented by: Jennifer Vega La Serna, Ph.D.  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Academic Services

**Issue/Background**

Dr. La Serna will provide the annual update to the Board of Trustees on the College of the Sequoias high school partnerships:

- Visalia Technical Early College High School (VTEC) – Scott Braun, Principal
- University Preparatory High School (UPHS) – Dr. Helen Milliorn-Feller, Principal
- College of the Sequoias Dual Enrollment – Dr. Chris Spomer, Director, Welcome Center & Early College Partnerships

The presentation includes highlights of each program, enrollment numbers and the number of dual-enrolled graduates who attend College of the Sequoias.

**Recommended Action**

No action is required.

# **COS High School Partnerships**

**Visalia Technical Early College High School (VTEC)**  
**University Preparatory High School (UPHS)**  
**COS Pathway to College**



**VTEC empowers students through rigorous, hands-on educational experiences in agricultural-related fields that will fast-track students' college and career aspirations.**

# Enrollment 24-25

**220**  
**69%**

- **2025 Graduates enrolled at COS this Semester**
- **150** individual COS courses being taken
- **Projection of 1 student on track to graduate with an AA (Early Grad).**
- **1 student will certify in IGETC**
- **57 Graduates 100% Graduation Rate**
  - **5 early grads**

## Colleges

Fresno State

UC Davis

UC Merced

USC

## **College of the Sequoias**

Chico State

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Sonoma State

West Hills

San Joaquin Delta Community  
College





# VTEC Changes/Celebrations 2024-2025



- Earned K12SWP Grant for Advance Manufacturing
- Adding a Applied Mathematics in Industry - A-G
- Increased Math & ELA CAASPP scores by 20% most growth in VUSD
- VTEC FFA Earned a National Chapter Award
- Growth in student run clubs on campus we now have 8 clubs

# VTEC Pathways 2024-2025

## Early College Pathway

- Building a system so that Ag pathways to attend COS or beyond
- COS courses are aligned to VUSD Graduation Requirements, A-G & CSU/UC GE Degree Requirements/CalGETC
- Students graduate from VTEC with an average of 40+ college units aligned to IGETC Degree Requirements
- The program has a “Customizable Path” of COS courses to meet the needs of all students



## Agricultural Pathways

- Animal Science, Plant Science & Ag Systems Management
- Students are receiving industry certifications that align to their pathways.
- Active FFA Chapter (200+ Members)
- CA National Chapter 2024 (best of 390 chapters)
- Active Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Over 62 students involved in the Tulare County Fair
- Won both Small & Large Animal Round Robin - Master Showmanship

# Early College Partnership w/COS

- **Visalia Unified School District supporting the Partnership**
  - Record number of students in early college classes this semester.
    - 45% of VTEC students enrolled in early college courses this semester.
  - Full-Time COS **Early College Success Liaison** assists and supports VTEC early college students.
  - Dual-enrollment/concurrent courses offered at VTEC this Fall.
    - Courses
      - Comm. 001, English 001, & Counseling 025
    - On-campus - With addition of the **Advanced Manufacturing Pathway**
      - AGTC 201 Fall
      - AGTC 202 Spring

**WOLVERINES  
ARE  
FIERCE!**

**FAMILY**

**INNOVATIVE**

**ENGAGED**

**RIGOROUS**

**6 Cs**

**EXCELLENCE**







# **UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL**



# RECAP OF 2023-24



## 2024 Graduates

- 61 Graduates - 98% Graduation Rate
- 29 of the 2024 graduates enrolled in COS
- Colleges graduates are attending
  - Colorado State, Cal Baptist, Azusa Pacific U, Point Loma, Fresno Pacific, & Eastern U, Northern AZ U,
  - UCLA, UC Davis, UC Riverside, UC Berkeley, UC Merced, UC Santa Barbara, & UC Santa Cruz
  - CSU Fresno, CSU Northridge, CSU Chico, CSU Long Beach, CSU Channel Islands
  - Cal Poly San Luis & Cal Poly Pomona
- 6 UPHS 2024 graduates also graduated from COS with at least one AA or AS Degree

