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## Palo Alto College begins campus bike share program

Palo Alto College has launched a bike share program on campus that offers free bike usage to students, faculty, and campus employees. The College is the first college in the city to offer a program on campus.

The bike share program is part of the College's Viva Verde Committee. "We're really hoping that people will jump on a bike instead of jumping into their car because we're trying to get less CO2 pumped into our air. So clean air, and also exercise; we're really hoping people will become cyclists instead of drivers," said Dr. Denise Barkis Richter, Communications professor and chair of Viva Verde.

Six green bike racks are located across campus for accessibility, and students and staff can use the green-painted bikes freely throughout the day. The 20 bikes currently on campus were donated by VIA Metropolitan Transit and community members, and they were reconstructed using pieces from other bikes.

Palo Alto College is a fully accredited community college located on the Southside of San Antonio, and awards associate degrees, short-term certificates and offers non-credit continuing education classes. The campus is located at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. or online at alamo.edu/pac.

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