

CSN Achieves National Recognition as Part of Photo Project

Higher ed non-profit chooses Nevada's largest community college as an example to showcase

July 21, 2025 — The College of Southern Nevada is pleased to announce that the *Complete College Photo Library* is now live — and it features hundreds of images captured on our campuses.

As part of a project led by Complete College America, CSN was competitively selected to contribute to a first-of-its-kind photo collection showcasing the real faces, spaces, and stories of higher education today. The library includes more than 850 images featuring over 600 students, faculty, and staff from institutions across the country.

Complete College America, or CCA, is a national nonprofit whose mission is to raise postsecondary attainment in the United States.

“When news about this project was shared over a year ago, I just knew that CSN would be the perfect community college to represent the nation's community college mission, students and programs,” said CSN Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs James McCoy, who is a CCA Fellow Emeritus.

You can explore the collection and download images at CompleteCollegePhotoLibrary.org. The library showcases the wide range of student experiences and campus settings across the country — including community colleges, HBCUs, regional universities and workforce training programs — highlighting how many of today's students are balancing college with jobs, family, and other complex real-world responsibilities.

Complete College America President Yolanda Watson Spiva noted that today's colleges — and college students — include much more variety than has traditionally been depicted in media. The aim was to showcase that diversity.

“College students are more likely to be working learners, parents, veterans, first-generation college-goers, and professionals seeking to upskill, rather than the full-time, residential, straight-from-high-school archetype depicted in the majority of media and publications on higher education,” she said in [CCA's press release](#). “The way we depict students — regardless of the medium — has to evolve beyond the outdated stereotypes of the past. This project is about shifting the visual narrative to match the realities.”