

# STUDENTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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Social media is a great way for students to stay connected. The College designed the following guidelines to help students navigate social media at San Jacinto College and in their personal life.

## **Participate and Connect**

We can't wait to hear from you! Visit any of our social media sites and follow us on the ones that interest you the most. Let us know if you have any questions or what type of information you want to see on our social media sites.

Utilize social media to connect with friends, family, and classmates. Social media provides a great opportunity for you to connect and engage with the world around you.

## **Be Careful What You Share**

Never give out personal information on social media sites such as social security numbers, G number, passwords, PIN numbers, account numbers, or your address. San Jacinto College will never request this type of information from you through a social media site.

## **You Can't Take it Back**

Once you post something on social media, you can't take it back. Always remember that social media sites are not necessarily private. Regardless of your privacy settings, anyone you are connected to might share something you have posted online. Before you post, remember that many employers, colleges, and universities are turning to social media sites to help determine admissions and employment selections. Please be careful what information you share online and consider adjusting your privacy settings.

## **Classroom Activities**

Please do not access social media sites during class or lab times, unless instructed to do so by your professor. Limit your activity on social networking sites on public computers during times of high traffic; other students may need the machines to complete course work.

## **Does the College Monitor My Social Media Accounts?**

The College does not routinely monitor students' social media accounts. However, we do monitor the College's name online. If your Facebook, Instagram, or X profile is set to be publicly shared, they could appear in these searches.

We use this information to respond with assistance if we can, or to share posts mentioning the College. Good or bad, we want to know what's being said about the College. This information helps us evaluate our services so that we can better assist our students.

Finally, although the College does not routinely monitor students' social media sites, if a specific allegation of harassment, defamation, or threat of violence is reported, College officials may examine the post. This is particularly true in regard to threats against members of the College community that may impact the safety or security of the College community. We take threats very seriously and may report to law enforcement or disciplinary authorities when appropriate.