# Fall 2024

## Celebrations

- 33 active student clubs
- 253 students enrolled
- 200 students taking at least 3 college credits this fall
- 8-10 projected AA/AS degree
- A+ High School Rating from [Niche](#)

253

ENROLLED @  
UPHS

200

ENROLLED @  
COS

1244

COLLEGE UNITS  
PROJECTION FOR  
FALL 2024

100%

PROJECTED  
GRADUATION  
2025

CELEBRATIONS



# UPHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	CREDIT
English (4 years)	40
History/Social Science (3 years)	30
Mathematics (3 years)	30
Science (1 year life; 1 year physical)	25
Physical Education (2 years)	20
Foreign Language (through COS)	20
Fine Arts	10
Electives	55
<b>TOTAL TO GRADUATE</b>	<b>225</b>
College Unit/Credit (required on top of total units for High School courses)	20

- Students who graduate from UPHS meet a-g requirements for CSU/UCs.
  - All [UPHS courses](#) offered are a-g approved
- Students graduate from UPHS with 20+ college units
  - Students are encouraged to use the IGETC to guide their COS class choices
  - Student meet with UPHS advisors regularly to select the best COS courses for them individually

# CHANGES & GROWTH

- UPHS received a \$250,000 grant to create an Independent Study program
- Fall of 2027 moving to the Liberty campus
- UPHS continues to strengthen its positive culture and school community
  - Staff and students continue to follow Panda Path & Maxims





# Early College Credit Report 2023-2024



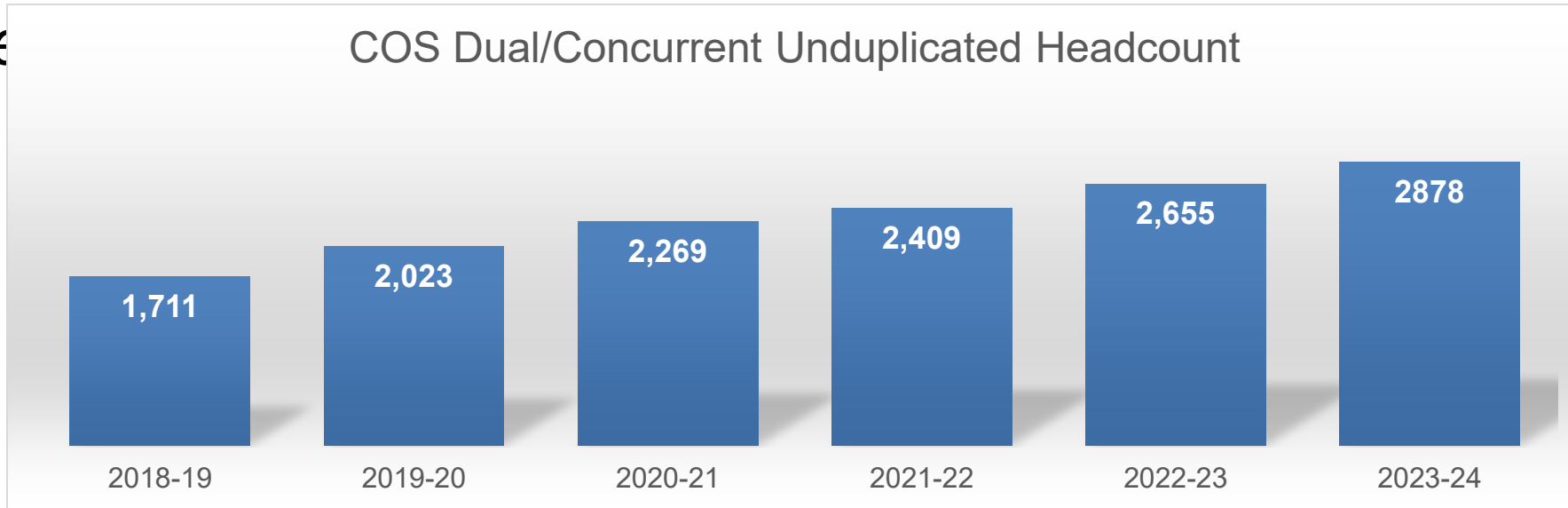
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**Chris Spomer, Ph.D.**

