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**Department of Education Awards VCCCD Colleges  
Grants of Nearly \$10 Million**

*Grants Will Support Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM Program Projects*

**Camarillo, Calif.** (October 22, 2021) Two Ventura County Community College District colleges have received multi-million-dollar federal grants to support STEM programs targeting underrepresented students interested in pursuing science, technology, engineering and math-related fields. A grant for Oxnard College totals \$4,901,245, and the grant for Ventura College is \$5 million. Both grants are for the period of Oct. 1, 2021, to Sept. 30, 2026.

the community college level, but there are many barriers to educational attainment and transfer, particularly in STEM. This grant will help close the achievement gap for Ventura College students from