Director, Welcome Center & Early College Partnerships

# Dual Enrollment

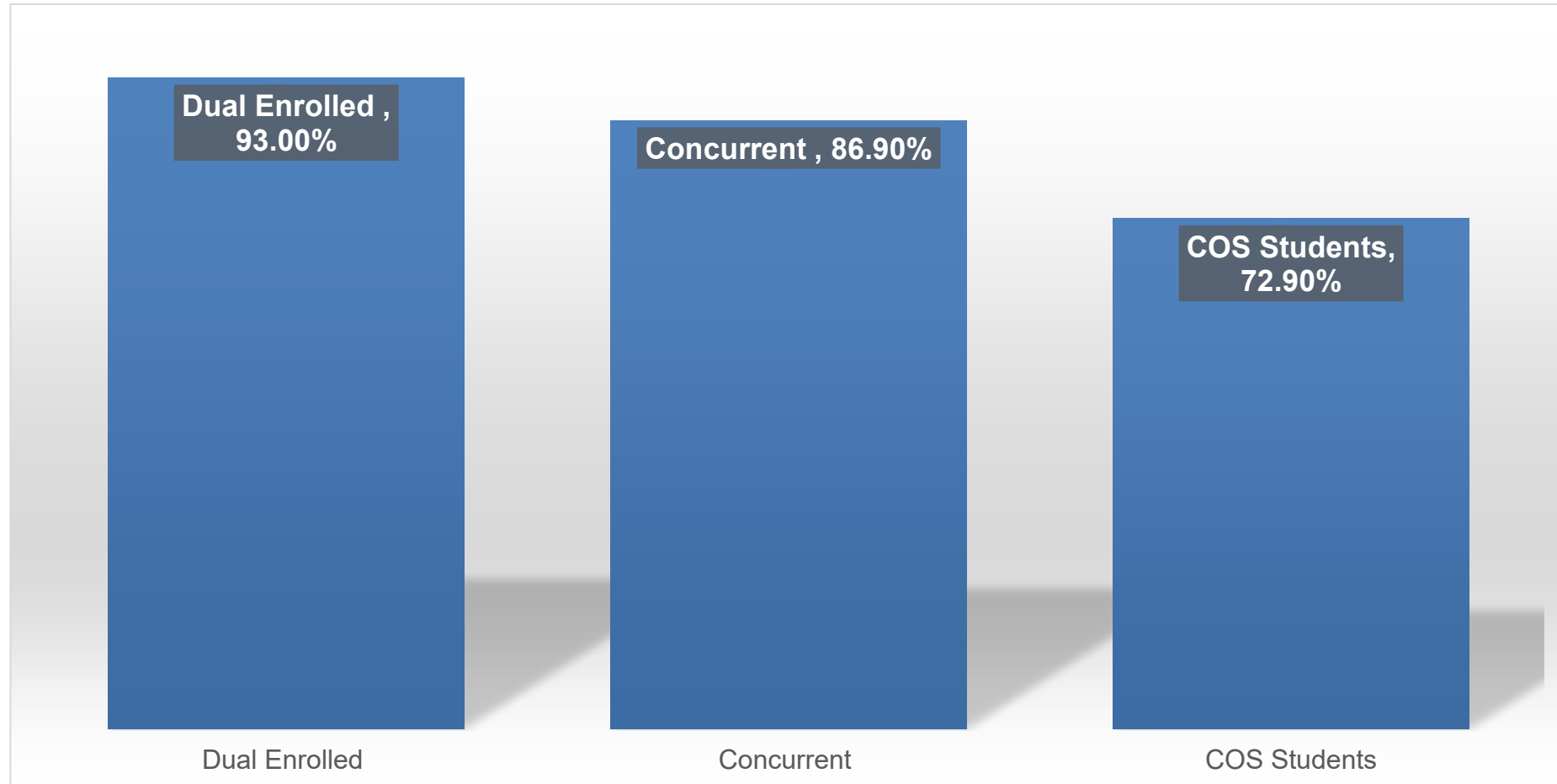
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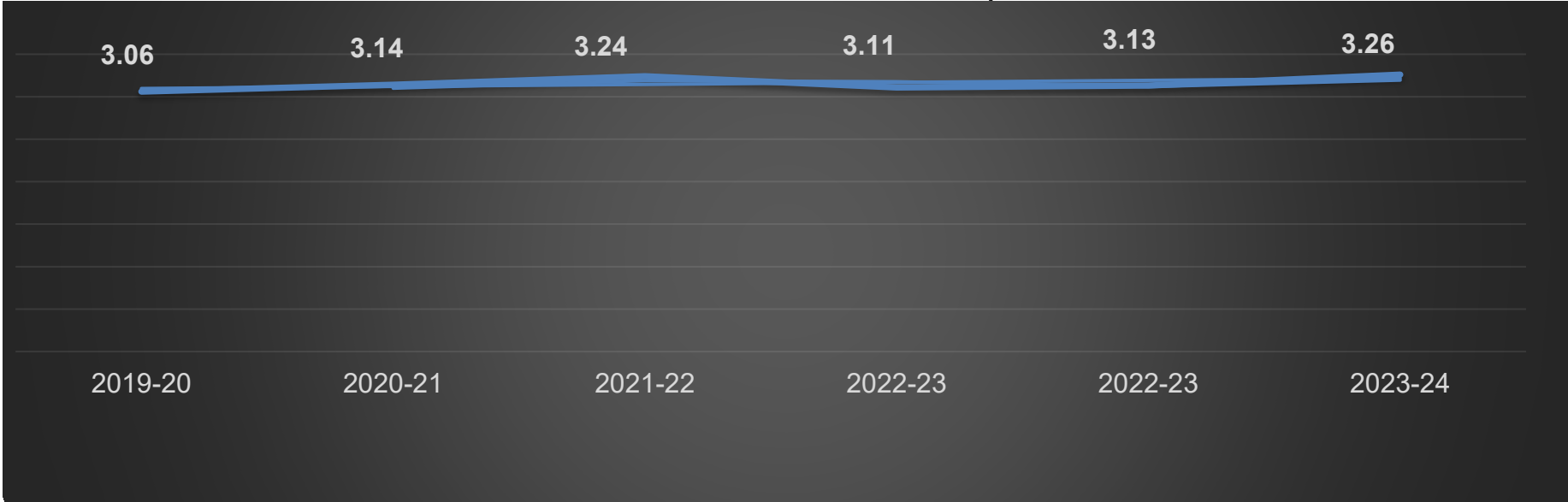
Unduplicated Headcount: All Dept, All Courses

			2023-24 (SU/FA/SP)	Grand Total
Grand Total			2,878	2,878
Not Applicable/K-12	Dual Enrolled Sections	Null	1,602	1,602
	Not Dual Enrolled Sections	Null	1,672	1,672

# Dual Enrollment Success Rates *(5 years)*

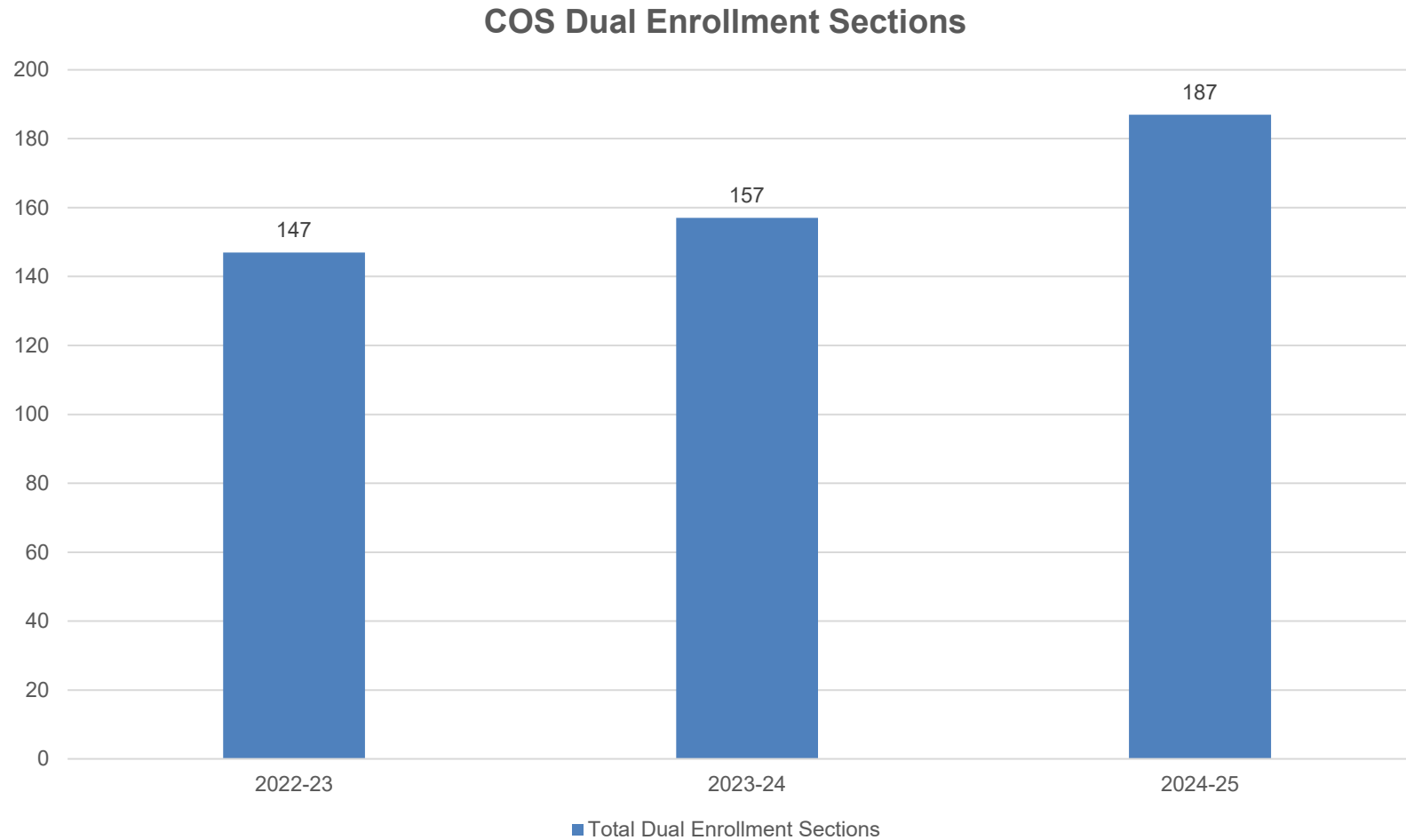


# Dual/Concurrent Enrollment: Student Course GPA (5YR Overview)





# Dual Enrollment Sections (3 years)





# Regional Dual Enrollment Community of Practice

## Course Request Process



### Course Requests Submitted

K-12 partners submit their dual enrollment course requests for the following year using the form provided by TCOE.



### Course Review and Selection

Postsecondary partners review all course requests and determine which dual enrollment courses they will offer.



### Dual Enrollment Course "Draft"

Postsecondary partners convene to discuss their course selections. If a course cannot be offered at one college it can be picked up by another college partner.



### Notification and Implementation

School districts are notified of which dual enrollment courses have been approved, and begin working with their postsecondary partner on course implementation.



### Process Review and Feedback

The Community of Practice convenes to review this process and provide feedback for further improvement.

